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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

TOWN BOARD MEETING

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

TOWN HALL PAVILION

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

JANUARY 24, 2023

7:00 P.M.

BEFORE: DONALD CLAVIN, JR.

SUPERVISOR

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APPEARANCES :

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY

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COUNCIL MEMBER CARINI

COUNCIL MEMBER DUNNE, SR. (ABSENT)

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER

COUNCIL MEMBER MUSCARELLA

TOWN CLERK MURRAY

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK POKALSKY

TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE

CHIEF OF STAFF LIBERT

COMPTROLLER MASTROMARINO

RECEIVER OF TAXES DRISCOLL

HEMPSTEAD TOWN BOARD JANUARY 24, 2023

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Good Evening, welcome
2 to the January, 2023 of the Hempstead Town Board
3 Meeting.

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 Carini?

9 COUNCILMAN CARINI: I am here.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

11 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Here.

12 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Here.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Here.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Receiver of Taxes Jeanine
17 Driscoll?

18 RECEIVER OF TAXES DRISCOLL: Here.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I will, now, ask our
20 Town Clerk to lead us in the Pledge of
21 Allegiance.)

22 CLERK MURRAY: I would be pleased to.

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

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1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, would you
2 please, call the first Public Hearing.

3 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law Re:
4 "Regulations and Restrictions" to limit parking in ^{Page | 4}
5 Wantagh (To amend Chapter 202 of the Code of the
6 Town of Hempstead.)

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, any Member of the
8 Board want to be heard on Item Number 1?

9 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
10 the following ensued.)

11 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I don't have any slips,
12 does anybody want to be heard on Item Number 1
13 that did not sign in?

14 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
15 the following ensued.)

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

18 COUNCILMAN CARINI: I move the Public
19 Hearing be closed and the item be adopted.

20 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: I second the
21 Motion.

22 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

24 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

25 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

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1 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

2 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

3 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

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5 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

6 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

9 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law Re:
10 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in Hewlett (To
11 amend Section 202-1 of the Code of the Town of
12 Hempstead.)

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any Member of the Board
14 wish to be heard on this?

15 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
16 the following ensued.)

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, I do not have any
18 slips, does anybody want to be heard on Item
19 Number 2 that didn't sign in?

20 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
21 the following ensued.)

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, may I, please,
23 have a Motion.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move the Public
25 Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the Item.

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1 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Second the
2 Motion.

3 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

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5 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

6 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

7 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

8 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

9 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: 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 Re:
16 "Arterial Stops" in near Rockville Centre - (To
17 amend Section 197-5 of the Code of the Town of
18 Hempstead)

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any Member of the Board
20 wish to be heard?

21 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
22 the following ensued.)

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I do have a slip on
24 this one, I have Christine O'Reilly.

25 How are you doing?

1 If you go to the back mic and give your
2 name and address, thank you.

3 Name and Address?

4 CHRISTINE O'REILLY: Christine O'Reilly, ^{Page | 7}
5 Rockville Centre.

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay.

7 CHRISTINE O'REILLY: So, I have been in
8 contact with, um, multiple people since October of
9 '21 about getting a Stop sign or a Crossing Guard
10 on Tanglewood Road and Lakeview Avenue.

11 On the main road, there is a crosswalk
12 there for the High School kids.

13 It has gotten nowhere.

14 I travel from Rockville Centre to Malverne
15 every day to go to work and nobody lets the kids
16 cross.

17 I almost saw a kid get hit by a school bus
18 once because the school bus couldn't see the
19 crosswalk.

20 Around the crosswalk are multiple autobody
21 shops, so, they park on the sidewalk.

22 They park in the street.

23 The tow trucks are there regularly. Trucks
24 are there.

25 It is just a disaster waiting to happen.

1 So, I saw all of these Stop signs.

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: That is on the West
3 side, the West side of Peninsula?

4 CHRISTINE O'REILLY: Yes.

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay.

6 CHRISTINE O'REILLY: It is like right near
7 Malverne High School, the back end.

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Gotcha, gotcha.

9 CHRISTINE O'REILLY: So, I, um, I saw all
10 of these Stop signs, possibly getting put on
11 Tanglewood Road, but, I didn't notice one on the
12 corner of Lakeview Road.

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Identify yourself.

14 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: Tom Reed
15 representing the Traffic Control Division.

16 Lakeview Avenue is a County Road and the
17 Police Department, um, would have to do the survey
18 to see if the Crossing Guard is warranted.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Obviously, it is a
20 County Road, so, we don't control that but the
21 local Legislator would be - -

22 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Devon Abrahams.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Devon Abrahams. If you
24 like, maybe, we can facilitate your contact
25 information with Devon Abrahams to have him

1 or the County Executive about looking at the road
2 to see if it warrants a Stop sign, is that fair
3 enough?

4 CHRISTINE O'REILLY: I have gone through Page | 9
5 numerous people.

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: That is okay, maybe
7 right, now, go in the back and get all the
8 information so we can follow-up.

9 He will meet you in the back so we will
10 facilitate that, okay?

11 CHRISTINE O'REILLY: Excellent, okay.

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: No problem. Thanks for
13 coming.

14 I don't have any other slips on Item Number
15 3, is there anybody that did not sign in that
16 wishes to be heard?

17 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
18 the following ensued.)

19 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: I move that the
20 Public Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the
21 Item.

22 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Second the
23 Motion.

24 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

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1 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

2 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

3 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

4 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

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5 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

7 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

8 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

11 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law Re:
12 "Traffic Regulations In The Vicinity Of Schools"
13 in OCEANSIDE - (To amend Section 197-13 of the
14 Code of the Town of Hempstead.)

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

17 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
18 the following ensued.)

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I don't have any slips
20 on Item Number 4, does anybody want to speak on
21 Item Number 4 that didn't sign in?

22 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
23 the following ensued.)

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

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1 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move that the
2 Public Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the
3 Item.

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4 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second.

5 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

7 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

8 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

9 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

10 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

11 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

13 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

14 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

17 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed "Handicapped
18 Parking On Public Streets" in Elmont, Oceanside,
19 Roosevelt (237th Street, Saratoga Street, Elmwood
20 Avenue, Delisle Avenue, Monroe Avenue)

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any Member of the Board
22 wish to be heard?

23 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
24 the following ensued.)

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I do not have any slips

1 is there anybody that wants to be heard on Item
2 Number 5 that did not sign in?

3 (Whereupon, "yes," was heard. After, the
4 following ensued.) Page | 12

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Great. If you can give
6 your name and address for the record that would be
7 great.

8 META MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday. I am
9 concerned with regard to, I guess, that
10 installation and maintenance of the handicapped
11 parking.

12 I can't speak for the roads in Oceanside
13 but many of the Town roads in locations like
14 Elmont and Roosevelt, where I used to live are in
15 deplorable conditions.

16 So, I am just trying to understand how, um,
17 this is going to be implemented.

18 I know in some locations where you have
19 handicapped parking, there is also blue lines for
20 people to be able to better understand that space
21 is for handicapped but if the roads are torn up,
22 in most cases lighting is bad on many of the Town
23 streets in those communities, what is being done
24 to address the overall safety, not just providing
25 potential parking?

1 If they can't get to the parking spot, um,
2 what good is it?

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mrs. Mereday, this is
4 in relation to the Stop signs in particular Page | 13
5 locations.

6 If you have a question regarding those
7 particular locations, I am sure Mr. Reed can
8 identify them with installation of the homeowner,
9 who is handicapped that wants it at their desired
10 location.

11 That is what is on the Calendar right, now.

12 META MEREDAY: I understand that.

13 You are still talking about handicapped
14 parking which impacts the streets, is it not?

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: It is in front of their
16 home.

17 META MEREDAY: Which on the street.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: It is the request of
19 the homeowner.

20 META MEREDAY: Okay, but, it is still a
21 question that is important for many of these
22 residents that can't come to these Meetings with
23 regard to the condition of the road, so - -

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If you have particular
25 streets - - do you have a particular road that

1 you are talking about?

2 META MEREDAY: I can get you roads.

3 I know Delia, itself, is in bad condition.

4 Elmwood Avenue is in bad condition.

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5 There are other roads. Roosevelt is a
6 square mile.

7 The majority of their roads, that are Town
8 roads, are in bad shape, Baldwin, as well, where I
9 live, now.

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: That is okay.

11 I do know our Engineering Commissioner is
12 here, if you would like to go in the back and he
13 will take a list of the roads and he can do a
14 review.

15 META MEREDAY: Well, I didn't know I was
16 going to be talking about roads at this particular
17 juncture, so, I can have a conversation with him
18 at another time.

19 I just want it on the record that these
20 communities are being impacted by bad roads and
21 poor lighting.

22 So, it is great that you are actually
23 administering handicapped parking for these
24 residents but they are still having trouble
25 getting to the spot, itself.

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Thank you.

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, anybody else wish to be heard on this Item?

(Whereupon, no comments were heard. After, ^{Page | 15}
the following ensued.)

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

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: I move that the Public Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the Item.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Second the Motion.

CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

CLERK MURRAY: Yes, we have one decision

1 this evening, it is the Application of 3195 Austin
2 Boulevard Owners, LLC., for rezoning from business
3 "X" District to Residence "CA" District - Near
4 Island Park - East side of Austin Blvd., North
5 side of Jamacia Avenue, West side of Nevada
6 Avenue.

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Does any Board Member
8 have a Motion?

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move the
10 application be denied.

11 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Second the
12 Motion.

13 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

15 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

16 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

18 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

19 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

22 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,
24 call the Administrative Calendar.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Yes, we have Items 7 through

1 54 on the Administrative Calendar.

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Does any Member of the
3 Board wish to speak on Items on the Administrative
4 Calendar? Page | 17

5 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
6 the following ensued.)

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, we have a couple
8 of slips, here, Mike Turi?

9 How are you doing, if you would give your
10 name address for the record, thank you.

11 MICHAEL TURI: Michael Turi. 23 Indiana
12 Avenue, Long Beach.

13 Thank you, Mr. Supervisor and Board Members
14 for your time.

15 So, I see that this Resolution Number 54
16 includes a Redistricting Hearing on February 7th at
17 10:30 in the morning.

18 Are there any plans to have another Hearing
19 in the evening when more Town residents would be
20 available?

21 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Mr. Supervisor,
22 there are plans to have another Hearing after
23 that.

24 We haven't identified the date yet.

25 It will be probably the week

1 of the 13th.

2 MICHAEL TURI: Okay, and will a message
3 about when that is scheduled be put up on the
4 Town's website, more importantly, will there be an Page | 18
5 email sent to Town residents to inform them about
6 it?

7 I actually received a copy of an email
8 about the rescheduling of the Work Session.

9 That was the first time that I have even
10 seen an email go out associated with Redistricting
11 and I was hoping that maybe an email like that
12 could be available for the Meeting.

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: We will take it under
14 advisement.

15 The last Meeting there were a number of
16 residents and they were not aware the County was
17 having a Meeting at the same time and there was a
18 recommendation to move the last Meeting.

19 I will take it under advisement.

20 MICHAEL TURI: There was another
21 Redistricting Meeting at the same time, so, it was
22 reasonable to move the Meeting.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: It was brought to our
24 attention, so, you know, we were glad to
25 accommodate you.

1 Like I said, we will take it under
2 advisement and see what we can do.

3 MICHAEL TURI: Thank you.

4 And, I guess, my other question is what did ^{Page | 19}
5 you think of the recommendation that was made by
6 the Temporary Redistricting Council on Thursday of
7 last week in the afternoon?

8 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Well, quite
9 frankly, the Council didn't make any
10 recommendation.

11 The Redistricting Board took into account
12 numerous comments by the Public over the course of
13 the four Hearings that we had and they did not
14 recommend that the Town Board adopt the map.

15 They listed, specifically and almost all of
16 them were the recommendations of the people that
17 came to the Hearing for the Town Board to
18 consider.

19 So, I believe, the Town Board in the next
20 couple of weeks after listening to the residents
21 will consider those things and make an educated
22 and prompt decision.

23 MICHAEL TURI: I appreciate your answering
24 that.

25 I was asking the Town Board Members what

1 they thought of the recommendation.

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Like I said, I think
3 the Town Attorney answered it appropriately and
4 the Board is hearing it.

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5 And, is very respectful of the process and
6 our procedures.

7 MICHAEL TURI: Thank you, Mr. Supervisor.

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: No problem at all.
9 Thanks for coming.

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Next, I have Felix
11 Procacci.

12 If you could give your name and address for
13 the record, thank you.

14 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci, Franklin
15 Square.

16 On Number 18, fees, do these fees cover the
17 entire cost or is additional tax dollars used to
18 subsidize the cemetery, you know, items that are
19 on this Resolution?

20 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MOLLER: Craig Moller,
21 Deputy Commissioner, Department of General
22 Services.

23 The fee structure that is in front of you,
24 um, I can't say, covers the full budget of the
25 Town of Hempstead.

1 The cemetery covers about ninety-seven
2 percent of the cemetery costs.

3 It will cover one hundred percent of
4 interment costs for anybody that does come in. Page | 21

5 I will point out that the costs of
6 interments, today, is thirty-eight hundred
7 dollars.

8 The cost of interment, tomorrow, will be
9 thirty-nine hundred dollars.

10 There is a significant savings in here for
11 the residents limiting the fees for Veteran
12 markers and foundations.

13 There are credits in here that are for
14 Veterans, First Responders and so forth.

15 A large majority of the customers that we
16 see will actually get a reduction in the next year
17 or so.

18 FELIX PROCACCI: I think the fees should
19 cover the cost of the cemetery.

20 Um, Item Number 30, 32 and 36, each of them
21 reference additional documents, reports and those
22 aren't provided.

23 I can't find them. Are they there?

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Which ones, again?

25 FELIX PROCACCI: 32, 33 AND 36.

1 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: With regard to
2 32, that settlement, actually, we got the final
3 paperwork on it, I believe, yesterday.

4 So, it was put on the calendar.

5 It involves a person - - the Supervisor is
6 instructed to be more proactive in resolving
7 matters and not having to spend too much time and
8 money on legal fees and litigation.

9 So, this gentleman brought a Claim to us.

10 He was working out of Title at the Animal
11 Shelter and after we reviewed it, we found that it
12 was valid, so, we settled.

13 Basically, we also settled for no money.

14 All we did with regard to Mr. Minto, we put
15 him in the proper category.

16 He got a small raise as a result.

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

19 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: So, I think we
20 probably did the right thing.

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

23 FELIX PROCACCI: I am not questioning any
24 of the right thing or wrong thing.

25 Number 30 and 36, also, don't have

1 the additional items.

2 By State Law you are required to do this.

3 I am not sure how the Town Board is going
4 to vote on something that they can't see.

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5 If I can't see it, I don't know if they can
6 see it.

7 How are they going to vote on something
8 that they can't see?

9 And, I think it is not appropriate for them
10 to vote on something that they can't see.

11 So, will you provide the data for 30 and 36
12 and 32?

13 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Absolutely, with
14 regard to 36, that is, basically, an EAC contract
15 that the Town has had for a number of years and we
16 are just renewing the contract.

17 FELIX PROCACCI: In the future, it would be
18 great if you could put it on the Calendar within
19 twenty-four hours in accordance with the Open
20 Meetings Law.

21 That's it, thank you.

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Mr.
23 Procacci.

24 Next, I have Laura Tann?

25 (Whereupon, no response was heard.)

1 After, the following ensued.)

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Amil Virani?

3 How are you doing? If you would give your
4 name and address for the record, thanks.

5 AMIL VIRANI: Amil Virani. 65 Edgeworth
6 Street, Valley Stream.

7 Um, I just want to follow-up on the
8 Redistricting Item, Item Number 54.

9 Um, so, you said - - specifically, to the
10 Town Attorney, you said the Town took the input
11 from residents but, um, when are we going to see
12 the proposed maps?

13 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: That will be
14 formulated and I suspect within a very short
15 period of time after consulting with the Town
16 Board will be able to publish a map well in
17 advance of a Hearing.

18 AMIL VIRANI: Okay, is there like a State
19 Law that says how many days is it, seven days?

20 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Actually, the
21 John Lewis Act, which a lot of people refer to,
22 doesn't go into effect until the middle of this
23 year.

24 However, we are trying to comply with all
25 of the terms because we thought the State

1 was giving us a guideline and that specifically
2 says, seven days.

3 So, I suspect we will reach that hurdle.

4 AMIL VIRANI: Okay and these Work Meetings ^{Page | 25}
5 that you are talking about, will the mapmakers be
6 there?

7 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: I don't think
8 that has been decided yet but there will be
9 responses, whether it be from me or someone else.

10 AMIL VIRANI: But, um, you said at one of
11 the Redistricting Hearings that this is a "work in
12 progress," so, shouldn't you plan on the mapmakers
13 being there?

14 There is a lot of money being paid for
15 these mapmakers to put together a map.

16 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: To be honest with
17 you, just reviewing the Town records from ten
18 years ago, no mapmakers showed and testified and
19 that map was highly challenged and found to be
20 okay.

21 So, we will comply with the law.

22 There is no requirement that the mapmakers
23 be there, quite frankly.

24 As I said before to the last gentleman, the
25 public comments, the Commission agreed with most

1 of the comments.

2 Now, it is up to the Town Board to make a
3 decision.

4 They will do it in a sufficient way.

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5 AMIL VIRANI: Okay, because I can't speak
6 for what happened ten years ago, but there are a
7 lot of people who are very concerned about the
8 maps and I am not sure - - there were two Hearings
9 before the map went out and, um, it seemed like
10 the public input for those maps wasn't really put
11 in.

12 So, I think knowing what is going on in
13 their head is something that is valuable, I mean,
14 is it not?

15 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Well, I have to be
16 honest with you, Mr. Supervisor, I want to thank
17 you for what has been going on as far as the
18 Communications Department.

19 Because one of your themes and other
20 people's themes is we haven't let the general
21 public know what is going on and quite frankly, if
22 you were at our last meeting, you know this room
23 was almost completely full.

24 And, I, then, went a couple of days later
25 to the County's Meeting, the County has been

1 meeting a lot longer than us and there were some
2 people that are here that were at that Meeting
3 with me and there weren't that many people at the
4 County.

5 So, I have to tell you as far as I am
6 concerned, we can compare ourselves to the County,
7 people in the Town of Hempstead know what is going
8 on and they have been coming out and voicing their
9 concerns.

10 AMIL VIRANI: You say it is proper Notice
11 and you didn't spend any money on mailers, like
12 you did to promote a Congressional candidate on
13 Redistricting.

14 You didn't put it on social media.

15 So, how can you say that is well Noticed?

16 You are criticizing residents for saying
17 something that is completely valid.

18 It wasn't on social media.

19 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: I am not
20 criticizing anybody.

21 I am telling you that we are doing a good
22 job.

23 AMIL VIRANI: You were criticizing - -

24 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: There were people
25 coming to our Meetings.

1 People know what is going on and they are
2 coming in.

3 AMIL VIRANI: Okay, well, I know, I just
4 hope and I know you made the comment it will be Page | 28
5 taken "under advisement," that the mapmakers come.

6 I think it is awfully important.

7 I think what we received from those
8 Hearings is the residents are very concerned about
9 the maps and impact that it will have on the next
10 ten years.

11 And, I think it is the least the Town can
12 do is make sure that they can come.

13 And, I am sure it can be arranged, put it
14 on Zoom.

15 I mean these Meetings are Livestreamed.

16 They can via Zoom.

17 I think that is something that is awfully
18 important, you know and we have a much better
19 Internet compared to ten years ago.

20 Thank you.

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you.

22 Next, I know you didn't hear your name
23 before, Laura Tann.

24 Hey, how are you doing?

25 Give your name and address for the record.

1 LAURA TANN: Laura Tann, Clubhouse Road in
2 Merrick.

3 Okay, I am here about the open space that
4 we have on Clubhouse and John Street that that
5 since the pandemic, the whole neighborhood has had
6 a place to go and meet and get together for a half
7 hour, sometimes an hour and we have dogs.

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mrs. Tann, right, now,
9 we are doing the Administrative Calendar.

10 We have a Public Comment section after, do
11 you have something on the Administrative Calendar
12 to talk about?

13 LAURA TANN: No.

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, in fact, I will
15 tell you right now, I will make sure you are
16 Number 1, I will call you first, okay.

17 LAURA TANN: Okay.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Next, I have Claudia
19 Borecky?

20 CLAUDIA BORECKY: Claudia Borecky. 28
21 Washington Drive, Merrick, Democratic Club.

22 According to the legal dictionary, the
23 word, "must" refers to a mandatory requirement,
24 imposes a duty which is mandatory or imperative.

25 The legal community strongly prefers

1 using the word, "must," as the clearest way to
2 express a requirement or obligation.

3 Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act requires
4 "that if there is racially, polarized voting and ^{Page | 30}
5 if a Minority District can be drawn, then, it must
6 be drawn.

7 Three maps provided by the Elmont Cultural
8 Center and two maps provided by Attorney Fred
9 Brewington, the Legal Defense Fund and others all
10 show that three Majority/Minority Districts can be
11 drawn, so, the Town of Hempstead has no
12 alternative, three Majority/Minority Districts
13 must be drawn according to the law.

14 Even though hundreds of your constituents
15 pleaded with the Redistricting Commission not to
16 dilute their voices by putting minority
17 communities with districts that have nothing in
18 common, the Commission ignored their requests and
19 Motions that the Commission only considered
20 population variations and to keep communities
21 whole.

22 No mention was made to consider the mandate
23 that if a Majority/Minority District can be drawn,
24 it must be drawn.

25 Violation is established if a political

1 subdivision creates districts wherein, "The
2 ability of members of the projected class to elect
3 candidates of their choice when it influences the
4 outcome of elections isn't fair."

5 Placing Elmont in a District with Garden
6 City clearly violates that mandate.

7 The 2020 Census shows that forty-seven
8 percent of the Town of Hempstead are people of
9 color.

10 The data shows that three Majority/Minority
11 Districts must be drawn.

12 With Proud Boys marching down our streets
13 and racist remarks from some of our neighbors
14 making National news, it is more important than
15 ever that the Town of Hempstead show the World
16 that the leaders are not racist.

17 There is only one way to prove it, don't
18 approve plans that violates the Voting Rights Act.

19 Avoid unnecessary, burdening your
20 constituents with millions of dollars, tax dollars
21 in a Court battle that will only wind up with maps
22 submitted by the Elmont Cultural Center or the
23 Legal Defense Fund.

24 Anyway, that is what the results of the
25 2020 Census warrants.

1 We are counting on you to do the right
2 thing.

3 The Town of Hempstead must do what it must,
4 approve the map that creates three
5 Majority/Minority Districts. Page | 32

6 Thank you.

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

9 CLAUDIA BORECKY: I have a letter.

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: You can submit the
11 letter.

12 Next, I have Meta Mereday.

13 Name and address for the record, please.

14 META MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday, Town of
15 Hempstead resident.

16 My questions start with Item 13, 34, 41 and
17 43, I just want to know if there is diverse
18 suppliers being utilized for any of those
19 contracts?

20 It is the Town of Hempstead and we can
21 dance around the John Lewis Voting Rights Act.

22 We have mandates that require a certain
23 percentages as far as inclusion of service,
24 disabled Veterans and Minority, Women businesses
25 and I just can't seem to fathom why

1 we continue - -

2 COMMISSIONER KUNZIG: Hi, Mrs. Mereday,
3 Brian Kunzig, Commissioner of Engineering.

4 META MEREDAY: Okay.

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5 COMMISSIONER KUNZIG: Contracts 41 and 43 -
6 -

7 META MEREDAY: A-hun.

8 COMMISSIONER KUNZIG: - - They were
9 publicly bid and we don't have any requirement on
10 how that contract supplies workers except that
11 they are from Nassau and Suffolk.

12 We don't have Minority or Women
13 requirements.

14 META MEREDAY: Okay, what about the
15 contractor themselves, if you are receiving
16 Federal and State funding - -

17 COMMISSIONER KUNZIG: There is no Federal -
18 -

19 META MEREDAY: There is no Federal or State
20 Funding?

21 COMMISSIONER KUNZIG: No.

22 META MEREDAY: You are receiving tax
23 dollars for that, taxpayers work for Federal and
24 State governments but, I digress, 13 and 14 - - 13
25 and 34.

1 And, can somebody answer my question?

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mrs. Mereday, Mr.

3 Longobardi is walking up to the mic, right, now.

4 META MEREDAY: Okay.

5 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LONGOBARDI: Hello, Mrs.

6 Mereday, good to see you.

7 META MEREDAY: Hi, there, good to see you

8 too.

9 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LONGOBARDI: Domenic

10 Longobardi, Deputy Town Comptroller.

11 On those contracts, we do not have any

12 requirements, as well, for Minority or

13 Businesswomen.

14 META MEREDAY: Or Service-Disabled

15 Veterans?

16 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LONGOBARDI: Or Service-

17 Disabled Veterans.

18 META MEREDAY: Very interesting.

19 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LONGOBARDI: I do have a

20 very good program for Service, Disabled Veterans.

21 META MEREDAY: Okay, but we need more than

22 programs, we need actual contracts to create jobs

23 but this is the Township that seems to be inside

24 of the United States that doesn't seem to have any

25 diversity platform but, I digress.

1 Item 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, let's say, 21 to
2 29, it mentions sponsorship for the Calendar, does
3 that sponsorship include production as well as
4 printing and mailing costs?

5 We don't have any potential candidates
6 listed on that right before any election that is
7 going to be beneficial for them to get votes.

8 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LONGOBARDI: Again, Mrs.
9 Mereday, those are sponsorships for our Calendar
10 that goes to every resident in the Town of
11 Hempstead.

12 There is no specific expenses that it goes
13 through other than to cover the costs for the
14 whole Calendar, itself.

15 So, printing and anything that we can cover
16 the cost on, we do.

17 META MEREDAY: So, that means we, we, we,
18 are the "we."

19 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LONGOBARDI: Town of
20 Hempstead, yes.

21 META MEREDAY: Gotcha.

22 Item 30, where it says, "ratifying an
23 agreement," I am curious as to what was the
24 selection process for this particular company?

25 Is there any type of familial relationship?

1 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LONGOBARDI: Again, in
2 this case there is no relationship.

3 This is a very local company and everybody
4 is well aware of who they are.

5 Cablevision is one of the biggest companies
6 around on Long Island to do this and provide that
7 service to us, so - -

8 META MEREDAY: Okay, now, lastly, with
9 regard to - - well, actually, and someone
10 mentioned a modified schedule as far as credits
11 and fees, it incorporated a discussion about the
12 Veterans.

13 I just need a little more information on
14 that and the particulars on how Veteran families
15 actually know about this and avail themselves of
16 this.

17 My clock is ticking.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: It is not actually
19 ticking.

20 META MEREDAY: No, I am watching it.

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Hold on, Identify
22 yourself.

23 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MOLLO: Craig Mollo,
24 Deputy Commissioner, Department of General
25 Services.

1 So, there are two programs in here that are
2 a benefit to Veterans, (1) is removing a fee to
3 install the Federally provided grave markers for
4 Veterans. Page | 37

5 The Federal government provides it for
6 free.

7 And, I think the Town of Hempstead is going
8 to provide the installation purposes of it.

9 That will get known to the homeowner or the
10 family at the time they fill the application out
11 with the Federal Government, that is a process
12 that they do with the Federal Government.

13 The internment credit is a new program and
14 I will leave it to the Supervisor and the Town
15 Board how to best share that information with the
16 public but we will make it known to all the
17 funeral homes and all our clients that it will be
18 out there as soon as it gets adopted.

19 SUPERIVSOR CLAVIN: And, less than - -

20 META MEREDAY: How - -

21 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MOLLO: Well, the cost
22 of internment is thirty-nine hundred dollars
23 compared to other cemeteries on Long Island up to
24 twelve, eighteen thousand dollars.

25 So, we have not raised the price

1 of them price of the plots themselves, just the
2 cost of the internments which require the
3 equipment and necessary safety features.

4 META MEREDAY: And, there was an internment Page | 38
5 fee that was not provided to the Veterans in the
6 Town of Hempstead which doesn't seem to be part of
7 the United States since they do not abide by
8 Federal mandates.

9 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MOLLO: The fee for
10 internments was a flat fee for everyone.

11 META MEREDAY: Right.

12 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MOLLO: This will
13 provide Veterans and First Responders and active
14 Military personnel a five-hundred-dollar credit on
15 that internment so, will reduce the cost of the
16 internment by five hundred dollars.

17 META MEREDAY: I see, thank you and we
18 will get more information about that at some point
19 in time.

20 Lastly, Item 54, um, I believe the Town
21 Attorney made a statement, I think was a little
22 incorrect with regard to the County process and I
23 did make the Town Board aware, myself, that there
24 was a conflict with the Meeting with the 10:30
25 Meeting.

1 Check the record with regard to that, um,
2 so, I want to be clear about that.

3 Most of the majority of the County Meetings
4 were well attended but we need to make sure that ^{Page | 39}
5 the residents are informed.

6 They were not informed because of efforts
7 from the Town of Hempstead.

8 They were informed by efforts of the
9 residents.

10 Lastly, in Baldwin, we would like to know
11 who is the third on the third map - -

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

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Mrs.
15 Mereday.

16 META MEREDAY: Can someone answer my
17 question?

18 I had other seconds that were ticked away
19 on the clock.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mrs. Mereday - -

21 META MEREDAY: I would like to know the
22 answer to the question.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Mrs. Mereday,
24 there were a number of residents at the last
25 Meeting that were nice enough to bring us

1 to the attention of the County Hearing.

2 It wasn't just one person, it was a number
3 of residents that expressed it.

4 META MEREDAY: I said I was one.

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5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I understand. The next
6 slip I have is from Daniel - -

7 (Whereupon, calling out from the audience.
8 After, the following ensued.)

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Mrs.
10 Mereday.

11 META MEREDAY: Can I have an answer to the
12 question?

13 You are not going to answer the question?

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Daniel Caracciolo?

15 If you would give your name and address for
16 the record, thank you.

17 DANIEL CARACCIOLO: My name is Daniel
18 Caracciolo, Williams Street, East Rockaway,
19 Village of East Rockaway.

20 I am also here to speak on 54.

21 Who is the current representative for
22 D'Esposito, is the first question?

23 Is there any kind of, um, work on that,
24 that is what Mrs. Mereday was asking?

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Councilman D'Esposito,

1 as you know, successfully was elected as a U.S.
2 Congressman.

3 We are very, very fortunate to have a local
4 Congressman to help lobby and right, now, there is ^{Page | 41}
5 a vacancy in that position.

6 DANIEL CARACCIOLO: Gerrymandering allows
7 politicians to choose which voters to listen to
8 and who to ignore, no matter our background, our
9 zip code, our political party.

10 Voters deserve the right to pick their
11 leaders.

12 Politicians should not get to pick our
13 leaders.

14 We have had a lot of appointments in this
15 Town over and over, again where incumbents like
16 D'Esposito's position will now be an incumbent and
17 will run for a special election in November.

18 I like to make a recommendation that the
19 Town Board consider creating going forward a fully
20 transparent Redistricting Committee that is
21 nonpartisan and not even related to the Board and
22 the Town of Hempstead, you would put forward
23 actual people, actual voters that need to be here
24 on a regular basis, they would come and actually be
25 on this Redistricting Committee that adhere

1 to strict guidelines to ensure accurate and
2 equitable representation for all voters.

3 We need to take redistricting out of the
4 answer of political parties and put voters back in Page | 42
5 control.

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

8 DANIEL CARACCIOLO: I recommend that the
9 Board watch every single Redistricting Committee
10 Hearing and listen to every single person that put
11 themselves on record and read every single
12 submission that we have the opportunity, all of a
13 sudden to submit information to the Board to
14 understand that equity is the key.

15 Equity is the key to equal representation.

16 We do not have a Board that looks like the
17 Town of Hempstead, period, end of story.

18 (Whereupon, applause from the audience was
19 heard. After, the following ensued.)

20 DANIEL CARACCIOLO: I like to back up
21 Claudia and say many Minority Districts should be
22 created if we are going to sit here in the next
23 couple of weeks and look at the Skyline map as the
24 right way to move forward.

25 It is the largest township in the United

1 States.

2 We are not representing the people of the
3 Town of Hempstead.

4 We need to look deep inside.

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5 We need to make real changes and we need to
6 make sure that the voters are heard and that
7 voters select their Districts, not politicians
8 selecting their voters.

9 Thank you very much.

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

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much for
13 coming in.

14 I don't have any other slips on the
15 Administrative Calendar, does anybody wish to be
16 heard on the Administrative Calendar that didn't
17 sign in?

18 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
19 the following ensued.)

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, may I, please,
21 have a Motion on the Administrative Calendar?

22 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I move the
23 Administrative Calendar in its entirety, 7 through
24 54.

25 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second.

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1 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

3 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

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4 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

5 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

6 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

7 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

9 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

10 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

11 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: May I, please, have a
12 Motion to adjourn.

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

15 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: The
16 Administrative Calendar is finished. We moved it.

17 If there is something that you wish to
18 speak to, you can make comments.

19 Did you sign in?

20 (Whereupon, "I signed in," was heard from
21 the audience. After, the following ensued.)

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: What is your name?

23 CHARLENE THOMPSON: Charlene Thompson.

24 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Did you sign in?

25 CHARLENE THOMPSON: I did.

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1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I have you signed in
2 for the Public Comment session, not the
3 Administrative Calendar.

4 CHARLENE THOMPSON: Thank you for the
5 clarification.

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6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I just want to make
7 sure, may I have a Motion to adjourn.

8 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I move we
9 adjourn the Meeting.

10 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second the Motion.

11 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

13 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

14 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

15 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

16 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

19 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

20 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

21 (Whereupon, the official meeting of the
22 Hempstead Town Board was concluded.)

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CERTIFICATE BY COURT REPORTER

Whereupon, I hereby certify that the foregoing testimony in the matter of the Hempstead Town Board Meeting held on January 24, 2023, consisting of pages 1 through 46 inclusive is an accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.



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