

**TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD**

**ONE WASHINGTON STREET**

**TOWN HALL PAVILION**

**HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 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
- TOWN COMPTROLLER MASTROMARINO

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1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Well, Good Morning,  
2 everybody, today is the Town of Hempstead Town  
3 Board Meeting for September 22, 2020.

4 Madam Clerk, will you, please, call the Page | 3  
5 roll.

6 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Here.

8 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

11 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Here.

12 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am here.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

15 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Here.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

17 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

19 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Here.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I would ask our Town  
21 Clerk to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

22 (Whereupon, Town Clerk Murray, led the  
23 Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. After, the  
24 following ensued.)

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Before you sit, if we

1 could observe a moment of silence to our late  
2 Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a true  
3 advocate, you know and a terrific loss for the  
4 judiciary.

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5 (Whereupon, a moment of silence was  
6 observed. After, the following ensued.)

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you. Because of  
8 the Governor's Executive Orders and also because  
9 of the COVID 19 pandemic, today's Public Hearings  
10 will allow for both in-person participation and  
11 telephonic participation using the Go-to-Webinar.

12 Instructions for the telephonic  
13 participation using Go-to-Webinar, as well as the  
14 pertinent documents regarding today's Public  
15 Hearing are available on the Town's website.

16 After the Clerk calls each Public Hearing,  
17 the Public, who are at Town Hall, will first make  
18 their comments and, then, our participants on Go-  
19 to-Webinar will be allowed to comment.

20 All participants on the Go-to-Webinar must  
21 pay attention to the case being called by our Town  
22 Clerk when the Public Hearing is called on which  
23 you wish to speak on, you must click on the "raise  
24 your hand," icon on the Go-to-Webinar as explained  
25 in the instruction on the Town's website.

1 If you do not click on the "raise your  
2 hand" button, when the Public Hearing is on and  
3 you wish to be heard, you will not be called.

4 All participants on the Go-to-Webinar must <sup>Page | 5</sup>  
5 be muted until the Moderator calls your name to  
6 speak.

7 You must pay attention for your name and  
8 begin speaking when your name is called by our  
9 Moderator and then we will go onto the next  
10 participants.

11 The Moderator will not recall anyone's  
12 name.

13 So, please, carefully pay attention you do  
14 not get missed.

15 If you're participating in the Go-to-  
16 Webinar and watching on livestream, then, you must  
17 mute your livestream when you turn onto speak or  
18 we will not understand you, the reason, frankly,  
19 is because we all know it is called "feedback."

20 Every participant will be given one chance  
21 to speak up to three minutes in accordance with  
22 the Town Board rules.

23 When you are done speaking or your time is  
24 up, the Moderator will, again, mute you on the Go-  
25 to-Webinar.

1 At the end of the Public Hearings, the  
2 portion of this Meeting, the Go-to-Webinar will be  
3 turned off and I encourage all those using the Go-  
4 to-Webinar to continue listening and watching the <sup>Page | 6</sup>  
5 Meeting on the Town's livestream web page.

6 Please, also, note that anyone using  
7 profanity or straying completely off topic will be  
8 immediately muted.

9 Madam Clerk, please, call the first Public  
10 Hearing.

11 CLERK MURRAY: Petition of Commissioner of  
12 Buildings to demolish & remove the one-story wood  
13 frame, one-family dwelling & remove all litter &  
14 debris from property - BELLMORE (13) Clubhouse  
15 Road - South side of Clubhouse Road, 435 feet East  
16 of Bellmore Avenue - Department of Buildings.

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Is there anyone, here,  
18 at Town Hall who wishes to be heard on this  
19 matter?

20 Please, let us know right, now.

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

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I will go to our  
24 webinar. I will call our Moderator, again, I  
25 think it is a nice moniker.

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1 ATTORNEY REGINA: No one has clicked "raise  
2 your hand" on this Public Hearing.

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Does any Member of the  
4 Board wish to be heard on this matter? Page | 7

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

7 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Real quick on this,  
8 this is a property that I have received a lot of  
9 complaints from and my constituents and I am  
10 looking forward to passing this item.

11 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any other Board Member  
12 wish to be heard on this?

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

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: May I have a Motion to  
16 adopt this item.

17 COUNCILMAN CARINI: I move we adopt this  
18 item.

19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

20 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

22 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

24 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

25 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

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1 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

3 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

4 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

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5 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

6 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

7 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

8 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

11 CLERK MURRAY: Petition of Commissioner of  
12 Buildings to demolish & remove the one-story wood  
13 frame one-family dwelling with two detached  
14 garages & remove all litter & debris from property  
15 - SEAFORD (632 RUTHERFORD DRIVE) West side of  
16 Rutherford Drive, 92 feet North of Arlington Drive  
17 - DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS)

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Does any Member of the  
19 audience wish to be heard on this?

20 Please, if you can walk up to the podium  
21 and give us your name and address, we appreciate  
22 that very much and Good Morning.

23 ARTHUR SCHNITTGER: Arthur Schnittger.

24 I forget what else you wanted to know.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Speak a lot louder.



1 ARTHUR SCHNITTGER: Arthur Schnittger. 632  
2 Rutherford Drive, Seaford.

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Good Morning, you like  
4 to be heard? Page | 9

5 ARTHUR SCHNITTGER: Yes, um, the property  
6 that is being addressed, I have contractors on it,  
7 you know, with a proposal and they have been  
8 submitted to your Department, here, some place.

9 And, um, I just wish consideration can be  
10 given on this subject.

11 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Rottkamp?

12 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: Good Morning,  
13 Supervisor, Members of the Town Board:

14 There was a small fire in the basement of  
15 this property on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, um, on September 3,  
16 2019, about a year ago.

17 Um, we received numerous complaints about  
18 this property; vermin, all the utilities are off,  
19 windows are broken due to the fire, debris,  
20 ingress and egress is blocked due to the amount of  
21 hoarding inside of the structure.

22 We did speak to the homeowners prior to the  
23 Meeting and we told them that we would work with  
24 them and allowing them to clean it out and, um,  
25 move forward with it.

1           However, it is my recommendation to the  
2 Board to pass this, um, legislation so that in  
3 case the homeowner cannot complete the work, we  
4 can go forward.

5           COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Do you understand that,  
6 sir?

7           ARTHUR SCHNITTGER: Yes.

8           SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: We might pass it but we  
9 want to see if you can work on it and resolve the  
10 issue.

11          ARTHUR SCHNITTGER: Thank you, sir.

12          SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you very  
13 much.

14          I know I have another slip on this matter.

15          I will look for the name, Carl Tringone.  
16 Mr. Tringone, when they are finished done wiping  
17 it down, if you can go over there to the back  
18 podium, if you would be kind enough to give your  
19 name and address for the record.

20          Right there in the back.

21          CARL TRINGONE: Good Morning.

22          SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Good Morning, name and  
23 address for the record.

24          CARL TRINGONE: Carl Tringone. 179 Albany  
25 Avenue, Lindenhurst, New York 11757/

1 Um, on behalf of Randy, my son's Cutting-  
2 Edge Printing and Finishing Carpentry Company, his  
3 dba, he is expediting work so what I did, I wrote  
4 up a proposal, work that needs to be done on this <sup>Page | 11</sup>  
5 home so he would be able to move back in.

6 I had previous experience with this type of  
7 situation, so, through the church we had  
8 volunteers to help him out and we are going to try  
9 to get him back in this home, so, we just need  
10 time.

11 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Maybe after the  
12 meeting, you will take a couple of moments, we  
13 have a room in the back, you know, with safety  
14 measures in affect and talk to Mr. Rottkamp or  
15 other Members of the Building Department about the  
16 proposal and we appreciate that.

17 Okay, thank you very much.

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: If they can't get it  
19 done, we should pass this in case you can't get it  
20 done, then, we will go ahead and do it.

21 CARL TRINGONE: Yes, I do understand. We  
22 will make sure that doesn't happen.

23 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I hope you can.

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Does any Member of the  
25 audience that is here, today, wish to be heard

1 on this matter?

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

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Moderator, give us <sup>Page | 12</sup>  
5 the status on the webinar, has any resident  
6 clicked the "raise your hand" if they want to be  
7 heard on it?

8 ATTORNEY REGINA: Supervisor, no  
9 participants has clicked "raise your hand" on this  
10 Public Hearing.

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

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

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

17 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion to close  
18 the Hearing and vote on the item.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Is that a Motion to  
20 adopt?

21 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: And adopt it, I am  
22 sorry.

23 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk?

25 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

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SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

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CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

CLERK MURRAY: Petition of Commissioner of  
Buildings to demolish & remove the one-story wood  
frame one-family dwelling with two detached  
garages & remove all litter & debris from property  
- West Hempstead (1 Cayuga Road) West side of  
Cayuga Road, 480 Feet North of Champlain Drive -  
Department of Buildings.

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Is there anyone, here,  
at the Town Board present that wishes to be heard  
on this item?

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

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, if you are  
4 participating in Go-to-Webinar, now, is the time Page | 14  
5 to click, "raise your hand" button.

6 ATTORNEY REGINA: Supervisor, one  
7 participant has clicked "raise your hand," Ray Ann  
8 Havasy, please go ahead and give your comments.

9 RAY ANN HAVASY: Good Morning.

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Hold on for one second,  
11 I don't think we can hear you very clearly.

12 Is there a chance you can speak into your  
13 mic a little bit louder so we all hear you clear.

14 RAY ANN HAVASY: Is this any better?

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Try it, again, we can  
16 barely hear you.

17 We think the volume issue is on your end of  
18 it.

19 RAY ANN HAVASY: My volume is up.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Name and address for  
21 the record, please.

22 RAY ANN HAVASY: So, I am not speaking in  
23 opposition of demolishing this at all, I am  
24 speaking about an issue that is kind of tangential  
25 and that is living at that facility and me taking

1 care of eighteen (18) cats.

2 Um, I am spending between seven hundred and  
3 a thousand dollars a month.

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Ma'am, are you speaking <sup>Page | 15</sup>  
5 on the Building Department application, because  
6 that is the only focus we have right, now.

7 RAY ANN HAVASY: Oh, I am speaking on a  
8 tangential issue.

9 You know what, I will get in touch with my  
10 Council person and do it that way.

11 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you very  
12 much.

13 You have a great day.

14 Is there anybody else in Go-to-Webinar with  
15 their hand raised?

16 ATTORNEY REGINA: Supervisor, no other  
17 participants has their hand raised on this Public  
18 Hearing.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Outstanding job, Mr.  
20 Moderator.

21 Any Board Member wish to be heard on this  
22 matter?

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

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a

1 Motion.

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the  
3 Public Hearing be closed and the item be adopted.

4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

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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 "Regulations and Restrictions" to limit parking in  
23 NORTH VALLEY STREAM, OCEANSIDE, WEST HEMPSTEAD (To  
24 amend Chapter 202 of the Code of the Town of  
25 Hempstead)



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1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, I do not see any  
2 slips but does anybody, here, present at Town Hall  
3 wish to be heard on this matter?

4 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After, <sup>Page | 17</sup>  
5 the following ensued.)

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Moderator, get  
7 ready, we will tell people on the Go-to-Webinar  
8 to, now, "Raise their hand" with the button.

9 And, I am going to ask you to identify if  
10 anybody has "raised their hand."

11 ATTORNEY REGINA: Supervisor, no  
12 participants have clicked "raise your hand," on  
13 this Public Hearing.

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Moving along, here,  
15 does any Member of the Board wish to be heard on  
16 this matter?

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

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

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the  
22 Public Hearing be closed and the Local Law  
23 adopted.

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

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SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

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CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law Re:  
"Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in Franklin  
Square, Merrick, North Valley Stream, Oceanside,  
Uniondale, West Hempstead (To amend Section 202-1  
of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I do not have any slips  
on this matter, does anybody, here, at Town Hall  
wish to be heard on this matter?

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

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, at this time, if  
2 you are on Go-to-Webinar, please, click the "raise  
3 your hand" button and Mr. Moderator, do you see  
4 any hands raised on this?

5 ATTORNEY REGINA: Supervisor, no  
6 participants clicked "raise your hand" on this  
7 Public Hearing.

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

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

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

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

17 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

20 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

22 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

23 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

24 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

25 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

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CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law Re:  
"Arterial Stops in Franklin Square, Levittown,  
Oceanside, Seaford and Woodmere.

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I do not have any slips  
on this, does any Member of the Public wish to be  
heard on this item?

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

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, now, is your  
chance if you are on Go-to-Webinar to click the  
"raise your hand" icon and I will ask our  
Moderator if anybody has clicked that?

ATTORNEY REGINA: Supervisor, no  
participant has clicked "raise your hand" on this  
Public Hearing.

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

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

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a  
4 Motion.

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

8 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: 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.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law Re:

1 "Bus Stops" in MERRICK (To amend Section 202-52 of  
2 the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I have a couple of  
4 people that wish to be heard on this.

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5 I will start with Diane Madden.

6 Name and address for the record, please.

7 DIANE MADDEN: Actually - - Diane Madden.  
8 I had a question, real quickly, the lady with  
9 the eighteen cats that just came in - -

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: We are dealing with the  
11 motion regarding the bus stops.

12 DIANE MADDEN: First of all, I didn't sign  
13 in for the bust stop issue - -

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, it was listed  
15 incorrectly, I appreciate it.

16 DIANE MADDEN: I would like to know who the  
17 Council people are for that issue.

18 There was a woman that called in here, she  
19 is probably desperate at this point.

20 Could you tell me who the Council person is  
21 for the woman that just called in?

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Ms. Madden, are you  
23 speaking about the bus stop issue or not?

24 DIANE MADDEN: Not at this time, but, I  
25 appreciate if you would answer my question.

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1 SUPERVIOR CLAVIN: Later on we will bring  
2 you up, later on when we you can talk about the  
3 subject and you can bring up it up later. Thank  
4 you very much. Page | 23

5 It is always a pleasure.

6 DIANE MADDEN: Same here.

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Does anybody else wish  
8 to talk about this Hearing?

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

11 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, if not, I will go  
12 to the Go-to-Webinar. Now is your chance to  
13 click that button.

14 ATTORNEY REGINA: Supervisor, we have a  
15 participant.

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Who do we have?

17 ATTORNEY REGINA: Ms. Lampe, you are  
18 unmuted. You are, now live, make your comments.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Can you state your name  
20 and address for the record.

21 VALERIE LAMPE: Can you hear me?

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Yes.

23 VALERIE LAMPE: Valerie Lampe. Massapequa  
24 and St. Augustine, Florida - -

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: And, what?

1 VALERIE LAMPE: And, St. Augustine,  
2 Florida.

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay.

4 VALERIE LAMPE: Good Morning.

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Good Morning.

6 VALERIE LAMPE: I just wanted to say it is  
7 Rockville Centre, Diane Madden and that is  
8 Councilman D'Esposito, I believe.

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Do you have any  
10 comments regarding this issue before the Town  
11 Board on the bus stops, for the bus stops?

12 VALERIE LAMPE: Nope that is it.

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you, have a  
14 great day.

15 VALERIE LAMPE: You too.

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Moderator, are  
17 there any hands in relation to the actual  
18 subject, here, which is the bus stops?

19 ATTORNEY REGINA: Supervisor, no other  
20 participants clicked "raise your hand" on this  
21 Public Hearing.

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, great. Does any  
23 Board Member wish to be heard on this?

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



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1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a  
2 Motion.

3 COUNCILMAN CARINI: I move the item be  
4 adopted.

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5 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

6 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

8 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

11 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

12 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

15 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

17 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

19 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,  
21 call the next Public Hearing.

22 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed "Handicapped  
23 Parking on Public Streets" in BELLMORE, ELMONT,  
24 NORTH VALLEY STREAM, OCEANSIDE, UNIONDALE (First  
25 Place, Randall Avenue, Litchfield Avenue, Louis

1 Avenue, Milford Lane, Westminster Road, Cooper  
2 Court)

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Does any Member of the  
4 Public wish to be heard on this time? Page | 26

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

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, if you are at  
8 home watching on Go-to-Webinar, now is your  
9 chance to click that icon and "raise your hand"  
10 and I will ask our Moderator to let us know if  
11 anybody has done that?

12 ATTORNEY REGINA: Supervisor, no  
13 participant has clicked the "raise your hand" on  
14 this Public Hearing.

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, great.

16 Does any Member of the Board wish to be  
17 heard on this?

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

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

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the  
23 Public Hearing be closed and the Local Law be  
24 adopted.

25 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

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CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

CLERK MURRAY: We have a proposed amendment  
of Section 433 of Chapter XLIII of the Building  
Zone Ordinance of the Town of Hempstead in  
relation to the inclusion of certain parcels  
into the "Neighborhood Business Overlay  
District" in near LAWRENCE - TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD.

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I have one slip on this  
matter, if you give your name and address, for  
the record.

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1 ROY MESEROLE: Good Morning, Supervisor.

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Good Morning.

3 ROY MESEROLE: Members of the Town Board:

4 my name is Roy Meserole. I live at 216

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5 Elizabeth Street, Inwood.

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: It is your floor, sir,

7 you like to be heard on this?

8 ROY MESEROLE: I am here this morning as a

9 representative of the Inwood Civic Association,

10 probably my 60<sup>th</sup> year coming, here.

11 And, um, we are appreciative of all that

12 the Town Government does.

13 We are in the far corner, southwest corner

14 of the Township, so, we appreciate you're

15 keeping an eye on things there.

16 And, I know you depend on us to bring

17 things to your attention, so, this item, the

18 Neighborhood Business Overlay District, I know

19 Councilman Blakeman is very interested in this

20 particular project and it concerns land around

21 two railroads.

22 Inwood, actually has two railroad stations,

23 Inwood and the Village of Lawrence, right there

24 and there are plans to improve.

25 So, I have not been well, so, I haven't

1 | been able to do the research on this.

2 | We trust whatever happens as a result of  
3 | this particular proposal.

4 | I believe it is - - let me just think about <sup>Page | 29</sup>  
5 | it for a minute, Rockaway Turnpike - -

6 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Do you want me to  
7 | explain that to you?

8 | ROY MESEROLE: If you would.

9 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Thank you for all  
10 | your help in the community for all the years  
11 | that you have served.

12 | You're one outstanding Community Leaders  
13 | and we really appreciate it and we appreciate  
14 | you coming down here.

15 | And, we are happy to see you in good health  
16 | to be able to come down here, so, thank you.

17 | First of all - -

18 | ROY MESEROLE: I appreciate it.

19 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: When we did the  
20 | transportation-oriented district in Inwood and  
21 | North Lawrence, we realized that there would  
22 | have to be modifications made.

23 | Based on community input, one of the things  
24 | that is not on the calendar today that might be  
25 | on the calendar in the future is we have been

1 approached by people who live around Dougherty  
2 Boulevard, who have indicated that they would  
3 like to opt out of the transportation-oriented  
4 district because all of the buildings on Page | 30  
5 Dougherty Boulevard in that area are all, um,  
6 occupied.

7 They are thriving. They are good-looking  
8 buildings, some of them are historic buildings  
9 and the thought was that they would like to  
10 leave it the way it is, so, that is something  
11 that we are concerned removing from the  
12 transportation-oriented district in the future,  
13 but, this came about because there is some  
14 blighted, um, properties along Rockaway Turnpike  
15 and Mott, um, particularly on the North side of  
16 Mott and the intersection of Rockaway.

17 One is a gas station that has been vacant  
18 for many, many years, some of the property  
19 owners in the community have asked whether that  
20 could be part of the transportation-oriented  
21 district because it is, approximately, two  
22 blocks from the railroad.

23 It is, I believe, equal distance between  
24 the Village of Cedarhurst station and the  
25 Lawrence Railroad Station, so, we said that we

1 would consider that.

2 So, today, we are considering that.

3 In the very near future, we will consider  
4 reducing the transportation-oriented district Page | 31  
5 along, you know, Dougherty Boulevard, so, if you  
6 had any comments on either one of those, we  
7 would appreciate hearing from you.

8 ROY MESEROLE: I have no particular - - I  
9 trust - - Inwood is a hotbed but part of the  
10 fabulous Five Towns, Inwood has a particular  
11 role it seems to pay with gardening services and  
12 things like that, so, it is possible it can get  
13 out of control, so, we are happy what you are  
14 doing to try to keep it under control the land  
15 use.

16 There is only so much land and we have to  
17 control the use of it.

18 So, I appreciate all that is being done on  
19 behalf of our association.

20 We appreciate all your efforts and all the  
21 members of the Town because I know you are all  
22 part of it.

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Thank you very much  
24 for coming in today.

25 ROY MESEROLE: Thank you. Thank you for

1 that bit of information, today.

2 Sorry to delay the Hearing.

3 I am involved in the next one, too. Should

4 I go ahead with that?

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: We will call the next  
6 one and bring you right back up.

7 It is good to see you today. Thank you.

8 The next person put in, that wanted to be  
9 heard on this is Frank Meserole. Mr. Meserole,  
10 if you could wait a second, they are going to  
11 wipe down there if you like to be heard on this.

12 Anybody else that wish to be heard on this  
13 matter?

14 If not, I am going to, now, ask is there  
15 anybody on the Go-to-Webinar to click the  
16 "raise your hand," icon right, now and I ask the  
17 Moderator if anybody has clicked that icon?

18 ATTORNEY REGINA: Supervisor, no  
19 participant has clicked "raise your hand" on  
20 this Public Hearing.

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Does any Board Member  
22 wish to be heard on this matter?

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

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a



1 Motion.

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, I move that the  
3 Public Haring be closed and the amendment be  
4 adopted.

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5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second.

6 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

8 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

11 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

12 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

15 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

17 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

19 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

22 CLERK MURRAY: Application of JANTA LAND  
23 GROUP, LLC. to operate a gasoline service  
24 station and convenience store as well as area,  
25 sign and parking variance relief from the

1 Gasoline Service Station District - Inwood -  
2 southeast corner of Sheridan Blvd. & Bayview  
3 Avenue.

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Of course, I ask if Page | 34  
5 there is anybody, here, at Town Hall that wished  
6 to be heard?

7 I know we already have contestant Number 1,  
8 here, welcome back.

9 You can be heard on the item, please.

10 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Supervisor, is there  
11 going to be a presentation on this, maybe it  
12 would be better if Mr. Meserole heard the  
13 presentation, first and can comment on it.

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Meserole, make  
15 yourself comfortable right there, a seat back  
16 there.

17 Let them make their presentation and we  
18 will have you heard on this, okay.

19 ROY MESEROLE: No problem.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Is the applicant, here?

21 If the applicants would come up to the  
22 podium to start their presentation.

23 Thank you and please, identify yourself  
24 with your name and address for the record.

25 ATTORNEY ALTMAN: For the Applicant,

1 David Altman from the Law Offices of Brown &  
2 Altman, LLC. 538 Broadhollow Road, Suite 301-W,  
3 Melville, New York.

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4 Good to see everybody and good to see  
5 everything is healthy and thank you for the  
6 opportunity of allowing us to present on behalf  
7 of JANTA.

8 This particular application - - just a few  
9 housekeeping matters, if I might, Mr.  
10 Supervisor, so I can get rid of some of these  
11 papers which would be the mound of certified  
12 mail and receipts, green cards that came back.

13 I would like to submit that for the record.

14 For the record, we recognize the apartment  
15 complex that we had to, um, our immediate East  
16 of the subject site.

17 We actually are able to obtain the unit  
18 numbers for that and mailings were done to all  
19 of those particular apartment units.

20 So, I think the certified mail encompassed  
21 roughly two hundred-plus people.

22 So, we tried to cover as much of the area  
23 as we feasible could.

24 Um, in addition to submitting the certified  
25 mail and receipt green cards, Mr. Supervisor,

1 I have a series of exhibits which are denoted in  
2 my cover letter dated September 22<sup>nd</sup>, included in  
3 that is a real estate report prepared by Breslin  
4 Appraisal Company dated September 15<sup>th</sup>.

5 And, just summarizing the appraisal report,  
6 the conclusion is no adverse impact to property  
7 values and the character of the community.

8 And, also, we have with us, I am submitting  
9 it for the record, a traffic and parking study  
10 prepared by Stonefield Engineering dated  
11 September, 2020, again, finding no adverse  
12 impact to traffic patterns or roadway capacity.

13 The parking is sufficient for the  
14 particular use.

15 I would like to submit this package into  
16 the record, as well.

17 Thank you very.

18 So, I will be brief, Mr. Supervisor, the  
19 property which is 50 Sheridan Boulevard, Inwood  
20 is known as by the Nassau County Tax Map Number  
21 40-057, Lot 198 which is currently zoned URDHC  
22 and I will note for the record, under the Town  
23 Code that gasoline filling stations are  
24 permitted use subject to Town Board approval and  
25 of course, the GSS Overlay regulations of this

1 Town.

2 The property is, approximately, fourteen  
3 thousand four hundred and nine square feet.

4 It is a mid-block site situated on the East <sup>Page | 37</sup>  
5 side of Sheridan Boulevard.

6 The existing improvements which are there  
7 today and we acknowledge are in a poor state of  
8 repair at best are all going to be removed.

9 This is a complete raze and remove.

10 In fact, with me, today, is Chris Tartaglia  
11 from High Point Engineering, the Civil Engineers  
12 that prepared the plans that are in front of you  
13 for consideration.

14 Um, and I will note that his office has  
15 already filed with the Town Building Department  
16 a demolition permit.

17 The building will be probably forty-seven  
18 percent of the square footage of the existing  
19 building.

20 The actual building square footage will be  
21 reduced by fifty-three percent.

22 There will be a small ten by ten chain-link  
23 trash enclosure at the northeast corner.

24 There will be an overhead pump island  
25 canopy measuring 30 by 74 or approximately,

1 Twenty-two hundred square feet.

2 The Applicant also proposed six multi-  
3 product fuel dispensers, three rows of two  
4 parallel to Sheridan Boulevard.

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5 And, I will note, for the record, that the  
6 dispensers closest to Sheridan, what will be a  
7 three in one dispensers which will allow for  
8 small pick-up trucks and things of that nature,  
9 fuel with diesel.

10 The existing curb cuts on the site will be  
11 closed and we will be putting in two curb cuts  
12 as opposed to three that exist today; right in,  
13 right out.

14 There will be two, fifteen-thousand-gallon  
15 underground storage tanks.

16 In addition, the proposed ground sign,  
17 which does require variance relief, we have and  
18 is part of the overall relief sought by this  
19 Honorable Board, today, will be situated at the  
20 southwest corner.

21 We are also putting a twenty-five-foot  
22 flagpole on the northwest corner approximate to  
23 the western side of the proposed convenience  
24 store building.

25 I will note, again, for the record, the

1 Character of the area is mixed but along Inwood,  
2 along Sheridan, rather in this particular area  
3 is commercial and in certain instances, heavy  
4 commercial with the exception of the apartment <sup>Page | 39</sup>  
5 complex to our immediate East and as to that  
6 particular apartment complex, I will note that  
7 the parking - - on of the parking lots that  
8 services that apartment complex actually serves  
9 as a buffer in between the apartment units and  
10 the East lot line of the subject premises.

11 To the South of us, we have a parking lot  
12 used for a machine facility and as you go  
13 further South you actually have the Sunoco  
14 Service Station which is about three hundred  
15 feet to the South, as well, a fairly significant  
16 U-Haul, self-storage facility.

17 To the West, of course, we have Sheridan  
18 Boulevard.

19 And, then, we have Inwood terminal and the  
20 National Grid facilities.

21 To the North, we have, in keeping with the  
22 character of the area, an automotive repair  
23 facility and, approximately, three hundred feet  
24 on the North of us another on the West side of  
25 Sheridan, there is Exxon Mobile.

1 This particular facility that JANTA  
2 proposed to build will be a Bolla Franchise. I  
3 know many members of this Board are quite  
4 familiar with the Bolla brand.

5 We have done many applications with this  
6 Town over the years.

7 And, just to reiterate, Bolla is the top of  
8 the line and has become recognized both  
9 regionally and nationally as one of the top of  
10 the line gasoline and convenience store  
11 operators in this Country.

12 Bolla and JANTA, for that matter, are  
13 prepared and would like to bring that level of  
14 that high-quality service, architecture and  
15 community involvement to this part of the Town  
16 of Hempstead.

17 And, we hope that the Inwood community  
18 would welcome us.

19 Ground signage is part of this relief but  
20 just to note that the ground sign, which, again,  
21 is at the southwest corner and is as proposed is  
22 consistent with other ground signage approved by  
23 this Honorable Board on other Bolla applications  
24 will be, approximately, twenty-one feet in  
25 height and about ninety-five square feet in



1 area.

2 It will have Shell brand of gas and  
3 apologize for any inconvenience or confusion  
4 that may have been caused.

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5 I know this application was submitted as  
6 Sunoco. It will be branded as a Shell and, um,  
7 the relief that is requested by JANTA and Bolla  
8 as part of this application is consistent with  
9 what is submitted in that regard.

10 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Counselor - -

11 ATTORNEY ALTMAN: Yes, Mr. Blakeman.

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Let me ask you, I am  
13 looking through all the documents, I don't see a  
14 landscape plan.

15 Usually we see a landscape plan submitted.

16 Have you submitted one. Is there something  
17 that - -

18 ATTORNEY ALTMAN: A landscape plan was, in  
19 fact, submitted, Councilman Blakeman.

20 Chris, do you happen to have a copy of  
21 that, that we can share?

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Typically, there is  
23 some kind of rendering when there is a new, um,  
24 proposal to remove the existing building and  
25 install a new one, is there a rendering what

1 this might look like including the signage?

2 ATTORNEY ALTMAN: The answer to that is,  
3 yes, it has been provided.

4 I will request Chris Tartaglia to step up, <sup>Page | 42</sup>  
5 if you don't mind.

6 Go ahead, Chris.

7 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Thank you, David.

8 Good Morning, Mr. Supervisor, Members of  
9 the Board:

10 For the record, my name is Chris Tartaglia  
11 owner of the firm High Point Engineering located  
12 at 521 Conklin Street, Farmingdale, New York.

13 Mr. Blakeman, yes, um, with the COVID and  
14 the modifications or the constraints that we  
15 have had, now, with the Hearing Room, here,  
16 typically we have an electronic display up on  
17 these boards and I do actually have a thumb  
18 drive but I don't want to slow things down.

19 I do have an old fashion method, though, if  
20 anybody would want them.

21 I have colored renderings of the site, the  
22 landscaping and the building, here with me.

23 I could simply hand those up.

24 I have ten copies. I will give one to the  
25 gentleman behind me from the Civic Association

1 and I have nine to give out, if that is okay.

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I think I have a  
3 partial landscape plan, here.

4 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Yes, Mr. Blakeman, <sup>Page | 43</sup>  
5 is Sheet SP-3 in our package, it

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Okay, yeah, okay,  
7 could you show that to Mr. Meserole since we  
8 can't put it on the screen.

9 Could you show it to him?

10 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Yes, sir, I have given  
11 Mr. Meserole a copy.

12 So, while the folks are reviewing that, um,  
13 in terms of landscaping, so, as Mr. Altman  
14 indicated, we have a little under fifteen  
15 thousand square feet of land rea to work with  
16 here.

17 So, on the smaller side of the gas stations  
18 and we certainly scaled down the development in  
19 accordance with that, however, as has become the  
20 trademark of Bolla, um, and their site  
21 developments, every possible portion of the  
22 site, which is not utilized for a building or  
23 another structure on the site, such as a pump  
24 island or traffic circulation area will be  
25 landscaped in total.

1 We have about twenty-five hundred square  
2 feet of landscaping on what is a relatively  
3 small parcel, so, a relatively small percentage  
4 of the site will be landscaped.

5 Um, the bulk of the landscaping is going to  
6 be done at the front lot line along Sheridan.

7 Quite frankly, that is where it has the  
8 most impact to passersby.

9 Along the rear of the building to the East  
10 side, we also have a very significant sized  
11 area.

12 It is about a forty by forty-five  
13 landscaped area that is surrounding the trash  
14 enclosure and then along that rear line, as Mr.  
15 Altman had mentioned where we border the parking  
16 lot for the adjoining apartment building, we are  
17 erecting the six foot high PVC fence, that will  
18 provide a light and sound buffer to those  
19 neighbors.

20 And, I am certainly available for any other  
21 questions and we will stand here and answer them  
22 or come up later, whatever.

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: So, is this a done  
24 deal with Bolla or are you still discussing it  
25 with the other operators?

1 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: No, sir, this is  
2 absolutely a Bolla market.

3 The deal is signed.

4 Once permits are issued, construction will  
5 commence. Page | 45

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: They will oversee the  
7 landscaping.

8 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Yeah, actually Bolla  
9 is going to not only franchise this site, they  
10 are going to construct it one hundred percent.

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Okay, we are familiar  
12 with their landscaping.

13 I can't speak for the other Members of the  
14 Board, they typically do a very good job, so - -

15 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Thank you, Mr.  
16 Blakeman.

17 Honestly, I don't believe there is any peer  
18 in their industry with regard to what they do  
19 with their site upkeep landscape.

20 They are absolutely number 1 in industry.

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I have to agree  
22 with that. I agree with Bolla.

23 They are excellent.

24 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Thank you.

25 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: One quick question, if

1 I can, the northwest section, there is an item  
2 marked, "flag" that is a United States Flag?

3 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Absolutely, twenty-  
4 five-foot flagpole, sir.

5 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Thank you.

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Anything you want to  
7 add to the presentation before we take public  
8 comment?

9 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: No, thank you.

10 I am here to answer any questions. I think  
11 Mr. Altman may have.

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Let him wipe it down,  
13 first.

14 ATTORNEY ALTMAN: Mr. Supervisor, before I  
15 conclude and turn it over to the public, I just  
16 want to note for the record and hopefully, they  
17 are on the Zoom call, we had John Breslin from  
18 Breslin Appraisers and Drew Volarie from  
19 Stonefield Engineering, who is a license  
20 engineer.

21 We asked them to be available for the Zoom  
22 call, if the Board should have any questions as  
23 it relates, again, to their areas of expertise  
24 in this application, hopefully they are on the  
25 Zoom call.

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1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Just to clarify, Mr.  
2 Moderator, do you want to identify if anybody is  
3 available?

4 ATTORNEY REGINA: Yes, sir, Mr. Supervisor, <sup>Page | 47</sup>  
5 Andy Volarie is a participant on Go-to-Webinar.

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.

7 Before we go to Public Comment, we will  
8 wipe it down, again, thank you very much.

9 Now, we have one or two slips. We have our  
10 first speaker coming in.

11 State your name and address for the record.

12 ROY MESEROLE: Frank Roy Meserole, I go by  
13 my middle name.

14 216 Elizabeth Street, Inwood, representing  
15 Inwood Civic Association.

16 We, once again, we welcome as much activity  
17 in the Inwood area as we can.

18 Everybody has to make a living and we are  
19 happy that the result, I didn't catch it, I was  
20 sitting back there, the Town, did you ask people  
21 to respond and you gave them the cards.

22 How much - - I am sure it is favorable.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: You mailed over two  
24 hundred mailings sent out for this, is that  
25 accurate?

1 ATTORNEY ALTMAN: Yes.

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: For the record, over  
3 two hundred certified mailings all over, okay.

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Meserole, are you <sup>Page | 48</sup>  
5 familiar with the site, the existing site?

6 ROY MESEROLE: I am familiar with it. It  
7 use to be a Shell station.

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Do you want to show  
9 Mr. Meserole the current condition of the site.

10 ROY MESEROLE: I know it is bad. I looked  
11 at it this morning. I don't have to see it.

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Okay.

13 ROY MESEROLE: It is my practice to check  
14 it the morning of the Hearings to go out there.

15 Yeah, it is a little on the ugly side,  
16 yeah, so, that will be - - it is not coming up  
17 to Bayview Avenue.

18 It is not a corner station. No, there is a  
19 street there. I didn't know whether you are  
20 involved with that, Kelly Street, are you  
21 familiar with that at all, Kelly?

22 I don't know whether it is on your map or  
23 not.

24 I don't know exactly. It seems like it  
25 could be bordering the property on the South



1 side, could be a bordering street, but, it is  
2 completely - - it is a public street, but, it  
3 must be - - it is a dead end, goes in off  
4 Sheridan Boulevard up against the housing that <sup>Page | 49</sup>  
5 is there.

6 There must be ten cars side by side. It  
7 fills up the whole street, just abandoned.

8 I have to assume the Town Government - -  
9 it might have been into other hands. I am not  
10 aware of it, maybe - -

11 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: What I will do since  
12 you are bringing that up, I will ask them to go  
13 down there. If we have to call even the Nassau  
14 County Police Department, we will do that, as  
15 well as following up and ask our Building  
16 Department to follow-up on that.

17 John? Okay, thank you.

18 ROY MESEROLE: Whatever it is, it should be  
19 taken care of.

20 It might not be part of this application,  
21 but, the Town Government should research it and  
22 correct whatever has to be done there.

23 It shouldn't be utilized as it is being  
24 used.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Yep.

1 ROY MESEROLE: Sheridan Boulevard is  
2 extremely - - heavily four-lane highway, very  
3 heavy traffic coming out of Far Rockaway,  
4 Queens, people coming up to the Nassau Page | 50  
5 Expressway making it a very busy highway.

6 So, I don't want to delay the Hearing, but,  
7 it just seems like - - is there electric gas at  
8 this station?

9 Do you provide electric? Is that required  
10 for electrical cars that they are developing?

11 ATTORNEY ALTMAN: No.

12 ROY MESEROLE: No, okay, maybe you should  
13 consider doing that so , okay and the last thing  
14 I will say, the Town of Hempstead, I can't  
15 remember the details strictly but years ago,  
16 these applications use to go before the Board of  
17 Zoning Appeals and then the Town Board over such  
18 controversy and as the Town and County grew  
19 eastward, there were all kinds of application  
20 for service stations all over the place and the  
21 Town Board took over this activity approving gas  
22 stations - -

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

25 ROY MESEROLE: - - Because they can

1 collect cars and it becomes a real busy scene, so,  
2 the Town controls that, now.

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you. Frank, we  
4 appreciate you coming in. Page | 51

5 We appreciate the feedback and let the us  
6 know the condition down there.

7 And, I told you, we will follow-up on that  
8 other street issue for you.

9 So, tank you very much. Stay safe. Always  
10 a pleasure.

11 ROY MESEROLE: Thank you.

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Does anybody else in  
13 the public wish to be heard on this matter that  
14 are, here, today?

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

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, if not, this is  
18 the big chance where you can click "raise your  
19 hand" button and get on our web page, Go-to-  
20 Webinar.

21 I will ask our Moderator to give us the  
22 information.

23 ATTORNEY REGINA: Supervisor, one  
24 participants -- excuse me, two participants  
25 have clicked "raise your hand."

1 First is Gary Ain. Gary, you can go ahead  
2 and make your comments.

3 Gary you are muted on your end, please  
4 unmute on your devise.

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Gary.

6 GARY AIN: Good Morning.

7 So ab out that, this is Gary Ain from  
8 Oyster Bay, New York.

9 Um, I am involved with the ownership of the  
10 building to the northeast of this property. We  
11 are with the Humane Group. (as heard.)

12 I would like to start off by saying we are  
13 not opposed to have a gas station here or any  
14 kind of development in the community.

15 We are in favor of it, but, there are two  
16 serious issues here that I would like to bring  
17 to the Board's attention that are grave concern.

18 The first one is placement of the Bolla  
19 building, um, it is going to be too close to the  
20 line of sight to our adjoining property.

21 Um, our adjoining property is a parking  
22 apron, um, which the only way you can get in and  
23 out of the property is, basically, by backing  
24 out onto Sheridan Boulevard.

25 This is a very busy thoroughfare as

1 previously mentioned, cars seem to go way above  
2 the speed limit in this area and their high  
3 congestion of traffic and based on the placement  
4 of the building being - - especially being  
5 almost all the way onto the sidewalk, um, people  
6 are not going to be able to see cars backing out  
7 of our property 72 Sheridan Boulevard.

8 And, I just think this is a huge accident  
9 waiting to happen, very dangerous situation with  
10 the line of sight being blocked over there.

11 Um, as I said, you can only back out of our  
12 property and nobody is - - people backing out  
13 are not going to see oncoming traffic and  
14 oncoming traffic is not going to be able to see  
15 anybody backing out of the property.

16 So, that is my Number 1 concern.

17 Um, Number 2 concern is the parking  
18 situation.

19 I know they are going for a parking  
20 variance. I don't think there is enough parking  
21 here for this site or for the size of the  
22 building.

23 There is very limited parking other than on  
24 site for this site.

25 Um, there are just a few spots down in the

1 street.

2 Um, I am familiar with Bolla. They drive a  
3 lot of traffic.

4 The combination of people that are getting <sup>Page | 54</sup>  
5 gas and they will pull up to the convenience  
6 store, as well as people coming in from the  
7 street to go to the convenience store, you know,  
8 six regular spots, I don't think is going to cut  
9 it for the size of the building is not helping.

10 Um, and I am concerned that people have to  
11 enter from the other side of the property, so,  
12 if they are going to go to the convenience  
13 store, they have to enter from the South side, I  
14 am worried people are going to pull up onto the  
15 sidewalk in front of the Bolla by Sheridan  
16 Boulevard to go into the Bolla Market.

17 I am also concerned about people coming  
18 onto our property or blocking our property or  
19 blocking our egress and ingress, um, to run into  
20 Bolla Market to use the bathroom, get  
21 cigarettes, a cup of coffee, whatever it maybe.

22 Um, and also it will substantially take  
23 away the little bit of parking that exists in  
24 the area over there.

25 (Whereupon, the three-minute bell rang.

1 After, the following ensued.)

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Sir, this is  
3 Councilman Blakeman, could you identify, I  
4 didn't hear where is the location of your  
5 property?

6 GARY AIN: It is northeast of the Bolla - -  
7 northeast of the site, 72 Sheridan Boulevard.  
8 It is denoted on the site plan, here.

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: So, it is northeast,  
10 about how is it from the Bolla Market?

11 GARY AIN: It is touching the Bolla Market.

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Touching, okay.

13 So, you have the engineer for the applicant  
14 available, could you ask the engineer is it  
15 possible to move the building a little bit to  
16 improve the sight line?

17 GARY AIN: Are you asking me if I asked the  
18 engineer?

19 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: I am sorry - - good  
20 afternoon, Gary, I am sorry, I didn't catch your  
21 last name.

22 Can you hear me?

23 GARY AIN: Yeh, A-I-N.

24 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: My name is Chris  
25 Tartaglia.

1 I don't know if you hear my introduction  
2 earlier, I am the engineer for Bolla.

3 Thank you for your comments.

4 Just a couple things I like to address that Page | 56  
5 you brought up, I do see that your building is  
6 built very close to the lot line.

7 It is probably set off of the right of way  
8 may be sixteen or eighteen feet.

9 As I look at the aerial photo of the  
10 property, I do see you do have car parked along  
11 the front of your building perpendicular of the  
12 roadway and indeed you do have to back out.

13 I see some other interesting things,  
14 though, as I look and I studied this site, I see  
15 a lot of vehicles parked in front of your  
16 driveway blocking your driveway and I presume  
17 those are also vehicles that are utilized in  
18 conjunction with your business, would that be  
19 the case?

20 GARY AIN: We are landlords and we rent out  
21 the property.

22 It is a rental property, so, I can't really  
23 speak for the tenants that are in the building.

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: What is the property  
25 being used for, now, your property?



1 GARY AIN: I am sorry, it is currently used  
2 as an auto repair.

3 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Auto repair shop,  
4 okay.

5 And, your property, is that the same  
6 setback as the proposed Bolla?

7 GARY AIN: The building is setback much  
8 further in than the Bolla building.

9 I am not exactly sure how many feet it is  
10 but it is substantial.

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Tartaglia, do you  
12 know the answer to that?

13 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Yes, so, as I am  
14 looking at the aerial photo and the survey  
15 evidence, it looks like their building is  
16 setback probably eighteen feet, perhaps and the  
17 proposed Bolla Market is setback a little over  
18 four feet at its closet point.

19 But with that, I would like to mention that  
20 from the curb line we are setback an additional  
21 fourteen feet.

22 So, our actual setback from the curb line  
23 is closer to eighteen feet.

24 With that, also, there is on-street  
25 parking, as I just mentioned, that actually

1 fronts caller's property, as well as, ours.

2 And, one important very, very important  
3 point, I want to mention and I am glad Gray  
4 brought this up, if you notice on our site plan, <sup>Page | 58</sup>  
5 I would presume that currently, today, backing  
6 out of those driveways, as long as the tenants  
7 move their cars that are in front of this auto  
8 shop, the other cars that are marked along that  
9 street, again, they are not in conjunction with  
10 the current use of our property because our  
11 property has been closed for some time.

12 It is not operational.

13 So, I presume that those cars maybe used in  
14 conjunction with Gary's tenant operation.

15 Now, I just would like to inform Gary that  
16 based on DPW commentary, we are mandated to  
17 install "no parking" signs along our entire  
18 property frontage.

19 So, I think with that, um, that might  
20 create a bit of an issue for Gary's tenants.

21 But, I think it will clear up a safety  
22 issue because parked cars will block visibility  
23 of people trying to back out of driveways just  
24 as much as our building would, so, I think we  
25 are actually making the situation significantly

1 better in terms of a safety prospective.

2 As to who owns the cars and why they are  
3 parked on the street, again, I don't now if they  
4 are in affiliation with that building, but, Page | 59  
5 certainly, um, a business that has a lot of  
6 vehicles associated with it and allowing almost  
7 no on-site parking, um, does not really appear  
8 to be a problem that Bolla can or should have to  
9 fix.

10 GARY AIN: I would like to respond to that.

11 Um, first, by saying I wasn't aware that  
12 you were going to have "no parking" um, out in  
13 front of the whole site, um, that is even more  
14 of a problem because that takes away more  
15 parking from the area.

16 There is already very little of street  
17 parking over there.

18 There is no side streets anywhere for  
19 anybody to park, um, in addition having a car  
20 parked in the street is much different than  
21 having a building height, um, you know, a big  
22 building block all the way out by the curb or  
23 close to the street, let's just say, um, that is  
24 completely blocking any and all visibility from  
25 anybody pulling out.

1 It is not like a car, um, where somebody  
2 can see something.

3 Right, now, there is no structure there.

4 There is an opportunity there for somebody  
5 to be able to see somebody backing out. Page | 60

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: So, Mr. Ain, this is  
7 Bruce Blakeman, again, so, basically, do you  
8 know whether your tenant is using Sheridan  
9 Boulevard to park cars that are waiting to be  
10 repaired?

11 Because typically, the Town Board frowns on  
12 that, the parking should be for local retail  
13 use.

14 So, do you know what the situation is there?

15 GARY AIN: Customers pulling up over there,  
16 it may not even belong to that site.

17 I don't know whose cars those are, to be  
18 honest with you.

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yeah, so, basically,  
20 you know, it appears to me that in this  
21 particular area, that basically there is not a  
22 lot of retail, um, adjacent to either one of the  
23 properties, your property or the proposed  
24 application.

25 So, I don't know why there would be a lot

1 of cars parked on the street there, unless, they  
2 were cars that were being utilized by your  
3 company waiting for repair, which, again, you  
4 know, is not a good use of parking in the  
5 Township.

6 GARY AIN: We have a very small building in  
7 relation to the site.

8 We have a big parking lot in the back and  
9 on the side of the building, it is not just  
10 limited to the front over there, um, there is  
11 also a body shop across the street.

12 I don't know who else is over there.

13 There is another multi-use building right  
14 across the street that has very little, if any,  
15 on-site parking.

16 I can't speak for whose those cars are and  
17 I don't think that is the issue at hand.

18 The issue at hand here is people backing  
19 out of our site and the line of sight being  
20 blocked by the Bolla building.

21 The Bolla building needs to be - - the  
22 front of it needs to be reduced in size by the  
23 street either making the building smaller,  
24 moving it back further or moving it to another  
25 part of the site.

1 (Whereupon, the three-minute bell rang.  
2 After, the following ensued.)

3 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: We will take your  
4 comments into consideration.

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5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you for your  
6 input and comments.

7 Mr. Moderator or Host, do we have anybody  
8 else with their hand raised on Go-to-Webinar?

9 ATTORNEY REGINA: Supervisor, no other  
10 participants have clicked "raise your hand" on  
11 this Public Hearing.

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Great.

13 Does any Member of the Board wish to be  
14 heard on this matter?

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

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

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, I move that the  
20 Public Hearing be closed and that the decision  
21 be reserved.

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second the  
23 Motion.

24 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

1 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

3 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

4 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

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, before we  
14 move onto the Administrative Calendar, I like to  
15 recall Item 30113 in relation to - - and Mr.  
16 Kovit, the Motion should be to reserved decision  
17 on that?

18 Is there a recommendation for that?

19 ATTORNEY KOVIT: You are right, Supervisor,  
20 the referral to the Planning Commission under  
21 General Municipal Law 239 M took place on  
22 September 8<sup>th</sup>, thirty days have not elapsed and,  
23 therefore, it is the prudent move to reserve  
24 decision and to wait the input from the Planning  
25 Commission.

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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor, I  
2 move that we rescind approval of Item Number 30115  
3 that we reserve decision pending communication  
4 from the Planning Commission.

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5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second the  
6 Motion.

7 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

9 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

10 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

11 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

12 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

13 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

14 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

15 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

16 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

19 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

20 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,  
22 call the Administrative Calendar.

23 CLERK MURRAY: I have Items 1 through 32 on  
24 the Administrative Calendar.

25 I also have three Resolutions of an urgent



1 or emergency nature.

2 The first is entitled a Resolution  
3 authorizing the grant of funding to Northwell  
4 Health to be paid from monies received from the  
5 Town through the CARES Act to establish multiple  
6 COVID PCR Diagnostic Testing Sites throughout the  
7 Town of Hempstead.

8 The second emergency Resolution authorizes  
9 the transfer of monies received by the Town of  
10 Hempstead through the CARES Act to fund unbudgeted  
11 necessary expenses incurred directly related to  
12 COVID 19 Pandemic.

13 And, the third emergency Resolution  
14 authorizes an amendment to the 2020 adopted budget  
15 to increase the General Fund estimated revenues  
16 and increase the General Fund appropriation, an  
17 increase to the General Fund undistributed other  
18 expense account and the increase of the CARES Act  
19 assistance revenue account in the Town of  
20 Hempstead General Fund undistributed.

21 These will be Items 33 to 35 on the  
22 Administrative Calendar.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Does any Member of the  
24 Board wish to sever any item?

25 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After,

1 the following ensued.)

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Does any Member of the  
3 Board wish to be heard on any item on the  
4 Administrative Calendar?

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5 But, before so, I do want to address the  
6 hand-up resolution regarding testing.

7 As everyone is well aware, the Town of  
8 Hempstead was able to receive CARES funding due to  
9 Senator Schumer and we have done numerous items to  
10 help the public in general and one of the big  
11 successes recently has been with Northwell where  
12 we teamed up for antibody testing.

13 We have, now, been able to test thousands  
14 of people in the Town of Hempstead which is a  
15 wonderful way to prevent.

16 We do not go backwards in time to where we  
17 were in March and April, but after talking with  
18 Northwell, um, and recently as of last week,  
19 notification that there was a spike in the numbers  
20 that came up, Northwell has, now, been able to  
21 give us a presentation for expanding PCR  
22 diagnostic testing which, basically, comes down to  
23 preventing a second wave.

24 Everyone is going to school and the numbers  
25 have gone up.

1 We do not want to do that, um, I think this  
2 is a commendable program with Northwell.

3 We have done a great job.

4 I am glad we have teamed up to do the right <sup>Page | 67</sup>  
5 thing with this CARES funding with these kind of  
6 programs and I just want to thank Northwell, as  
7 well as the Board Members who are helping to make  
8 sure these testing facilities and these sites  
9 throughout the Town and especially in some of the  
10 hotspots in the Town of Hempstead.

11 I want to thank all of you for that.

12 Anybody else wish to be heard on this, on  
13 the Town Board?

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

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I am, now, going to see  
17 if any Member of the Public wished to be heard.

18 I have a couple of slip in. I will start  
19 with Diane Madden.

20 Do I move the Administrative Calendar?

21 CLERK MURRAY: Why don't you do that.

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I move the  
23 Administrative Calendar, first, before we do that.

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move the  
25 Administrative Calendar 1 through 35.

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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

2 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

4 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

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5 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

6 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

7 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

8 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

11 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

12 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I have a number of  
17 slips and I will start, again, with Diane Madden.

18 Name and address for the record. Thank  
19 you.

20 DIANE MADDEN: Diane Madden, Hempstead, New  
21 York.

22 Um, Item Number 7, with regards to the  
23 contract with Wantagh Animal Hospital, can someone  
24 tell me what this is?

25 What exactly will they provide?

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I know we have our  
2 Commissioner, here, Commissioner Marino.

3 COMMISSIONER MARINO: Thank you,  
4 Supervisor, Board Members, Senior Councilwoman; Page | 69  
5 this is an extension of a one-year extension on a  
6 Town requirements contract for outside  
7 Veterinarian, um, since it is a renewal, it is the  
8 Central Vet in Merrick, New York Vet in  
9 Farmingdale and Wantagh Animal Hospital in  
10 Wantagh.

11 They will do the usual stuff. It is a  
12 requirements contract, whatever the Town needs.

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you.

14 DIANE MADDEN: My question is, "whatever  
15 the Town needs," will these Veterinarians be  
16 conducting any TNR?

17 COMMISSIONER MARINO: They will conduct TNR  
18 as they have in the past, if needed, if an  
19 emergency arises and there is no Vet on site, some  
20 type of situation like that, so, the answer is  
21 possibly yes.

22 DIANE MADDEN: Possibly, yes, because I had  
23 gotten a message from a Board Member of Animal  
24 Lifeline which has been a rescue organization for  
25 many, many, years possibly, at least, two decades.

1 I will read what she wrote, "Animal  
2 Lifeline, the group I am a Board Member of has  
3 shut down for the time being, a direct comparison  
4 of our bills last year compared to this year are <sup>Page | 70</sup>  
5 bluntly horrendous.

6 "We cannot sustain our assistance to the  
7 TNR community. Clavin's terrible decision is  
8 solely responsible for us closing down."

9 So, these contracts that are being renewed,  
10 I urge the Board - - well, first of all, I urge  
11 you to immediately reinstate the on-site program  
12 but at the very least start allowing these Vets -  
13 - some of them are very, very good, particularly  
14 Wantagh, to start conducting, some of these have  
15 this TNR maybe instead of hanging up on that woman  
16 that has the issue with eighteen cats, you can  
17 refer her to one of these Veterinarians to help  
18 immediately.

19 The other item was the changes to, I  
20 believe, some transfers in hiring.

21 My comments have absolutely nothing to do  
22 with Mr. Rottkamp directly.

23 I only have had positive and friendly  
24 exchanges with him over the years but this speaks  
25 to a pattern.

1 I mean for Laura Gillen, it was more of a  
2 target but this Department is not alone in the  
3 sense that the Town Board, the Republican Party  
4 keeps putting in people that do not have the  
5 expertise but the right connections.

6 And, with relation to the Animal Shelter,  
7 it is no different.

8 In fact, Supervisor Clavin, it was your  
9 promise to take the Animal Shelter out of General  
10 Services and also you personally suggested  
11 transferring the Director.

12 I have no idea why he is even here at these  
13 meetings.

14 I can only thing I can say is the furthest  
15 he is away from animals probably better off for  
16 them.

17 But, I urge you, you mentioned that you  
18 were thinking of this transfer from the Building  
19 Department and I urge you to consider your  
20 promises in keeping them with regards to the  
21 Animal Shelter.

22 Thank you.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you. Next we  
24 have Felix Procacci.

25 Name and address for the record.

1 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci, Franklin  
2 Square, New York.

3 First of all, on those additional  
4 Administrative items, I hope the Town Clerk puts Page | 72  
5 them on the website so I don't have to FOIL them.

6 Also, on the transfer of John Rottkamp in  
7 2007, John Rottkamp was selected to be the  
8 Building Commissioner by the Hempstead Town Board  
9 without having the qualifications required by the  
10 Hempstead Town Code violating the law.

11 This fact was brought to the attention of  
12 this Town Board several times over the last few  
13 years, but, this Board took no action.

14 Last year, the Village of Floral Park  
15 selected a licensed architect to be Superintendent  
16 of Buildings.

17 Floral Park, a Village with the population  
18 of less than three percent the size of Hempstead  
19 Town has a more qualified person leading their  
20 Building Department.

21 The recent resignation letter of a Building  
22 Department employee makes public what has been  
23 known to this Board for sometime and that is John  
24 Rottkamp has not done a good job as Hempstead  
25 Building Commissioner.



1 In 2019, during a Hearing to have the audit  
2 of the Building Department operations, many  
3 residents came forward with complaints about the  
4 Building Department and asked for improvements. Page | 73

5 At this point in time, Mr. Rottkamp has  
6 been a Commissioner for over eleven years.

7 I object to the salary increase and  
8 transfer of John Rottkamp to Planning and Economic  
9 Development because he has no experience for that  
10 position.

11 The Town Board should instead select one of  
12 the Deputies to be Commissioner because they have  
13 more experience.

14 John Rottkamp is an electrician.

15 If there is an open position for  
16 electrician, Mr. Rottkamp should be considered for  
17 that job.

18 Thank you.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Great, thank you. I  
20 have another slip, here and that is Joseph Tye.

21 Mr. Tye isn't here. Does any Member of the  
22 Audience wish to be heard on the Administrative  
23 Calendar?

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

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1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, I think we have a  
2 Motion on that, is that correct, Madam Clerk?

3 CLERK MURRAY: We actually did the roll  
4 call.

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5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I make a Motion to  
6 adjourn.

7 CHIEF OF STAFF NOCELLA: The Motion was  
8 made for the Administrative Calendar to be heard.

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay.

10 CHIEF OF STAFF NOCELLA: In an abundance of  
11 caution, I think the procedure should be to adopt.

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Let's have a Motion to  
13 adopt the Administrative Calendar in its entirety.

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move to  
15 adopt the Administrative Calendar in its entirety,  
16 1 through 35.

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

20 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

22 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

23 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

24 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

25 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

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CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

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CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: May I have a Motion to  
adjourn.

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Yes, you have  
a Motion to adjourn.

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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1 (Whereupon, the official meeting of the  
2 Hempstead Town Board held on September 22, 2020  
3 was concluded.)

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5 CERTIFICATE BY COURT REPORTER

6 I, do hereby certify that the foregoing  
7 testimony in the matter of the Special Hempstead  
8 Town Board Meeting held on September 22, 2020,  
9 consisting of pages 1 through 76 inclusive is an  
10 accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

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12 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.



15 *CFM*

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