

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

TOWN HALL PAVILION

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

AUGUST 4, 2020

10:30 A.M.

BEFORE: DONALD 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
- DEPUTY TOWN CLERK POKALSKY
- CHIEF OF STAFF NOCELLA
- COMPTROLLER MASTROMARINO

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1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Good Morning, Ladies &
2 Gentleman.

3 Because of the COVID 19 and the pandemic
4 and consistent with the orders of the Governor's ^{Page | 3}
5 Emergency Declaration, the Town's Emergency
6 Declaration, this Meeting with be livestreamed so
7 all Members of the Public who wish to listen and
8 observe will be able to do so and it will be
9 recorded, as well as, be transcribed.

10 Madam Clerk, please, call the roll.

11 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Here.

13 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

15 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

16 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Here.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am here.

19 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

20 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Here.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

24 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Here.

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1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Councilman Dunne, lead
2 us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: All rise, face the
4 American Flag, place your hand over your heart and ^{Page | 4}
5 join me.

6 (Whereupon, Councilman Dunne, led the
7 Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. After, the
8 following ensued.)

9 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Thank you.

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,
11 call the first Public Hearing.

12 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law Re:
13 "Regulations and Restrictions" to limit parking in
14 Uniondale, Merrick (To amend Chapter 202 of the
15 Code of the Town of Hempstead)

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Is there anyone that
17 wishes to be heard on this matter?

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

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

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move the
23 Resolution.

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,

1 read into the record any written comments received
2 regarding this item.

3 CLERK MURRAY: We have not received any
4 written comments regarding this item.

5 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

7 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

9 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

10 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

11 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

13 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

14 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

15 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

18 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

21 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law Re:
22 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in Uniondale
23 (To amend Section 202-1 of the Code of the Town of
24 Hempstead)

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Is there any Member

1 of the Board that wished to be heard or the
2 Public?

3 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After,
4 the following ensued.) Page | 6

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a
6 Motion.

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move the
8 Resolution be adopted.

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: No written comments,
11 Madam Clerk?

12 CLERK MURRAY: There are no written
13 comments.

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 next item on the calendar. Page | 7

5 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law Re:
6 "Arterial Stops" in Salisbury, Wantagh, Woodmere
7 (To amend Section 197-5 of the Code of the Town of
8 Hempstead)

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Does any Member of the
10 Board wish to be heard?

11 Any Member of the Public?

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

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any written comments?

15 CLERK MURRAY: No written comments.

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

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the
19 Public Hearing be closed and the Local Law be
20 adopted.

21 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: 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 Revised Public
15 Parking Field Maps in Franklin Square (Field FS-3)

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any Member of the Board
17 wish to be heard on this matter?

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

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, any comments to
21 be read?

22 CLERK MURRAY: No emails received.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any Member of the
24 Public wish to be heard on this matter?

25 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After,

1 the following ensued.)

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a
3 motion.

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the
5 Public Hearing be closed and the revised maps be
6 approved.

7 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second.

8 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

12 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

13 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

17 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

20 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

21 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,
23 call the next Public Hearing.

24 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law in
25 relation to "Investigation of Applications

1 and issuance of Peddlers and Solicitors Licenses"
2 (To amend Subsections "A", "B" and "E" of Sections
3 118-4 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Anyone wish to be heard Page | 10
5 on this matter from the Board?

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

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any Member of the
9 Public?

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

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, any
13 comments received?

14 CLERK MURRAY: No emails received.

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: May I have a Motion.

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

19 (Whereupon, "talk into the mic.," "speak
20 into the mic., please" was heard calling out from
21 the audience. After, the following ensued.)

22 CHIEF OF STAFF NOCELLA: The one involving
23 the Peddlers - -

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Yes.

25 CHIEF OF STAFF NOCELLA: Hold for a Public

1 Hearing to September 8th.

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that we keep
3 the record open and we reserve decision. Is that
4 a correct motion? Page | 11

5 CHIEF OF STAFF NOCELLA: Leave the record
6 open and continue the Public Hearing.

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Continue the Public
8 Hearing until the next meeting, September 8th.

9 That is my Motion.

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second.

11 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

13 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

15 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

16 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

19 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

20 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

24 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,

1 call the next Hearing.

2 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law in
3 relation to "Promoting Healthful Environments For
4 Animals" (To amend Subsection "E" of Section 152-10^b Page | 12
5 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Does any Member of the
7 Board wish to be heard on this matter?

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

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any Member of the
11 Public wish to be heard on this matter?

12 Name and address for the record.

13 DIANE MADDEN: Diane Madden, Hempstead.

14 Can someone, please, explain what this is
15 about?

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Commissioner.

17 COMMISSIONER: Mike Pastore put this on the
18 calendar.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Kovit, are you
20 aware?

21 (Whereupon, "We can't hear," was heard from
22 the record. After, the following ensued.)

23 ATTORNEY KOVIT: Thank you, Supervisor.

24 This Resolution, "Helpful Environment for
25 Animals" is lowering the maximum temperature

1 allowed to be left in or outside, ninety-five
2 degrees and eighty-five degrees.

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you.

4 DIANE MADDEN: This is pertaining to some ^{Page | 13}
5 kind of class where two employees will be sent
6 regarding aerosol sprays?

7 Is that a different resolution?

8 CHIEF OF STAFF NOCELLA: That is something
9 else.

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you,
11 Commissioner.

12 DIANE MADDEN: I would like to point out
13 that no one from the Animal Shelter seemed to
14 understand what this was ab out.

15 Thank you.

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you so much.

17 Have a great day.

18 Anyone else from the Public wish to be
19 heard on this matter?

20 (Whereupon, "yes" was heard calling out.

21 After, the following ensued.)

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, please, give your
23 name and address for the record.

24 META MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday, Baldwin.

25 My concern as always is the fiscal impact

1 with regard to this particular proposal, as well
2 as the fact the question that is ringing in my
3 head, how are we going to be able to address in
4 this hot weather, prior to this being enacted?

5 I have a concern about that.

6 Um, and, while I am here, I am concerned
7 with this particular format, as far as public
8 comment because with all due respect, Supervisor,
9 you are rushing the issue of public comment so
10 quickly before any overflow gets in here to give
11 comments.

12 So, any situations, we are paying taxes
13 for, if we could get a little more detail what the
14 fiscal impact is.

15 How this is going to be implemented?

16 Who is actually going to be doing the work
17 and monitoring, that it is being done effectively
18 so the welfare of the animals are protected?

19 Thank you.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you.

21 Mr. Kovit?

22 ATTORNEY KOVIT: Supervisor, this is
23 enforced by Nassau County Police and Animal
24 Control Law which do provide reply by the police.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you.

1 Any other Member of the Public?

2 (Whereupon, "Yes, I would like to be
3 heard," was called out from the audience. After,
4 the following ensued.)

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5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Yes, sir. If you like
6 to speak, you have to go around and give your name
7 and address.

8 Thank you.

9 Please, give your name and address for the
10 record.

11 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165
12 Barnes Street, Franklin Square.

13 The details of the Resolutions should be on
14 the website prior to the Hearing as State Law has
15 been enacted seven years ago, February 2, 2012.

16 And, also, can people who answer questions,
17 the Commissioners, Lawyers, can they speak into
18 the microphone.

19 The people in the livestream cannot hear
20 people talking without a microphone.

21 It is just muted. I ask that anyone that
22 speaks, speak into the mic., so the livestream
23 people can hear.

24 Thank you.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Anyone else in the

1 Public wish to speak in regard to this matter?

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

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a Page | 16
5 Motion.

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that this item
7 be continued until September 8th or some other
8 time, September 8th or a different date.

9 CHIEF OF STAFF NOCELLA: No, September 8th,
10 the Public Hearing to be continued.

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move this matter be
12 kept open to September 8th.

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second the
14 Motion.

15 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

19 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

20 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

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1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

2 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

3 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, just for ^{Page | 17}
5 the record, any written comments on that matter?

6 CLERK MURRAY: We did not.

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, can you
8 read the next item.

9 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law in
10 relation to "Increasing the Maximum Fines for
11 Illegal Dumping or Refuse and Garbage on Vacant
12 Lots or Streets" (To amend Section 128-45 of
13 Chapter 128 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any Member of the Board
15 wish to be heard?

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I think it is
17 very important that we pass this.

18 There are people that go and dump on vacant
19 lots rather than taking care of it as they should.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Councilwoman, you are
21 right and there was a recent story in Newsday
22 earlier this year that the landfills on Long
23 Island will be closing.

24 Brookhaven is the last landfill.

25 Everyone has been put on Notice to this.

1 And, to deter any dumping that is why the
2 Town Board is increasing these fees because with
3 the landfills closing, there is speculation that
4 will take place and we will not allow that to Page | 18
5 happen in any community and we will strictly
6 enforce that.

7 So, thank you to the Town Board for working
8 on increasing the fees for the betterment of our
9 communities.

10 Does any Member of the Board wish to be
11 heard on this?

12 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Supervisor, I
13 think it is very important that if the public has
14 a problem with this and they should let us know
15 and we will have someone pick it up.

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Absolutely, absolutely.

17 Does any Member of the Audience wish to be
18 heard on this?

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

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, please, give your
22 name and address for the record.

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

25 My concern is I applaud this initiative,

1 again my concern has to do with the enforcement
2 and the long-term objective with regard to this
3 situation that seems to occur largely in, let's
4 say, the more underserved communities of the
5 township where residents have made their requests
6 heard, but, they don't seem to be getting
7 responses and follow-up.

8 So, again, for those Members of the
9 community, who were not allowed to be in, here or
10 not able to come, it speaks volumes that you keep
11 initiating this process but, somehow, the rubber
12 is not meeting the road.

13 Also, I am curious where these fees are
14 actually going because programs in other
15 underserved communities are continuing to be
16 diminished so, if someone can give us some
17 direction with regard to that, some accounting,
18 which we will have a better understanding of
19 whatever programs are going to be implemented.

20 If you involve community leaders, who are
21 continued to be left out in this discussion and
22 implementation, it will be appreciated.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: It really stems from
24 meetings with all the Town Supervisors, County
25 Executives that was held by a law-based

1 Organization that was notifying everybody about
2 the closures of the dumps and the fact that there
3 could be an uptick on illegal dumping and that is
4 why dumps will probably close in the next two Page | 20
5 years, according to Brookhaven and shipped off the
6 Island.

7 And, this is getting ahead of the curve and
8 we will enforce it.

9 ATTORNEY KOVIT: It is the nature of a
10 civil penalty under the Municipal Home Rule Law,
11 so, all the money goes to the Town of Hempstead as
12 opposed to anyone else.

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you.

14 Madam Clerk, are there any letters that
15 need to be read?

16 CLERK MURRAY: There were no emails received
17 on this Hearing.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Would you like to be
19 heard?

20 Give your name and address, thank you.

21 MARVIN AMAZAN: Hi, my name is Marvin
22 Amazan and I live in the Village of Hempstead and
23 I go to school in the Uniondale District.

24 I am part of the community of people who
25 decided to start cleaning up our neighborhoods.

1 We call it the "Tri-Council."

2 And, um, you're talking about the dumps and
3 stuff that are dumped in our communities but our
4 communities are still dirty, right, now. Page | 21

5 Last weekend a couple of us, we have been
6 doing this four or five weekends straight and I
7 have been trying to get in contact with a lot of
8 officials and actually I heard from Councilwoman
9 Goosby came out to the last prior cleanup.

10 As far anybody else, I haven't heard from
11 anybody.

12 We are actually taking our time out to
13 clean up our communities because we love it.

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Is the question
15 regarding this legislation?

16 MARVIN AMAZAN: Yes, for the funds to make
17 sure our community stays clean.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: You said Incorporated
19 Village of Hempstead?

20 MARVIN AMAZAN: Yes.

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Most of it would fall
22 under the jurisdiction of the Village of
23 Hempstead.

24 If you like, after the meeting, I will get
25 you in touch with the Mayor.

1 This would be enacted for all the
2 unincorporated areas.

3 And, really, it comes down to the fact
4 that, you know, our biggest concern is removal. Page | 22

5 MARVIN AMAZAN: Will Uniondale be part of
6 that as well?

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: What is that?

8 MARVIN AMAZAN: Will Uniondale be apart of
9 that, as well?

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Absolutely, absolutely,
11 the biggest concern, after the meeting was
12 commercial debris, that is the biggest concern a
13 lot of these commercial entities who are not
14 reputable, who look to dump in certain area, so,
15 that is who we are increasing these fines so it
16 will be a real deterrent for having to do that.

17 MARVIN AMAZAN: All right.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you so much.

19 Anyone else wish to be heard on this?

20 Great.

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

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a
24 Motion from Councilman Blakeman.

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, I move that

1 we leave the record open and continue the Public
2 Hearing until September 8th.

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second.

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4 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

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 Local Law entitled
21 "Tow Cars" by adding a new Subsection "E" thereof
22 in relation to regulations for heavy duty towing
23 (To amend Section 183-8 of Chapter 183 of the Code
24 of the Town of Hempstead)

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Is there any Member

1 of the Board that wished to be heard on this?

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, Mr. Supervisor,
3 I would just like a brief summary as to why we are
4 adding the new subsection.

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5 If we have someone who can explain that.

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you for speaking
7 into the mic, Mr. Kovit.

8 ATTORNEY KOVIT: Yes, we were approached by
9 various members in the industry saying that when
10 it comes to towing vehicles in excess of ten
11 thousand pounds.

12 It is safe and prudent to only use tow
13 trucks that have three permanent axils.

14 Um, I checked this out with various
15 industry representatives and they all empathically
16 said it was a great idea.

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: It is for vehicles
18 that exceed ten thousand pounds?

19 ATTORNEY KOVIT: Yes, Councilman.

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: They have to have a
21 heavy towing truck?

22 ATTORNEY KOVIT: Yes, with three axils.

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: We are not showing
24 any favoritism towards one tow company versus
25 another.

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1 ATTORNEY KOVIT: Nope, nope, no.

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Very good.

3 SUPERIVSOR CLAVIN: Any other Board Members

4 have any questions?

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

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I received a number of
8 slips on this.

9 The first, I am going to start with is
10 George Lindeman.

11 Please, come up to the mic and state your
12 name and address.

13 Thank you very much.

14 GEORGE LINDEMAN: George Lindeman from
15 Cross Island Wreck Service. 635 Commercial
16 Avenue, Garden City, New York, 11530.

17 The new regulations are going to promote
18 safety on this.

19 Right, now, there is no regulations, so,
20 anybody can show up with a truck that is not
21 adequate to tow a heavy vehicle which puts
22 everybody in jeopardy because they are not going
23 to be able to stop and they are not going to be
24 able to steer.

25 Um, a tow truck is like a seesaw, when

1 you put the weight on the back, the front tires
2 come off the ground.

3 So, you need to have the proper truck
4 utilized to tow the vehicle.

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5 Um, and, basically, the only way to do that
6 is to have a three-axil tow truck that is the only
7 one that is going to legally scale and carry the
8 weight.

9 Um, in New York State, the maximum
10 allowable weight per axil is twenty-two thousand
11 four hundred pounds.

12 A single axil or two-axil tow truck will
13 almost every time exceed those weights, um, when
14 you are towing anything medium or heavy.

15 Um, at ten thousand pounds, that would
16 require the truck to have dual rear wheels, so,
17 most small tow trucks or "light duty" as they call
18 them, are not capable of carrying them legally,
19 so, they would be doing it unsafely.

20 Um, at the same time, it would need a
21 Class A license Tow License to tow that and that
22 just steps up a whole another ballgame from light
23 duty to heavy duty towing.

24 Any other questions?

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: No, that is ll.

1 Anything you want to add to it?

2 GEORGE LINDEMAN: No, actually, in the past
3 couple of years, you guys have done a great job
4 with, um, the rotation and stepping up and
5 everything seems to be moving forward in a
6 positive direction.

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7 And, um, the last thing I will add, though,
8 as far as the, um, using the heavy-duty trucks, a
9 lot of times one tow truck can do the capabilities
10 of what it would take two smaller trucks to do.

11 This would also increase efficiency to
12 clear the wrecks, to clear the accident scenes, to
13 open up the roads, which would reduce secondary
14 accidents, which is a huge concern and also puts
15 the, um, the Town or the Police back at work,
16 where they don't have to sit there with a blocked
17 road because the bigger tow truck can get in there
18 and take care of the accident.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Great, thank you very
20 much for that feedback. Very appreciative of it.
21 Thank you.

22 GEORGE LINDEMAN: Thank you.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Chris Tartaglia? Name
24 and address for the record.

25 CHRIS TARTAGLIA: Yes, Mr. Supervisor,

1 my name is Chris Tartaglia with High Point
2 Engineering.

3 I am actually appearing on behalf of a
4 latter application, the application for Gemma, not ^{Page | 28}
5 this matter.

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you.

7 It was great seeing you and we will catch
8 you later on.

9 Anybody else wish to be heard on this
10 matter?

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

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, are there
14 any correspondence?

15 CLERK MURRAY: We have received no emails
16 on this item.

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Great, then, may I have
18 a Motion.

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, I move that we
20 leave the record open and continue the Public
21 Hearing until September 8th.

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second the
23 Motion.

24 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

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1 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

3 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

4 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

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5 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

7 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

8 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

9 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

11 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

12 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

15 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law in
16 relation to the "Definition of the Term, 'Program
17 Time Period' Applicable to Apprenticeship Training
18 Programs." (To amend Section 3-2 of Chapter 3 of
19 the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, does any Member
21 of the Board wish to be heard on this?

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

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any Member of the
25 Public?

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

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, were there
4 any correspondence? Page | 30

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

7 CLERK MURRAY: We have received none.

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

10 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, I move we leave
11 the record open and continue the Public Hearing
12 until September 8th.

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second the
14 Motion.

15 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

19 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

20 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

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1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

2 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

3 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please, Page | 31
5 call the next item.

6 CLERK MURRAY: We have a proposed increase
7 & improvement of the Franklin Square Water
8 District - Town of Hempstead

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Does any Member of the
10 Board wish to be heard on this?

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

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Does any Member of the
14 Public wish to be heard on this?

15 Sir, come on up, there and give your name
16 and address for the record.

17 JOHN LEWIS: John Lewis. 120 Madison
18 Avenue, Franklin Square.

19 And, I am Superintendent of the Franklin
20 Square Water District and we propose the bond for
21 a 1,4 dock removal plant and it is set to be
22 started in April.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, all right, thank
24 you very much, Superintendent. Great work.

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Thank you.

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1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Anybody else wish to be
2 heard on this?

3 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After,
4 the following ensued.) Page | 32

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a
6 Motion.

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, I move that we
8 leave the record open and continue the Public
9 Hearing until September 8th.

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second.

11 CLERK MURRAY: I note for the record, no
12 emails received.

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Madam Clerk.

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 you
4 please call the next Public Hearing.

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5 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed renewal contract
6 for furnishing fire protection service in the
7 Angle Sea Fire Protection District (Incorporated
8 Village of East Rockaway)

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I don't have any slips
10 on this, does any Member of the Board want to be
11 heard?

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

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Does any Member of the
15 Public want to be heard on this?

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

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

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Supervisor, I move
21 that we leave the record open until September 8th.

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second the
23 Motion.

24 CLERK MURRAY: Note there ae no emails
25 received.

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1 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

3 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

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5 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

6 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

7 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

9 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

10 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

11 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

12 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

13 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

14 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

17 CLERK MURRAY: All right, we have two
18 related applications, Application of GEMMA REALTY
19 CORP. for rezoning from Residence "B" District to
20 "Business" District - Uniondale - northwest corner
21 of Uniondale Avenue & Midwood Street as well as an
22 Application of GEMMA REALTY CORP., for a permit to
23 include gasoline service station within "GSS"
24 District - Uniondale - northwest corner of
25 Uniondale Avenue & Midwood Street.

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: So, they are being
2 called simultaneously?

3 CLERK MURRAY: Yes.

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: We have Chris
5 Tartaglia, come on up for the presentation. Give
6 your name and address for the record.

7 CHRIS TARTAGLIA: Good Morning, Supervisor,
8 Members of the Board: Chris Tartaglia from the
9 firm High Point Engineering. 521 Conklin Street,
10 Farmingdale, New York.

11 I am appearing on behalf of the applicant
12 in the capacity as the engineer.

13 However, as a matter of form, typical form,
14 I would like - - the Attorney is due up to make
15 the main presentation as is typical format.

16 I am available as the engineer for any
17 typical questions which the Board may have, as
18 they arise.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Fantastic. And, then,
20 after they sanitize, we will ask the Attorney to
21 come on up.

22 So, if you can step aside, thank you very
23 much.

24 CHRIS TARTAGLIA: Thank you.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Please, name and

1 address for the record, please.

2 ATTORNEY FERRETTI: Good Afternoon,
3 Supervisor Clavin, Members of the Board:

4 John Ferretti, Nicolini, Paradise, Ferretti ^{Page | 36}
5 and Sabello. 114 Old Country Road, Mineola, New
6 York 11501.

7 Today, I am joined as we met already, Mr.
8 Chris Tartaglia from High Point Engineering, as
9 well as, Mr. Joseph Gemma, one of the principals
10 of Gemma Realty Corp., who is in one of the
11 alternative rooms, today.

12 Supervisor and Members of the Board, we are
13 here before you today requesting a partial change
14 of zone for the West portion of the applicants'
15 property.

16 Most of the property is zone "Business."

17 The rear portion is zoned "Residence B."

18 We are seeking a rezoning of the rear
19 portion from "Residence B" to "Business" and
20 inclusion of the whole parcel including the gas
21 service station into the "GSS" District.

22 The subject parcel is located at 324
23 Uniondale Avenue, Uniondale, New York on the
24 corner of Uniondale Avenue and Midwood Street with
25 100.58 foot frontage on Uniondale Avenue and

1 120.95 feet on Midwood Street.

2 Of the 120.95 feet on Midwood, the front
3 100.58 feet is zoned "Business".

4 The rear 20.37 feet is zoned "Residence B" Page | 37
5 and the property is improved by one thousand five
6 hundred and ninety-four square foot, one-story
7 building with three-automotive service bays.

8 The site has two full-service pumps, both
9 contained diesel and unleaded fuel.

10 There is an existing storage shed in the
11 rear of the building which the applicants use to
12 store oil, filters and other mechanical parts
13 which the applicant seeks to maintain.

14 The storage shed has been surrounded by
15 nine foot tall evergreen trees and is not visible
16 from the street.

17 The business has existed for over forty
18 years as the original gasoline service station was
19 granted under Town Board Resolution 140279.

20 Anthony and Joseph Gemma are the principals
21 and operators and have operated out of this
22 location since the inception of the business.

23 There is no convenience store on this
24 property and no plans to have a convenience store.

25 Ours of operation for the gas station are

1 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and for the repair shop the
2 hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,
3 Monday to Friday and 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on
4 Saturday.

5 The repair shop is closed on Sundays.

6 There are six employees for the station,
7 three employees handle cash, credit cards and the
8 gas pumps and the other three are mechanics.

9 The site has a free compressor.

10 The station has a professionally installed
11 natural gas backup generator which automatically
12 kicks on in the event of a power outage.

13 There are presently two curb cuts on
14 Midwood and two curb cuts on Uniondale Avenue
15 allowing for flow of traffic.

16 Refuse collection occurs once a week on
17 Tuesday and there is a refuse container on the
18 premises for trash.

19 There are no sale of vehicles nor leasing
20 of vehicles on the property.

21 Two new ten-thousand-gallon underground
22 storage tanks have been installed within the last
23 three years under Town of Hempstead Permit Number
24 201517162.

25 The site cannot be included in the "GSS"

1 while the rear of the property is zoned "Residence
2 B", so, we are asking to rezone that and include
3 the whole site into the "GSS".

4 The site supports an operating gasoline
5 service station.

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6 The underlying zoning which is mostly
7 "Business", now, would be fully "Business."

8 Well, there are some shortcomings to the
9 requirements of the "GSS" as outlined in my
10 dispensation to the Board. Those variations are de
11 minimis.

12 With regard to fencing, my client has
13 spoken to the residential property owners on
14 Midwood to the immediate West of the subject
15 parcel.

16 Mr. Gemma has, at his own expense, replaced
17 the neighbors fencing with six-foot white PVC
18 fencing, which is the type of fencing that the
19 neighbors preferred.

20 In addition to replacing the neighbor's to
21 the West fencing, the applicant has planted seven-
22 foot high evergreen trees along the western
23 property line.

24 Curbs are existing, but, will be repaired
25 and/or replaced as necessary.

1 Lighting will not interfere with
2 residential properties.

3 Oversight allows for easy vehicular
4 movement.

5 There is an attendant present at all times.

6 The establishment is opened for business.

7 We believe the modification proposed are
8 significant upgrades to the property and to the
9 surrounding area.

10 At this time, if there are any questions
11 for Mr. Tartaglia or myself, we would be happy to
12 entertain them.

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Do any Members of the
14 Board have any questions?

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

17 ATTORNEY FERRETTI: Thank you.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you. Any Member
19 of the Board wish to be heard on this matter?

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I would like
21 to reserve the application to September 8th and I
22 want to make sure that they contact all the
23 residents that have lived around this area.

24 And, I want to make sure you have the
25 information to give to me before you make your

1 next applications.

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Ferretti, will you
3 work with the Councilwoman to make that happen?

4 ATTORNEY FERRETTI: Yes.

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

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Hold on, hold on,
8 before we do so, I want to see if there are any
9 Members of the Public that wish to be heard.

10 (Whereupon, "Yes," was heard calling out
11 from the audience. After, the following ensued.)

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

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: May I ask,
15 first, are there any Members from Uniondale that
16 live around this area?

17 You know, they had contacted me and I want
18 to make sure if anybody is here, I want to make
19 sure that they know about this so they can come to
20 the next meeting in September.

21 META MEREDAY: Well, a number of them are
22 outside, Councilwoman Goosby, there were a lot of
23 them that were not allowed to come into the space.

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Excuse me,
25 excuse me, they will be allowed, the ones who are

1 eligible and this is pertaining to them.

2 They will be here. I want to know if they
3 are here. They are aware of it, some of it.

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Just to be fair, any Page | 42
5 people in the lobby that want to be heard,
6 absolutely, are going to be allowed to be heard.

7 We shouldn't be, you know, giving the
8 impression nobody was allowed to be heard on this.

9 If there is somebody outside, in the case
10 we already had the two Hearings, they were brought
11 inside, rest assured, people that are here that
12 want to be heard, we are letting them be heard,
13 today.

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: You go ahead,
15 now.

16 META MEREDAY: I appreciate that because
17 freedom of speech is a First Amendment.

18 I do know when I can speak.

19 Meta Mereday, Baldwin resident. With
20 regard to this application considering that
21 Baldwin, Uniondale, Roosevelt, our community seems
22 to be inundated with gas stations with our without
23 convenience store attachments, again, the concern
24 with regard to the proliferation of these
25 institutions and establishments, um, doesn't seem

1 to be abated at all with regard to this Council
2 moving with other aspects of business development
3 that could create more jobs and more
4 environmental, safety precautions for the
5 residents that live in those areas.

6 So, I think it should be duly noted and the
7 fact that more residents were not physically able
8 to be in this space and accommodations for their
9 speaking seems to be stunted as best draws great
10 concern as we go into another scenario where we
11 are going to have increases in our taxes and cuts
12 in our programs, but just let's generate more
13 opportunities for more gas stations, more
14 convenience stores and just the location of the
15 facilities in the communities that continue to be
16 underserved, under-represented and have the least
17 amount of resources when it comes down to
18 environmental protection.

19 So, I am hoping there are residents who are
20 in the other rooms that may or may not know that
21 they have the opportunity to speak and did not get
22 an opportunity to sign in and duly note that they
23 wanted to speak are able to be heard between now
24 and September 8th. Thank you.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Clearly, obviously,

1 they did because we had a number of residents who
2 came in from the other room, they are aware if
3 they are sitting in the overflow capacity area,
4 they are eligible to speak.

5 And, as I said, we already indicated we
6 had, at least, one or two that came in from the
7 other room.

8 Rest assured, that is not the case.

9 In addition, we had the safeguard of
10 allowing any emailed comments regarding these
11 Hearings read in by our fine Clerk.

12 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I have
13 something, first.

14 I have been in contact with these
15 residents.

16 Some of them have called me and called me
17 at home.

18 Can you hear me?

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Yes.

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I know some of
21 them are aware of this and I have spoken to them
22 about it.

23 I am doing it in order to make sure they
24 will be able to come and others that have not been
25 contacted by the company that wanted to do all of

1 this, the attorneys will make sure and I will make
2 sure that everybody else within the area knows,
3 but, I do know some of them that is why I am
4 delaying this until September 8th when we will - Page | 45
5 they can come back and make the application and
6 they are aware.

7 Thank you so much for that. I am on top of
8 it.

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you,
10 Councilwoman.

11 CHIEF OF STAFF NOCELLA: Senior
12 Councilwoman, I think you covered everything.

13 I want to make it clear and clarify when
14 you say, "reserve decision to the 8th," this will
15 continue so people can show up until September 8th.

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Exactly.

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: By the way, Chief of
18 Staff by reserving it to the 8th allows more people
19 on the 8th to speak about it if they need be.

20 Thank you for pointing that out, as well.

21 Young man in the back?

22 MARVIN AMAZAN: Marvin Amazan, Hempstead.

23 I just want to make sure like you said,
24 just, now, that we get more people from the place
25 we are talking about.

1 We did have a couple of things from
2 Uniondale on the docket and there are not many
3 people from Uniondale in here.

4 I don't know if they are sitting outside ^{Page | 46}
5 whatever but, I know they would definitely like to
6 say something.

7 I know one person that is outside that
8 lives in Uniondale and I think if he knew
9 something was being said, he would want to be in
10 here.

11 So, I am not sure how it works.

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: They have been told if
13 they go to the overflow and they want to speak,
14 they will walk them in, absolutely.

15 MARVIN AMAZAN: I want to make sure of it.

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Absolutely, thank you.

17 Any other comments on this Hearing?

18 MARVIN AMAZAN: No.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any other Member of the
20 Public wish to be heard on this Hearing?

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

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, any
25 emails?

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1 CLERK MURRAY: There were no emails on this
2 Hearing.

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Councilwoman will make
4 that Motion, again. Page | 47

5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move the
6 application be reserved until September 8th and I
7 ask the attorneys to do what I mentioned. Thank
8 you.

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: 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 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,
25 call the first case on the Decision Calendar.

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1 CLERK MURRAY: The first Decision is a
2 Proposed Local Law Re: "Regulations and
3 Restrictions" to limit parking in Elmont (To amend
4 Chapter 202 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead) Page | 48

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: May I have a Motion on
6 this item.

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the item
8 be approved.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: 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 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,
25 call the next item on the Decision Calendar.

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1 CLERK MURRAY: The next decision is
2 regarding the Proposed Local Law Re: "Parking or
3 Standing Prohibitions" in Elmont (To amend Section
4 202-1 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead) Page | 49

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: May I have a Motion on
6 this matter.

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the local
8 law be approved.

9 COUNCILMAN CARINI: 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 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,
25 call the next item on the Decision Calendar.

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1 CLERK MURRAY: The next decision is
2 regarding proposed Local Law Re: "Arterial Stops"
3 in South Hempstead (To amend Section 197-5 of the
4 Code of the Town of Hempstead) Page | 50

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: May I have a Motion.

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Supervisor, I move
7 that the proposal be granted.

8 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second.

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 on the Decision Calendar.

25 CLERK MURRAY: We have Proposed

1 "Handicapped Parking on Public Streets" in Elmont,
2 Franklin Square, Lynbrook, West Hempstead (Kirkman
3 Avenue, Daffodil Avenue, Van Burean Avenue,
4 Farnum Blvd., Maple Drive, Hudson Court, Elm
5 Street)

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: May I have a Motion.

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the item
8 be adopted.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: 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 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,
25 call the Administrative Calendar.

1 CLERK MURRAY: There are Items 1 through 71
2 on the Administrative Calendar.

3 I also have eighteen resolutions that are
4 of an urgent or emergency nature. Page | 52

5 The First Emergency Resolution authorizes
6 the grant of funds to Adelphi University located
7 in the Town of Hempstead to be paid for monies
8 received by the Town through the CARES Act to
9 assist them in paying for unbudgeted, necessary
10 expenses incurred directly related to the COVID 19
11 pandemic.

12 The Second Emergency Resolution authorizes
13 the grant of funds to Hofstra University located
14 in the Town of Hempstead to be paid for monies
15 received by the Town through the CARES Act to
16 assist them in paying for unbudgeted, necessary
17 expenses incurred directly related to the COVID 19
18 pandemic.

19 The Third Emergency Resolution authorized
20 the grant of funds to Molloy College located
21 within the Town of Hempstead to be paid for monies
22 received by the Town through the CARES Act to
23 assist them in paying for unbudgeted, necessary
24 expenses incurred directly related to the COVID 19
25 pandemic.

1 The Fourth Resolution authorizes the grant
2 of funds to Nassau Community College located
3 within the Town of Hempstead to be paid for monies
4 received by the Town through the CARES Act to
5 assist them in paying for unbudgeted, necessary,
6 expenses incurred directly related to the COVID 19
7 pandemic.

8 The Fifth Resolution authorizes the grant
9 of funds to the Incorporated Village of Cedarhurst
10 located in the Town of Hempstead to be paid for
11 monies received by the Town through the CARES Act
12 to assist them in paying for unbudgeted, necessary
13 expenses incurred directly related to the COVID 19
14 pandemic.

15 The Sixth Resolution authorizes the grant
16 of funds to the Incorporated Village of East
17 Rockaway located in the Town of Hempstead to be
18 paid for monies received by the Town through the
19 CARES Act to assist them in paying for unbudgeted,
20 necessary expenses incurred directly related to
21 the COVID 19 pandemic.

22 The Seventh Resolution authorizes the grant
23 of funds to the Incorporated Village of Freeport
24 located in the Town of Hempstead to be paid for
25 monies received by the Town through the CARES Act

1 to assist them in paying for unbudgeted, necessary
2 expenses incurred directly related to the COVID 19
3 pandemic.

4 The Eighth Resolution authorizes the grant ^{Page | 54}
5 of funds to the Incorporated Village of Hempstead
6 located in the Town of Hempstead to be paid for
7 monies received by the Town through the CARES Act
8 to assist them in paying for unbudgeted necessary
9 expenses incurred directly related to the COVID 19
10 pandemic.

11 The Ninth Resolution authorizes the grant
12 to the Incorporated Village of Island Park located
13 in the Town of Hempstead to be paid for monies
14 received by the Town through the CARES Act to
15 assist them in paying for unbudgeted, necessary
16 expenses incurred directly related to the COVID 19
17 pandemic.

18 The Tenth Resolution authorizes the grant
19 of funds to the Incorporated Village of Lynbrook
20 located in the Town of Hempstead to be paid for
21 monies received by the Town through the CARES Act
22 to assist them in paying for unbudgeted, necessary
23 expenses incurred directly related to the COVID 19
24 pandemic.

25 The Eleventh Resolution authorizes the

1 grant of funds to the Incorporated Village of
2 South Floral Park located in the Town of Hempstead
3 to be paid for monies received by the Town through
4 the CARES Act to assist them in paying for
5 unbudgeted, necessary expenses incurred directly
6 related to the COVID 19 pandemic.

7 The Twelfth Resolution authorized the grant
8 of funds to the Incorporated Village of Valley
9 Stream located in the Town of Hempstead to be paid
10 for the monies received by the Town through the
11 CARES Act to assist them in paying for unbudgeted,
12 necessary expenses incurred directly related to
13 COVID 19 pandemic.

14 The Thirteen Resolution authorizes the
15 amendment to the 2020 adopted budget to increase
16 the General Fund estimated revenues increase the
17 General Fund appropriations and increase to the
18 General Fund undistributed other expense account
19 and increase of the CARES Act assistance revenue
20 account in the Town of Hempstead General Fund
21 undistributed.

22 The Fourteenth Resolution authorizes the
23 amendment to the 2020 adopted budget to increase
24 the General Fund estimated revenue, increase the
25 General Fund appropriations and increase to the

1 General Fund undistributed other expense account
2 and the increase of the CARES Act assistance
3 revenue account in the Town of Hempstead General
4 Fund undistributed.

5 The Fifteenth Resolution authorizes the
6 transfer of monies received by the Town of
7 Hempstead through the CARES Act to fund
8 unbudgeted, necessary expenses incurred directly
9 related to the COVID 19 pandemic.

10 The Sixteenth Resolution authorized the
11 transfer of monies received by the Town of
12 Hempstead through the CARES Act to fund
13 unbudgeted, necessary expenses incurred directly
14 related to COVID 19 pandemic.

15 The Seventeenth Resolution authorizes the
16 ratification and affirmation of a short-term lease
17 agreement with Scooten Surf.

18 The Eighteenth Resolution accepts the
19 proposal of Walden Environmental Engineering,
20 PLLC., to provide professional services for
21 evaluation services and feasibility study related
22 to potential acquisition of the water systems of
23 the New York American Water Company with the Town
24 of Hempstead.

25 These items will appear as 72 to 89 on the

1 Administrative Calendar.

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor, just
3 a point of information, to date, the Villages of
4 Lawrence and Malverne have not submitted their Page | 57
5 application for funding under the CARES Act and
6 when they do, we will act expeditiously with
7 respect to those requests.

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Councilman.

9 Does any Member of the Board wish to sever
10 any item?

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

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Does any Member of the
14 Board wish to be heard on the Administrative
15 Calendar?

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Supervisor, if I
17 may, I just have a question on Item Number 5, I
18 guess, similar to a few of the items, 4 through 8
19 or 3 through 8, if I could just ask Commissioner
20 Rottkamp.

21 I was contacted by some constituents,
22 specifically with Item Number 5 regarding Section
23 43, Block 396 in the unincorporated area of Island
24 Park, um, I know that this is a unique situation
25 regarding the asbestos abatement.

1 And, just for the record, if Commissioner
2 Rottkamp can walk, I guess, me and the Board and
3 those listening at home, through the steps that
4 got us to this Resolution.

5 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: Good Morning,
6 Supervisor, Members of the Town Board:

7 These Resolutions were approved for
8 demolition by the Town Board at a previous Town
9 Board Meeting and when asbestos tests were done on
10 these properties, it was found to have an
11 extremely high amount of asbestos where the
12 asbestos was actually in the, um, the joint
13 compound, the spackle.

14 To knock down, to remove all the sheetrock,
15 first, we were getting estimates of forty, fifty
16 thousand dollars and, then, we would have to demo
17 the house on top of it, so, what this resolution
18 does is we went out to bid and there was sixteen
19 bidders for these projects and what they are all
20 going to do is what is considered a controlled
21 demolition where we have our area monitoring
22 companies there that monitor the area while they
23 demo the house.

24 And, everything in the house, now, is
25 considered asbestos-contaminated material and

1 has to be dumped accordingly at a safe location.

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: So, Commissioner,
3 just to reiterate, the awarding of these bids is
4 to keep everyone safe and to make sure that the Page | 59
5 Building Department has discretion over how this
6 house or the home is demolished?

7 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: Yes, it is exactly
8 that.

9 It is meant to keep everyone safe, that is
10 why we have the air monitoring company, as well as
11 to keep the price lower, so, this way when someone
12 wants to buy that property, it is not this huge
13 tax lien on it, so, they can build it and develop
14 it for another single-family home.

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Great, thank you,
16 Commissioner.

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any Board Members have
18 any comments?

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I just like to
20 thank the Commissioner for being so concerned and
21 doing such a great job.

22 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: Thank you.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you,
24 Commissioner.

25 I have a number of slips on the

1 Administrative Calendar.

2 First, I will start with Stuart Kroll.

3 Mr. Kroll, give your name and address for
4 the record.

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5 STUART KROLL: Stuart Kroll, Great Neck.

6 Um, I am talking on Item 52.

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Which one?

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: 52, I believe he said.

9 STUART KROLL: I hope you can hear me.

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: We can hear you fine.

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I couldn't
12 hear him.

13 STUART KROLL: I have had numerous and well
14 founded complaints regarding the Town Shelter over
15 the last two years.

16 However, I never denied that the Town ran
17 an excellent spade neuter program.

18 This program has been closed since the
19 onset of the COVID pandemic.

20 At this point, almost all similar programs
21 have been reopened. As an example, ASPCA in
22 Glendale has been opened, all be it, on a reduced
23 basis, for over a month and a half.

24 Due to the pandemic, itself, and a bad
25 situation, there is much suffering for cats on the

1 street.

2 Trappers are doing their part, but, they
3 have few alternatives as to where to fix their
4 cats.

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5 Most Vets charge prohibitive prices which
6 rescuers cannot afford to pay.

7 For some reason, I will speculate on later,
8 programs as a cost-cutting measure always on the
9 backs of the animals, the Town has decided to
10 issue an RFP to see if any Vet would be willing to
11 take over the spade neuter program, Apparently,
12 there was only one rely, Central Vet of Valley
13 Stream.

14 This is a potentially large contract in
15 excess of five hundred thousand dollars, as such,
16 we need to know everything we can about the
17 reputation of the Vet to whom we might be
18 entrusting our animals.

19 I have investigated thoroughly and read all
20 the reviews that I could find, what they have in
21 common that almost universally they were beyond
22 bad.

23 And, I will go through a few of them. In
24 most cases, I will be paraphrasing.

25 The first one was somebody names Mabel, who

1 said about her visit, "I called four times a day
2 for four days with no call back. Staff was
3 insanely rude. It is purely a cash, grab."

4 Review Number 2 was from a Tanya Kors
5 (phonetic spelling). Again, I paraphrase.
6 "Absolute worse visits in the World. Eleven-year
7 old ridge back fell down steps. Dealt with three
8 Vets, each worse than the previous one, two
9 thousand dollar bill, left after one day."

10 The price review goes to Jericho490,
11 "brought in a boxer with a growth on his right
12 paw. The Doctor did no biopsy or other test.
13 Said it was a tumor. Said it would be eighteen
14 hundred dollars to be removed." They took the dog
15 for a second opinion.

16 "The Doctor did a biopsy. It turns out it
17 was a wart. The Bill was two hundred dollars."

18 In summation, we are asking that the Town
19 turn down the proposal of Central Vet to run our
20 TNR program.

21 They ae completely incompetent and nasty.

22 Not a very good combination.

23 Furthermore, we request that you
24 immediately reinstate the TNR program at the Town
25 Shelter.

1 We presented a petition with over twenty-
2 one thousand signatures.

3 Are you willing to ignore relevant wishes
4 and have that many voters and concerned citizens, ^{Page | 63}
5 the people have made their wished clear and it is
6 your job to fulfill them.

7 Thank you.

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you.

9 Ms. Mereday, name and address for the
10 record, please.

11 META MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday, Baldwin
12 Resident.

13 Um, where do I begin?

14 First of all, it is kind of hard to talk
15 about issues on the Administrative Calendar when
16 you were just told eighteen are of an urgent or
17 emergency nature and you have no details around
18 it.

19 Um, the Colleges and Municipalities that
20 are seeking additional funding, the residents of
21 the unincorporated hamlets, outlets and inlets
22 that have no idea of any type of resources, since
23 it is stuck.

24 It is, again, difficult to call to
25 attention the concerns of residents, um, whose

1 voices continue to not be heard.

2 I ask if there was a write-up with regard
3 to those eighteen issues, so, I could bring to
4 this podium some of the concerns of many of the Page | 64
5 residents that can't be here because they have to
6 work two or three jobs or they have to stay with
7 their children in light of the pandemic.

8 Again, my concern as it pertains to this
9 Administrative Calendar is the same old, same old,
10 with regard to lack of diversity, I still see
11 similar names with a number of these contracts.

12 My concern, again, has to do with the lack
13 of inclusion as it pertains to Veteran own,
14 Minority own and Women-own businesses and, again,
15 the resources that are being distributed through
16 this CARES Act to Colleges and Universities that
17 according to my journalism contacts and what I am
18 reading online, they are already getting emergency
19 funding, but we have residents as outlined by a
20 number of demolitions on these homes that have
21 been abandoned and we have residents that are
22 still living in apartments and rentals and their
23 Sandy-damaged homes are in jeopardy and they are
24 not receiving any resources.

25 So, again, who is speaking for the

1 Voiceless in this Township?

2 I would still, again, like to have a write-
3 up because I am at a loss to be able to speak
4 about where my tax dollars are going when I do not
5 know how much has already been expended, when all
6 I know is two million dollars of one hundred and
7 thirty-one million dollar investment in this
8 Township that went to pantries, when we have
9 people that are losing their jobs and losing their
10 homes on a regular basis.

11 Yeah, definitely, let's take care of those
12 incorporated villages that are already overtaxing
13 their residents, let's take care of these
14 educational institutions where many people who are
15 probably sitting before me have worked or may work
16 if and when they may not get reelected, here.

17 So, it doesn't seem like we changed
18 anything, here, in the Town of Hempstead, the
19 patronage, the nepotism, the cronyism, the old
20 boys' network is alive and kicking.

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor, may I
22 just respond to what Meta said.

23 Meta, we have granted money from the CARES
24 Act to hospitals that serve both incorporated and
25 unincorporated areas, specifically one in my

1 District, Long Island Jewish Valley Stream, which
2 serves a very diverse population, from a
3 geographic area that is probably the most populous
4 in the County, as well as, Nassau University
5 Medical Center and other, um, hospitals, as well
6 as, um, food pantries providing PPE to entities in
7 the Town of Hempstead, basically, under the CARES
8 Act.

9 These incorporated areas don't qualify for
10 funds, so, basically, when they have issues that
11 relate, you know, to COVID 19 and they present it
12 to us and if it is covered under the CARES Act and
13 we can help them out, I think we would be foolish
14 not to because they are residents of the Town, as
15 well and pay Town taxes.

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: The other thing that I
17 did want to point out is regarding the CARES Act
18 funding, there is probably no other entity,
19 definitely in New York State that I know of, that
20 is being more open and transparent showing every
21 resident, every process and every expenditure for
22 putting it on the budget line for making sure we
23 have receipts to the point that we are doing
24 things that others aren't.

25 When others said they spent the money and

1 don't explain why, we are actually, clearly can
2 show.

3 Just last week, you know, we had an
4 emergency Board Meeting where we teamed up with
5 Northwell, where we created, I think, it was
6 fifteen, fifteen testing sites throughout the Town
7 with the majority focus on the most heavily hit
8 areas that have not seen - - they have been hit,
9 some communities more than others, across the
10 Township.

11 We are utilizing these funds to help people
12 and, you know what, I am proud of doing foodbanks
13 because there is a sixty percent increase in the
14 need of food.

15 I stood at the lines at Nassau Community
16 College where dozens of people, hundreds,
17 thousands, were standing in a circle.

18 The testing sites will help prevent the
19 second wave.

20 Everything we have done has been open and
21 transparent and I am proud to stand with this
22 Board and other entities because, now, it is not
23 an isolated chamber.

24 We actually have a nice advisory panel that
25 is incredibly diverse from every facet of life,

1 from every community.

2 And, when it comes to the villages, we are
3 there for the villages.

4 Some of the funds we are utilizing today Page | 68
5 are in the hardest hit villages and I am proud to
6 say to anybody in this audience or anybody out
7 there, we are doing the most open and transparent.

8 And, you know what, it is a thoughtful
9 process of utilizing these funds.

10 Ask your other jurisdictions, New York
11 State, you had over four billion dollars, what
12 have they done with it?

13 Suffolk County, hundreds of millions of
14 dollars, what have you done with it?

15 I know what we have done with it.

16 And, frankly, everybody else knows.

17 And, we like to team up with people.

18 You know what, the Town Board and I
19 recognize about a month ago, Nassau County came up
20 with a great idea of PPE kits and we reached
21 across the line with the County to team up and
22 expand with that.

23 I said we have been open and transparent
24 more than anybody else in this process and I am
25 proud to stand with every single Member of this

1 Board and we are proud to tell you the colleges,
2 today, this is about getting students tested,
3 about getting them back in and getting teachers
4 there and getting people back to work because the ^{Page | 69}
5 people that work at these institutions, live in
6 the Town of Hempstead.

7 This isn't a teacher we are talking about.
8 It is anybody from a Public Safety Aide to anybody
9 in between.

10 But, like I said, I am proud of everything
11 we are doing with these funds but, every resident
12 should know we are telling you and we are showing
13 you or making it very, very open for everybody to
14 see we actually created additional safeguards in
15 this process.

16 Not only do we have an internal panel that
17 reviews it with medical experts, we, then, went
18 the extra yard to make sure we got a regulatory
19 firm.

20 Why?

21 Because we want residents to know it is
22 being done right.

23 It is being done transparent and we are
24 utilizing these funds and we are utilizing them in
25 the areas that need it so much.

1 That team-up with Northwell, last week - -
2 ladies and gentlemen, listen, we have all lost
3 somebody in this room.

4 I lost a staff member to COVID 19, Dr.
5 Gates, my friend.

6 My Counsel, over there, she doesn't like
7 when I say it, she contracted COVID 19 and guess
8 what, she had a loss in her family.

9 So, we have seen it and we are utilizing
10 these funds because we don't want to go back in
11 time.

12 We don't want this to be March and April,
13 again where we are sitting in our homes and all we
14 heard is ambulances.

15 We are utilizing these funds for the good
16 of every community, not just a few.

17 And, I am happy to make that statement to
18 everybody, here and I am happy to do it with this
19 Town Board.

20 I will say to you, ask your other entities
21 what they are doing with it, what they are doing
22 with it?

23 What is New York State doing with four
24 billion dollars?

25 I love to hear the answer.

1 Do they let you know how they are doing
2 this budget transfer?

3 Because I know John Mastromarino Puts it
4 out there so everybody can see.

5 And, I am proud of the work we are doing
6 and we are doing it for every community in the
7 Town of Hempstead because the Town of Hempstead
8 was the hardest hit in this area.

9 Councilman Blakeman alluded to it. The
10 hospital in Valley Stream saw the most COVID
11 patients next to Brooklyn.

12 Right here in the Town of Hempstead, what
13 we are doing is good, what we are doing is right
14 and what we are doing is open and transparent and
15 every resident should say, you know what, we are
16 leading by example.

17 What are the other entities doing with
18 their money, because I know what we are telling
19 you and showing you what we are doing with ours.

20 So, thank you very much and I appreciate
21 you being here as always.

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Supervisor, if I
23 could add to that, I also want to point out the
24 Town Board has really done their due diligence
25 with this CARES Act money.

1 And, something that was not mentioned and I
2 think is important is that this Board, under the
3 leadership of Supervisor Clavin has also worked
4 with our first responders, the fire service, the ^{Page | 72}
5 volunteer fire service and at no point during this
6 pandemic was there a 911 call made, was there a
7 call made to one of our main volunteer fire
8 departments in the Town of Hempstead who asked
9 where they live or how much money they make.

10 So, to suggest that we are only supporting
11 with this money certain communities is, quite
12 frankly, ridiculous, um, the fire department that
13 have served some of the hardest hit communities,
14 whether it is in Senior Councilwoman Goosby's
15 District, down in the Five Towns where Councilman
16 Blakeman and I share or any of the Council
17 Members' Districts, they have all been contacted
18 by the Town of Hempstead and we are working with
19 them to make sure we can make them whole regarding
20 the thousands upon thousands of dollars they spent
21 on PPE to answer the countless amount of 911 calls
22 transporting people to the hospital pronouncing
23 people that weren't able to live there through the
24 COVID 19 virus.

25 So, the work that is being done, like

1 everyone mentioned up, here, I really believe is
2 good work.

3 We are making sure this money is spent
4 correctly, that it is open, that it is transparent
5 and that we are doing our best to make sure that
6 maybe not all the nearly eight hundred thousand
7 residents can utilize some sort of this CARES Act
8 money but, we are definitely damn well trying our
9 best.

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: And, may I
11 also add, Ms. Mereday, thank you for thinking of
12 other people.

13 In my Councilmanic District, alone, over
14 six thousand people tested positive.

15 I have lost many, many people that were
16 very dear to me, even across the street from me,
17 so, I know how often and I push and they give
18 because you know, I don't let go, just the same, I
19 do with you but we are just, now, ready.

20 We already tested more people that you
21 would ever know in my District.

22 And, we just - - the money that we just,
23 um, are giving, now, to NYU, we have set up - -
24 okay, which one? Northwell, we have set up more
25 testing in the area.

1 So, if you could help us, you go around
2 talking, just ask people to go to those sites and
3 make sure that they get tested.

4 As far as food is concerned, in Hempstead, ^{Page | 74}
5 I have three areas, I know what I needed and I put
6 them where they need to be placed.

7 And, in addition to that, we have been
8 very, very helpful.

9 We just gave money to, um, what was the
10 money we - - because they are going to deliver
11 food to the people to the Veterans, Island
12 Harvest, to the Veterans, our ill people, anyone
13 that needs food will get food.

14 That is the other portion that we have done
15 and I have been in almost all of these places
16 where food is being served, people are being fed.

17 And, anything that they need, as long as it
18 is legal, we are doing.

19 I will not do anything that is not legal.

20 I know what is legal and we make sure that
21 we follow the CARES Act.

22 We have attorneys who go over all of the
23 applications that we get to make sure that they
24 are legal before we do them.

25 And, I can tell you many people have

1 tried to get money from us and we know they are
2 not legal.

3 So, they won't get it.

4 If you are legal, you can really let us Page | 75
5 know and we will try to help.

6 Thank you, Ms. Mereday.

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Ms. Mereday.

8 And, Ms. Mereday, you know this isn't a
9 vacuum. We are doing this stuff in the areas that
10 are hardest hit, are the ones we are focusing on.

11 And, she did touch on something, Island
12 Harvest came with a wonderful program for home
13 delivery for Seniors and Veterans and it was a
14 program we knew was great and I know this isn't a
15 vacuum.

16 We have people coming in. We are talking
17 to people in the community.

18 Northwell set up facilities primarily in
19 the hardest hit areas because those are the ones
20 that need it.

21 And, I just want you to know I think you
22 should, you know, take a look at it but I think at
23 the end you will look at it and say they did do it
24 the right way.

25 They just didn't take the money and say

1 they spent it all and did not tell us.

2 They are telling us what they are doing the
3 whole time.

4 All right, so, thank you very much.

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5 META MEREDAY: In my twelve seconds that
6 are left, like I said, I would like to have the
7 write-ups with regard to the eighteen. They
8 shouldn't have been listed as emergencies.

9 And, for the record, I am still doing my
10 first responder work.

11 I have been working with the critical
12 physicians since COVID started in Queens.

13 So, I agree with you with regard to what is
14 happening and I am making sure that our Veterans
15 that are passing due to COVID are getting the
16 adequate burials that they have and resources that
17 they need.

18 So, the struggle continues but I would like
19 to get the write-ups with regard to the eighteen
20 emergencies.

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: We would be happy to
22 get it to you.

23 META MEREDAY: Thank you.

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Felix Procacci?

25 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165

1 Barnes Street, Franklin Square.

2 Um, as far as these urgent Resolutions, I
3 FOIL them after every meeting and sometimes it
4 takes almost a month to get them.

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5 Why not just post them online like they
6 were supposed to be prior to the meeting which is
7 New York State Law, as I mentioned earlier?

8 And, all the transparency, I welcome it.

9 It needs to be on the website so, it is
10 obvious where the spending is done.

11 And, if I have to FOIL it and wait months
12 and follow-up, which I have to do, it doesn't
13 really help and then I have to share it.

14 If you put it on your website, it is done.

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: As you know, Mr.
16 Procacci, I hate to rain on the parade, but, they
17 are online to see, just so you know, okay.

18 FELIX PROCACCI: They are on what?

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBYZ: How can we
20 pass them?

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: They are online to see.

22 FELIX PROCACCI: And, I can print?

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: And, I know you might
24 not think something is of an emergency nature,
25 but, I will tell you right, now - -

1 FELIX PROCACCI: I didn't say that.

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: You said something
3 shouldn't be a hand-up.

4 FELIX PROCACCI: No, no.

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Procacci, Mr.
6 Procacci, something of an emergency nature - -

7 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay.

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: - - In particular
9 creating testing is an emergency nature to me, you
10 know, saving lives is an emergency to me, helping
11 people to get back to work is an emergency to me
12 and this entire Town Board.

13 So, in all due respect to your comments,
14 when it comes to those sort of hand-ups, those are
15 emergencies and you know what, you are aware of
16 them.

17 They are online to see, but, to me, health
18 and safety, food and employment are definitely in
19 the nature, it has to be a hand-up, it definitely
20 will be.

21 FELIX PROCACCI: Well, you are arguing
22 something I am not arguing about.

23 But, just put them online prior to the
24 meeting, that is all I am saying, anyway.

25 Um, item Number 52, I will speak about,

1 first of all, this Resolution is illegal, no
2 details of this bid were provided in the online
3 Resolution as required by New York State Open
4 Meeting Law.

5 In addition, I oppose this Resolution
6 because the whole premise behind it is to avoid
7 contact with outsiders is misplaced.

8 I have brought a cat into the Shelter for
9 TNR and you make virtually no contact with anyone.

10 You leave the cages in the back and you
11 come back and you pick them up.

12 I wonder why Supervisor Clavin feels that
13 that gyms can be made safe but not the Hempstead
14 Animal Shelter, that sees a lot less traffic than
15 typical gyms.

16 From the News 12 report I saw, the Town's
17 Medical Director, Dr. Daver Nurenberg is
18 supporting this plan.

19 It is important to note that Dr. Nurenberg
20 also supported leaving the Town's Senior Center
21 open after the March 11th pandemic was declared.

22 Dr. Nurenberg is the Emergency Care Doctor
23 whose resume does not include any knowledge of
24 animal shelters and TNR or any expertise in
25 infectious diseases.

1 If the Town does not want people passing
2 through the animal shelter, they should get out of
3 the animal shelter business.

4 If the Town does not want people walking ^{Page | 80}
5 through the animal shelter, the Town Board should
6 be asking for proposals to privatize the shelter,
7 not a proposal to offload the work they should be
8 performing.

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you and Dr.
10 Dave, I just want to reinforce you, we are so
11 lucky to have you in the Town.

12 You have saved lives of employees.

13 You have helped quarantine people as an
14 Emergency Physician.

15 I really do think you are incredibly
16 qualified.

17 I think you have a thing called a medical
18 degree and on behalf of all the employees and all
19 the people that you have helped in many different
20 levels, I want to let you know, we appreciate you
21 and we appreciate you helping safeguard the entire
22 work force.

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

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Diane Madden.

1 DIANE MADDEN: Diane Madden, Hempstead.

2 I would like to ask the Board to table Item
3 Number 52 for numerous reasons.

4 Number 1, I would like to ask how this Page | 81
5 Resolution even got to this point and got on this
6 Calendar?

7 COMMISSIONER: Good Morning, Supervisor and
8 Town Board:

9 Due to the fact that Dr. Dave advised the
10 Town Board - -

11 DIANE MADDEN: I can't really hear, so, I
12 don't know if people are hearing outside.

13 COMMISSIONER: We were trying to reduce the
14 public interactions at the animal shelter, um,
15 with certain situations and we felt that we didn't
16 know how long this was going to continue based on
17 COVID 19, so, we thought it would be good to offer
18 something out to private partnership and we did
19 get a response.

20 And, due to the response, I think we could
21 have a timeline when we can do TNR.

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you.

23 DIANE MADDEN: There have been other
24 shelters that have been conducting uninterrupted,
25 even minimally, spade neuter, as Mr. Procacci

1 said, "contactless."

2 Why would you have to change anything about
3 the TNR program?

4 The one aspect of the animal shelter that Page | 82
5 is working is, now, being compromised and the
6 taxpayers are going to pay the ultimate price for
7 this.

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any other questions?

9 DIANE MADDEN: No, no questions. I am
10 asking you to sever this, basically, what this is,
11 is a four hundred and fifty dollars an hour of a
12 Veterinary practice.

13 Do you understand you can hire a Vet or
14 about sixty or seventy an hour that can spade four
15 to ten cats depending on male and female issues
16 for the same amount of money as they are charging
17 for one animal.

18 Dr. Nurenberg, speaking of him, he is
19 making, I believe, forty dollars an hour. This is
20 four hundred and fifty dollars an hour for a Vet
21 when we already have the resources.

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Are we supporting a
23 raise for Dr. Nurenberg?

24 DIANE MADDEN: That is up to you. I am not
25 speaking on that.

1 What I am telling you, you are paying him
2 forty dollars an hour and you are looking to pay -
3 - use taxpayers' money to pay four hundred and
4 fifty dollars an hour for a Vet.

5 Just to give you an example, their pricing,
6 their fees at the Central Vet; spade, forty-five;
7 dental, twenty-five; cat pregnant, it is fifteen
8 if there is a pain injection, if there is testing
9 on, um, and vaccination, you are up to one hundred
10 dollars, over one hundred dollars for one cat,
11 mind you, cats that some people view as a
12 nuisance.

13 So, you are paying over one hundred dollars
14 for one cat when a private Vet can spade/neuter up
15 to ten cats in an hour.

16 You can go and have your personal, domestic
17 pet spade/neuter on one of these vans for sixty
18 dollars and yet you are considering a contract
19 where you are spade/neutering a cat - - no one
20 can even handle four hundred dollars for one cat.

21 Can someone explain why the taxpayers went
22 for this one or the animals?

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: First of all, Mr.
24 Supervisor, if I might, my understanding of this
25 contract is that, basically, it is a supplement to

1 what we already have and that the doctors will not
2 be used unless it is necessary.

3 Typically, it would be for, um, an animal
4 that needs this procedure at a time when someone ^{Page | 84}
5 from our current staff was unavailable.

6 DIANE MADDEN: Thank you, Councilman. You
7 have been advised wrong because we already have
8 twenty Vets.

9 We have twenty contracted Vets that will do
10 spade/neuter.

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: And, basically, this
12 also, to my understanding, is upon the advice of
13 Dr. Nurenberg, who indicated that it would be
14 unhealthy at this time to open up the animal
15 shelter and have it, basically, populated by
16 people who weren't tested and we don't know
17 whether they are carrying the virus or not.

18 DIANE MADDEN: What kind of expertise does
19 the Doctor have in animal sheltering because you
20 don't need to let the people in the building to
21 conduct the TNR program.

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I don't think there
23 is an expertise in the medical profession for an
24 animal shelter medical expert.

25 DIANE MADDEN: Well, there is.

1 Besides that, you can do this without
2 contact.

3 This is very troubling to me.

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Diane, it is a public Page | 85
5 assembly issue.

6 It is not - -

7 DIANE MADDEN: They wouldn't' be
8 assembling.

9 Southampton has been doing this routinely
10 throughout COVID.

11 You make an appointment. You drop the cat
12 off.

13 No one is getting in touch with one
14 another. You have grocery workers that are seeing
15 numerous people all day long, that is not like
16 this.

17 This would be contactless.

18 I ask you to table this. I urge you to
19 table this based on a petition, based on emails,
20 based on the people waiting, asking the same
21 thing.

22 I urge you to table this.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Ms. Madden,
24 we appreciate your comments as always.

25 Christine Scanfitti. She could be

1 outside. Let's give it a minute. Yes, she is.

2 Name and address for the record, please.

3 CHRISTINE SCANFITTI: Hi, my name is

4 Christine Scanfitti. (Phonetic spelling) I live Page | 86

5 at 399 Gate Avenue, East Meadow, New York.

6 Um, I have been living in Hempstead

7 Township for thirty-one and a half years.

8 In those years, I have spent tens of
9 thousands of dollars out-of-picket to get stray
10 cats and dogs off the street to spade and neuter
11 ferals because of overpopulation.

12 And, they don't want to be homeless.

13 They don't want to be hungry.

14 They are victims of careless humans through
15 generations.

16 I was thrilled when Hempstead Township
17 finally began a TNR program.

18 It was excellent.

19 I understand COVID 19 is slashing a lot of
20 State budgets, okay, I get it.

21 I understand that this has been devastating
22 for us and you got to put money in so many
23 different areas and there isn't enough Federal
24 assistance for the States.

25 I get it, but, I urge you to, please,

1 vote to find an affordable way to continue TNR
2 services.

3 And, honestly, what Diane Madden said, I
4 have to support because I have been walking into ^{Page | 87}
5 the shelter and if you have ever watched, there is
6 no contact.

7 You walk up to the desk. You fill out a
8 form.

9 No different than I just filled out a form
10 to come in, here and speak to you.

11 And, I actually pay extra to this Township
12 to test for AIDS and Leukemia.

13 I actually do something that is quite
14 controversial and I ask them to euthanize cats
15 that have AIDS or Leukemia to keep whatever cats
16 we have on the street healthy and clean because if
17 we got an over population, I believe that we
18 should, at least, thin the population as much as
19 possible.

20 I am aware that in other countries, they
21 are poisoning and killing cats.

22 I do not want America to become that, okay.

23 I am very controversial to those in the
24 feral, cat community but I don't care.

25 I stand up for what I believe because

1 I know it is a severe problem.

2 They are not wanted.

3 Nobody wants them and they don't want to be
4 out there.

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5 They don't want to be out there homeless.

6 Now, I understand I am passionate but this
7 - - but, we have to find a way to be humanitarian.

8 I know you are limited in your funds.

9 I need you to use some funds, whatever you
10 can find, to give us the best TNR program.

11 We should be reopened by now.

12 I have had a cat out there that was
13 pregnant - -

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

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you. Just so
17 the residents understand - -

18 CHRISTINE SCANFITTI: I didn't know I was
19 limited to my time.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: This isn't a budgetary
21 decision.

22 As you heard moments ago, the last speaker
23 said it was going to cost more.

24 It isn't a budgetary decision.

25 This is a decision about the safety of

1 the men and women that I work with but at the same
2 time, trying to find a way to initiate the
3 program.

4 And, again, it is for a one-year analysis ^{Page | 89}
5 that will be reviewed.

6 Like I said, it isn't a budgetary decision.

7 We are trying to get a program together. I
8 will always defer to the men and safety of the
9 women that work, here.

10 So, rest assure, it isn't a budgetary
11 decision.

12 We appreciate your passion and we
13 appreciate your comments, here.

14 Joanne Kave?

15 Name and address for the record.

16 JOANNE KAVE: Hi, how are you?

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Good.

18 JOANNE KAVE: Yes, my name is Joanne Kave
19 (phonetic spelling) and I am with the Humane
20 Society for six years.

21 I am, here, today out of concern for the
22 outside sourcing of the taxpaying funded TNR
23 program that is being considered by the
24 legislature.

25 And, I ask for you to respectfully table

1 Item Number 52.

2 As far as I know, there has only been one
3 proposal received for consideration and that RFP
4 was only posted on the Shelter's website. Page | 90

5 It did not, um, go out.

6 The Shelter did not actively seek to
7 receive other competitive proposals which upon
8 considerations with my main Shelter contacts, that
9 is the general procedure.

10 Um, that being said, that simply does not
11 seem to be fiscally responsible.

12 My own personal experience, I had bees
13 removed from my property.

14 I called three different places to find out
15 who would want to do that job and for the best
16 price.

17 Um, the veterinarian service, Central Vet
18 of Valley Stream is quoting an exorbitant fee of
19 four hundred and fifty dollars an hour for
20 services provided.

21 I checked one of my trusted Shelter
22 partners, very large, well known, privately funded
23 Shelter on Long Island, paid eighty dollars, flat
24 fee per hour for veterinarian services.

25 Four hundred and fifty versus eighty, that

1 is huge.

2 So, I respectfully request how can the Town
3 Shelter justify four hundred and fifty an hour
4 with taxpayer money?

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5 And, you also have two fulltime Vets on
6 salary at the Shelter.

7 So, was there an evaluation committee
8 assigned to review this proposal?

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Commissioner, is it
10 one?

11 COMMISSIONER: Yeah, one fulltime
12 Veterinarian.

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you.

14 JOANNE KAVE: But, was there an evaluation
15 committee who was assigned to review this request
16 for proposal before you went ahead and decided you
17 will vote on something that is so astronomically
18 overpriced?

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Like I said, as it came
20 up with the last speaker who said, you know, it is
21 for budgetary cuts, you know, again, you are
22 saying it costs more.

23 JOANNE KAVE: Exorbitantly more.

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: It is a one-year
25 contract that is going to be monthly

1 evaluated and can be stopped at any time,
2 especially, if we get to a point where we will be
3 reinstating the program.

4 The concept isn't outsourcing or anything Page | 92
5 like that.

6 I will ask you a question, the concept is
7 getting the program going again and doing it.

8 And, by the way, the Director and he can
9 attest to the fact, you know, what the cost will
10 be mitigated to a degree.

11 We will not be using the hourly doctors, as
12 well, is that correct?

13 COMMISSIONER: That is correct.

14 JOANNE KAVE: As far as the other shelters
15 that I work with, nobody stopped their TNR
16 program.

17 You can do this safely. There was not a
18 need that you could not provide that.

19 As a compliment, the Town of Hempstead had
20 a really well-run and respected service that it
21 provided to the community.

22 I am paying you a compliment to say that.

23 And, the fact that you disabled it, it is
24 very unfortunate.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: But, I said to you

1 that is the thing to reflect on, it is a
2 compliment and you think we don't want to do
3 something that is positive?

4 This really comes down to a health issue. Page | 93

5 It does. You can accept it or not.

6 JOANNE KAVE: There are other shelters - -

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I can't speak to the
8 other municipalities, the size of the program.

9 I know one thing, whatever Dr. Dave, you
10 know, advises, here, in the Town, he has done a
11 heck of a good job and saved a heck of a lot of
12 lives.

13 When we can reinstitute it in a safe
14 manner, we will, but, like I said, we are not
15 looking to say, oh, we are taking a good program
16 and getting rid of it.

17 To the contrary, it really comes down to a
18 health issue.

19 And, again, we shouldn't interrupt people
20 from the audience, and, again, as we have said, we
21 are working with the health professionals and we
22 face a lot of questions in our society with our
23 kids going back to school and businesses opening.

24 But, I take the health and safety of my
25 coworkers very, very seriously. Thank you.

1 JOANNE KAVE: I would still beg to say as
2 the head of the legislative body, wouldn't you
3 want to do what is most fiscally responsible?

4 Why would you want to exorbitantly pay for ^{Page | 94}
5 that service even if you were to farm it out?

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: As I said, there is no
7 - - we are monitoring every single month.

8 Someone else, actually, might say it will
9 save money.

10 We will see.

11 We are monitoring it every month and it can
12 be stopped whenever we want during the terms of
13 the next year.

14 JOANNE KAVE: Is my time up?

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Yes, you have three
16 minutes but, thank you very much.

17 JOANNE KAVE: I wanted to talk to you about
18 your TNR vehicle, actually, but, I guess I will
19 save that for another day.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.

21 I will, now, ask Rene - - shoosh, shoosh,
22 shoosh, thank you very much.

23 Rene Kraft? Hold on before you come on up,
24 we are going to sanitize the mic. Good Afternoon,
25 Ms. Kraft, name and address for the record.

1 RENE KRAFT: Good Afternoon. Rene Kraft.
2 3865 Hollis Lane in Seaford.

3 Um, I would like to request that the
4 Resolution not be accepted in regards to Number Page | 95
5 52, this was not a competitive bid.

6 There was only one response.

7 The response from Central Vet was lacking
8 fundamental, critical information was missing,
9 such as, what services are being provided?

10 Central Vet had not demonstrated and the
11 response and skills required to handle the TNR
12 referrals.

13 They didn't go into how many cats they were
14 going to fix?

15 How they were going to handle recovery?

16 What are the days and hours of operation?
17 What does the Vet - - how does the Vet interact
18 with the public and the trappers?

19 How kittens are cared for?

20 How ebowels are being handled? How are
21 cats with medical needs being handled?

22 The response, itself, wasn't even a clear
23 response.

24 As a taxpayer, trapper and animal advocate,
25 I find it appalling that this Resolution is even

1 being considered with so many deficiencies in the
2 response from Central Vet.

3 Who, by the way, has a terrible reputation.

4 Additionally, Central Vet is proposing to ^{Page | 96}
5 charge the Town a minimum of ninety dollars, just
6 to spade and vaccinate one cat.

7 That is higher than the other Vet services
8 offered on Long Island, that are offering low cost
9 spade/neuter.

10 Why would we pay more?

11 Based on this and the Town of Hempstead
12 Animal Shelter data from the current TNR program
13 utilizing Central Vet will increase the costs and
14 drastically - - um, would increase the costs to
15 the taxpayers significantly and drastically reduce
16 the services provided which we once had with our
17 TNR program at the Town of Hempstead Animal
18 Shelter.

19 I created a petition to resume our TNR
20 services and received twenty-one thousand
21 signatures opposing the undoing of our Town of
22 Hempstead Animal Shelter's TNR program.

23 Fifty-five people wrote letters and sent
24 them in for your consideration that were purposely
25 not read into public comment at the last

1 Council Meeting.

2 There is a huge backlash on the decisions
3 that are being made to dismantle the Town of
4 Hempstead Animal Shelter's TNR program and you are ^{Page | 97}
5 ignoring your constituents.

6 Please, stop what you are doing and resume
7 the program as it was.

8 The actions of the Council at the last
9 Council Meeting on this matter were shameful,
10 anti-democratic.

11 We have spoken.

12 We do not want this Resolution to pass.

13 It is not in the best interests of the
14 taxpayers for the Town of Hempstead nor is it in
15 the best interest of the animals.

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

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Ms. Kraft.

19 Anybody else from the audience wish to be
20 heard on this?

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Supervisor, could I
22 just ask a question of Commissioner Marino.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: He is right, here.

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Just so I can get
25 an understanding of this, has Central Vet been

1 Utilized by the Town of Hempstead previously?

2 COMMISSIONER MARINO: Central Vet is a
3 vendor of the Town of Hempstead, I believe, for
4 over six years.

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5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER MARINO: And, never had an
7 issue, as far as, in the years that I am, here,
8 with them, they are very professional.

9 We looked over their services after this
10 bid went out.

11 We looked at their intake, their operating
12 rooms and their recovery.

13 We sent an Assistant Animal Director.

14 She said it is in perfect order for this
15 type of work.

16 And, we recommended them.

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESSPOSITO: Okay, at least, as
18 long as you have been Commissioner, has there been
19 any complaints, any accusations of mistreatment of
20 animals or anything like that?

21 COMMISSIONER MARINO: No.

22 (Whereupon, "yes, read the reviews," was
23 heard yelling out from the audience. After, the
24 following ensued.)

25 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Reading reviews

1 Online? Has anybody read Yelp?

2 I mean, come on.

3 You can't always go by reviews online.

4 (Whereupon, calling out from the audience ^{Page | 99}

5 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I think it is

7 actually fair.

8 He does work and represent the Town of

9 Hempstead.

10 So, I will continue my questions;

11 Commissioner, if you could also explain to me and

12 I guess maybe I am just a little confused, can you

13 explain not me, I heard the number four hundred

14 and fifty dollars and, then, when I read through

15 the proposal, there were different numbers on the

16 actual proposal.

17 So, can you just explain to me the

18 difference of, I think it is, thirty-five or

19 forty-five dollars and the four hundred and fifty

20 dollars so I can understand if there is a cat that

21 is brough in that needs - - explain the process to

22 me so I can understand.

23 COMMISSIONER MARINO: Sure, Councilman,

24 this is a requirements contract, tat is put out by

25 Purchasing.

1 There are certain requirements for TNR,
2 trap, neuter and release.

3 It will be forty-five dollars for a female
4 to be spade. Page | 100

5 Thirty dollars for a small dog to be
6 neutered.

7 There will be two - -

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

10 COMMISSIONER MARINO: There is a five-
11 dollar fee.

12 It comes out to seventy dollars an hour.

13 (Whereupon, "no, wrong," was heard yelling
14 out from the audience. After, the following
15 ensued.)

16 COMMISSIONER MARINO: When you hear four
17 hundred and fifty dollars, that is a boilerplate
18 for most Veterinarians.

19 If we ask the veterinary service to
20 come to the Town Shelter and perform a TNR job at
21 night or whatever. That is something we wouldn't
22 do.

23 We would always bring the animals there,
24 only if something happened in the middle of the
25 night.

1 So, that would never happen.

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Commissioner, also,
3 just a matter for clarification, too, that was
4 posted on the Town's website, was it posted
5 anywhere else?

6 COMMISSIONER MARINO: It is a Purchasing
7 contract. We normally do it as we do everything
8 else.

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Hold on.

10 COMMISSIONER MARINO: Long Island Business
11 News.

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Local papers and - -

13 COMMISSIONER MARINO: New York State.

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Oh, it wasn't limited
15 to the Town Animal Shelter website. Thank you for
16 that. Thank you. Anybody else from the Public
17 wish to be heard on this matter?

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

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you,
21 Commissioner.

22 If not, may I have a Motion on the
23 Administrative Calendar.

24 Madam Clerk, anything you need to read in?

25 CLERK MURRAY: Yes, I have an email

1 from Valerie Lampe.

2 "Please reinstate the TNR program at the
3 TOH Shelter as it was.

4 "This was the best fit financially and it Page | 102
5 is also what is best for the animals.

6 "I read each of the seventy emails
7 submitted on this subject, alone, for the first
8 time that I can recall, every single animal
9 advocate is on the same exact page. We do not
10 want these services outsourced. Everyone wants
11 the program reopened exactly as it was, the way it
12 was.

13 "The almost twenty-two thousand signatures
14 on the petition are asking for the same exact
15 action.

16 "The proposal submitted by Central Vet is
17 concerning.

18 "Proof of insurance is missing. Workers
19 Comp and disability, the cover letter provided to
20 show proof of general liability is expired.

21 "The hourly rate quoted four hundred fifty
22 dollars per hour for on-site Vet care is
23 outrageous and astronomical.

24 "It claims to have a prearranged schedule
25 for this care.

1 "That schedule is not provided.

2 "I have been asking who was on the
3 evaluation committee for weeks and no one can tell
4 me.

5 "Commissioner Marino has yet to get back to
6 me in spite of this information being at his
7 fingertips.

8 "In addition to this, I would like to know
9 how did Central Vet score?

10 "There are many procedural holes in this
11 proposal, as well. There is no mention of what
12 they will do with the adoptable kittens and cats.

13 "Where will the recovery take place?

14 "What will happen to the foster program?
15 How will they work with the trappers? Will they
16 still offer the public the opportunity to borrow
17 traps?

18 "And, who will teach them how to use them?

19 "How will they handle FELV/FIV cats?

20 "None of this was specified in the
21 proposal.

22 "You have a distinct opportunity to listen
23 to the people who care a tremendous amount about
24 this issue.

25 "You have a crystal clear path to do

1 the right thing for the taxpayers, the animals and
2 thousands that love them.

3 "Please, vote no on this proposal and
4 reinstate the TNR program as it was today.

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5 "Thank you, Valerie Lampe."

6 I have another email from Heather Mancuso.

7 "Dear Town Officials, I am writing
8 regarding the Town of Hempstead trap, neuter,
9 return program to express my extreme concern
10 regarding the bid proposed by Central Vet, that is
11 43-2020.

12 "The Town of Hempstead has been providing
13 an essential service to residents by neutering and
14 vaccinating community cats.

15 "This essential program is a great use of
16 my tax dollars and has improved our community by
17 neutering and vaccinating cats, as well as,
18 pulling adoptable cats from the street.

19 "Trappers and residents work hand in hand
20 with the Town Shelter and this has been an
21 irreplaceable partnership.

22 "Unfortunately, this program has been put
23 on hold and could potentially be frivolously given
24 to Central Vet to run.

25 "Without this program run as is,

1 "hundreds of cats will continue to reproduce on
2 the streets.

3 "Trappers and residents will spend upwards
4 of seventy-five dollars per cat for neutering, Page | 105
5 vaccinating and related services.

6 "As a taxpayer and a cat advocate, I am
7 demanding that this essential program be reopened
8 at the Town Shelter immediately and that the
9 Central Vet bid be denied.

10 "The Town of Hempstead Shelter has been
11 impeccably running the TNR program which is a
12 great use of my tax dollars.

13 "Unfortunately, Central Vet has proposed to
14 take over this program. This will be a financial
15 burden to the taxpayers and promises to decrease
16 functionality to an already near perfect program.

17 "Central Vet has submitted a bid that
18 provides no concrete information on how their
19 version of the program will run.

20 "How many cats are they capable of fixing
21 each day?

22 "Will they be providing forty-eight hours
23 of recovery for those cats?

24 "What will happen with injured, sick or
25 adoptable cats?

1 "As a taxpayer, I am appalled that this bid
2 is even being considered with so many holes.

3 "On top of this, I feel this transfer of
4 responsibility of the program will waste taxpayer ^{Page | 106}
5 dollars and I am not okay with that.

6 "Central Vet is proposing charging the Town
7 a minimum of ninety dollars just to spade and
8 vaccinate a cat.

9 "This doesn't include the cost if a cat
10 comes in pregnant, fifteen dollars; in heat, ten
11 dollars or with a hernia just to name a few.

12 "How much will they charge for a cat with
13 an upper respiratory infection and will they hold
14 and mitigate this cat for weeks as the TOH Shelter
15 did.

16 "This procedure of charging per cat
17 promises to be much more costly to the public than
18 the current system of utilizing current salaried
19 employees at the Shelter to run this program.

20 "As a taxpayer and cat advocate, I implore
21 you to open the TNR program, now to reconsider RFP
22 43-2020 and deny the Central Vet bid. Sincerely,
23 Heather Mancuso."

24 And, the last email is from Barbara Palm
25 (phonetic spelling) of Baldwin.

1 "With respect to the authorization of C43-
2 2020, a contract for yearly requirements for TNR
3 services for the Town of Hempstead's Animal
4 Shelter due to occur on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, ^{Page | 107}
5 propose the contract be reevaluated for cost
6 effectiveness.

7 "Due diligence would require the new
8 contractor's costs to the Town of Hempstead
9 taxpayers be less than what is currently being
10 budgeted for TNR.

11 "Production of this analysis would allay
12 taxpayers' concerns of a willfulness.

13 "Further, the Town Selection Committee was
14 to review the TNR bid proposal for various
15 factors, yet, the information submitted as of June
16 24, 2020 by the known bidder for TNR is silenced
17 with respect to the bidders' ability to handle an
18 average of twenty-five cats per day for TNR
19 surgery.

20 "As the Town does not mention where the
21 trapped cats will be held prior and subsequent to
22 the surgery nor does it discuss the ability to
23 isolate cats with upper respiratory and ring worm.

24 "The proposal evokes a well-equipped
25 veterinarian office capable of handling pets,

1 dogs, cats and eccentric animals, but that is not
2 germane to the TNR program.

3 "I suggest this decision be tabled and
4 further review of the candidate be performed and a ^{Page | 108}
5 cost analysis be performed to compare the current
6 expenses to the proposed.

7 "Thank you, Barbara Palm."

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: May I have a Motion on
9 the Administrative Calendar.

10 (Whereupon, "excuse me," was heard yelling
11 out from the audience. After, the following
12 ensued.)

13 META MEREDAY: Meta Mereday. It is hard to
14 make a comment when you don't have all of the
15 information in place.

16 Don't worry, this disinfecting thing, you
17 can't keep sanitizing with the same rag, but, I
18 digress.

19 Meta Mereday, Baldwin resident.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Ms. Mereday, didn't you
21 already speak on the Administrative Calendar?

22 META MEREDAY: You can only speak once on
23 the Administrative Calendar?

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Yes.

25 META MEREDAY: When was that?

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1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: That has been the
2 policy for a long time. We have the miscellaneous
3 after.

4 META MEREDAY: Okay, well, I really won't ^{Page | 109}
5 be here for the miscellaneous. Since the time is
6 already taken - -

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: We have to follow
8 procedure, Ms. Mereday.

9 You have been here and I appreciate that.
10 You have already spoken on the Administrative
11 Calendar.

12 So, we will make a Motion.

13 You can stick around and talk during Public
14 Comments, after, so, thank you.

15 META MEREDAY: Really?

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: May I have a Motion on
17 the Administrative Calendar?

18 META MEREDAY: Woe.

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move we adopt the
20 Administrative Calendar.

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: 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: Before I vote, I
6 just want to make one comment, I want to thank the
7 Members of the Town Board for, again, the
8 leadership in the CARES funding, the emergency
9 resolutions that were presented today, um,
10 affected a lot of communities in my District, the
11 Village of Cedarhurst, the Village of East
12 Rockaway, the Village of Island Park, the Village
13 of Lynbrook, the Village of Valley Stream, as
14 Councilman Blakeman mentioned before.

15 Um, I look forward to continue to work with
16 the Village of Malverne, Woodsburgh, the Hewletts
17 and Rockville Center to provide CARES funding to
18 them for their PPE.

19 And, I also want to quickly comment on Item
20 Number 9 which is bringing Telehealth to the Town
21 of Hempstead.

22 And, I want to commend Dr. Dave in his
23 leadership, the fact that he has really led the
24 way during the coronavirus pandemic.

25 I know it has been said before, but,

1 I proudly say it, again, he has, without a doubt,
2 him and his team have saved lives here in the Town
3 of Hempstead, not only for our coworkers and their
4 families but for our residents, but bringing
5 Telehealth, which expands the ability of our EMS
6 personnel, which is a group that is kind of
7 something that I am proud to see expand and it is
8 something I always support and I know I always
9 bother my Town Board colleagues with stuff for
10 EMS, but they are doing a great job.

11 They have done a great job during the
12 pandemic and it is nice to see that we are at the
13 forefront of technology in keeping our coworkers,
14 families and residents safe.

15 So, Dr. Dave, great job, great leadership
16 and to the Town Board, thank you.

17 I proudly vote aye.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I would like to say Dr.
20 Dave, stand up and be recognized, outstanding
21 service, not only to the workers, here, in the
22 Town of Hempstead but to all the residents.

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

25 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Thank you and, please

1 keep up the good work. Don't retire. I vote yes.

2 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I vote yes and

4 I had him say all those things that he said for me Page | 112

5 too.

6 But and Dr. Dave, I thank you, personally,

7 you know, even though you are not my physician, I

8 know you came to the hospital and you checked on

9 me when I was there and thank you so much for

10 that.

11 And, certainly, I thank all my colleagues

12 and others that gave me all those prayers and I

13 sit here today because of those prayers. Thank

14 you all very much and I vote yes.

15 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

16 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Before we start the

18 Public Comment, I do want to take a moment to

19 thank all coworkers, here in the Town of

20 Hempstead, every department, public safety,

21 sanitation, um, you are doing an amazing job

22 during this pandemic and I don't want to single

23 out departments and please, don't take it if I do,

24 but, for example, our great lifeguards and EMS,

25 who have been dealing with capacity limitations

1 on crowds, lifeguards, heatwaves, you know, sharks
2 in the water, really, on behalf and I know I speak
3 for every Member of this Board and when we say for
4 the men and women that we work with in the Town, ^{Page | 113}
5 you have been doing an amazing job during this
6 pandemic.

7 You have been doing an amazing job and the
8 residents have just been as amazing working with
9 every single one of you and I just want to say
10 thank you to all of them on behalf of everyone of
11 us, here is to you.

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

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Supervisor, if I may
15 just supplement your remarks, I too, want to
16 recognize something that I have been seeing for
17 the last couple of weeks, our maintenance staff
18 has done an amazing job getting this facility and
19 all of our facilities safe and sanitized and I
20 think they have been unsung heroes.

21 And, I want to thank all of our staff that
22 came in during the pandemic. Thank you for coming
23 to work and thank you to our public safety
24 personnel for coming to work in a difficult time.

25 Supervisor, you're absolutely right,

1 our people have been amazing.

2 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I forgot to
3 mention, thank you, Commissioner, for all of those
4 who worked so hard in the cemetery.

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5 People don't think ab out them, but, it was
6 very, very rough for them.

7 We had over eighteen burials a day. They
8 worked hard.

9 It was a lot of work. I would have never
10 been able to do it and assuredly wouldn't like to
11 do it.

12 I give them all the praise that they have
13 done. So, thank you so much for them, too.

14 (Whereupon, applause from the audience was
15 heard. After, the following ensued.)

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: May I have a Motion to
17 adjourn.

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move we
19 adjourn.

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

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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 was concluded.)

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CERTIFICATE BY COURT REPORTER

I, do hereby certify that the foregoing
testimony in the matter of the Special Hempstead
Town Board Meeting held on August 4, 2020,
consisting of pages 1 through 116 inclusive is an
accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.



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