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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

TOWN BOARD

One Washington Street

Hempstead, New York 11550

February 7, 2023

10:30 A.M.

BEFORE: DONALD X CLAVIN, JR.

SUPERVISOR



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A P P E A R A N C E S :

- DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY
- COUNCILMAN CARINI
- COUNCILMAN DUNNE (ABSENT)
- COUNCILWOMAN MILLER
- COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA
- CLERK MURRAY
- DEPUTY CLERK POKALSKY
- TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE
- CHIEF OF STAFF LIBERT
- COMPTROLLER MASTROMARINO



1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Good Morning, Ladies and
2 Gentlemen to the February 2, 2023 Hempstead Town Board
3 Meeting.

4 Madam Clerk, would you please call the roll.

5 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Here.

7 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

8 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Here.

9 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

10 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Here.

11 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Here.

13 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

14 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Here.

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I'm now going to ask
16 Councilman Muscarella to lead us in the Pledge of
17 Allegiance.

18 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Please stand. Hand
19 over your heart. Hats off.

20 (Whereupon, Councilman Muscarella led the
21 Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. After, the
22 following ensued.)

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please call
24 the first Public Hearing.

25 CLERK MURRAY: We have the Petition of the

1 Commissioner of Buildings to demolish and remove the open
2 foundation and detached garage and to remove all litter
3 and debris from property located in Lawrence - (266
4 Randall Avenue) north side of Randall Avenue, 80 feet
5 East of Washington Place - Department of Buildings.

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

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

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I do not have a slip on
11 item Number 1.

12 Does any Member of the Public who did not
13 sign in wish to be heard of Item Number 1?

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

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I, please,
17 have a motion?

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move the Public
19 Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the item.

20 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

24 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

1 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

2 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

4 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

5 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

8 CLERK MURRAY: We have a Petition of the
9 Commissioner of Buildings to demolish and remove the two-
10 story high ranch wood frame, one family dwelling with
11 attached garage, and to remove all litter and debris from
12 a property located in Oceanside - (450 Morea Street)
13 North side of Morea Street, 100 feet West of Weider
14 Avenue - Department of Buildings.

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

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

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I do have a slip on
20 this. I have Ms. Chower from Oceanside or Mr. Chower
21 from Oceanside.

22 Hey, how are you doing? If you just go to
23 the back mic and give your name and address, that'd be
24 awesome, thanks. Right there in the back, thanks.

25 MR. CHOWER: Thank you. I appreciate the

1 Board considering the Motion.

2 This is a blight on our community.

3 We have the whole row of neighbors that have
4 lived at the area on Morea Street and Weider Avenue.

5 It's been over 30 years since this property
6 sat there post-Sandy.

7 It's a danger to the community, not only the
8 building itself, but raccoons and wild animals.

9 And it's a shame that these folks have
10 waited almost 30 years for this type of action to finally
11 come through.

12 We eagerly request and hope that you'll
13 approve the motion and have this demolished as soon as
14 possible so they can wake up and have pride on the street
15 they live in and hopefully see a new foundation and home
16 go up soon.

17 Thank you very much.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thanks for taking
19 the time to come in.

20 I don't have any other slips on Item Number
21 2 today. Anybody else wish to be heard?

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

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Then I will actually
25 just ask for a Motion.

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

3 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Second the
4 Motion.

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: For any of the residents
16 who just came from Oceanside - - Danny, could you identify
17 yourself, the Deputy Commissioner right there. Yeah, it's
18 okay.

19 Why don't you exchange information with him
20 and he can give you updates as the process begins, so you
21 know about the demolition, okay, all right.

22 Thank you all very much for coming.

23 Madam Clerk, please call the next item.

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: We have the Petition of
25 the Commissioner of Buildings to demolish and remove the

1 two-story wood frame, One family dwelling with a new two
2 car garage and to remove all litter and debris from
3 another property in Oceanside - (3254 Judith Lane), West
4 side of Judith Lane, 423 feet East of Penny Lane -
5 Department of Buildings.

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. Any Member of
7 the Board wish to be heard on this?

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

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I do have a slip from
11 Mr. Steiner.

12 If you would, please, go to the podium in
13 the back there, give your name and address for the
14 record, that'd be great.

15 ADAM STEINER: Good Morning. My name is
16 Adam Steiner. I reside at 3248 Judith Lane in Oceanside.
17 I'm the next-door neighbor to the property being
18 considered right now.

19 I appreciate the Board entertaining this
20 Motion.

21 The building is unsafe and dangerous.

22 It's a fire hazard and a public nuisance.

23 How is that? While the Town has marked this building as
24 unsafe for over eight years, the property has been
25 abandoned for over eight years.

1 There's been flood and other damage
2 subsequent to that.

3 No work, structural or otherwise, has been
4 done on the building.

5 The building is also a public nuisance.

6 Birds, animals, and other birds and other
7 animals are consistently going in and out.

8 The door locks are regularly broken.

9 The porch or the deck in the backyard is
10 regularly used for storage by people for cans and bottles
11 that they're collecting.

12 On the block, we have many, many young
13 children who are constantly running back and forth in
14 front of the house, up towards our house, to the neighbor
15 on the other side, as well.

16 Squatters have used the property in the
17 past, and it is a fire hazard as well.

18 The grass is rarely cut.

19 Garbage that gets blown into the yard is
20 rarely picked up unless somebody else goes to get it.

21 And, so we request that the Town pass the
22 Motion and move forward with demolishing the house.

23 Thank you very much.

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. Thank you very
25 much for taking the time to come.

1 I don't have any other slips on Item Number
2 3.

3 Is there anybody who has not signed in that
4 wishes to be heard on Item Number 3?

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

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I please
8 have a motion?

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: I move the Public
10 Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the item.

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: So, Danny, you get to
24 wave your hand again. Okay, why don't you just
25 kind of communicate so he can give you the

1 timetable when stuff's getting done, okay. All
2 right.

3 Madam Clerk, please call the next item.

4 CLERK MURRAY: We have a Proposed Local Law
5 regarding, "Regulations and Restrictions," to limit
6 parking in Woodmere - (To amend Chapter 202 of the Code
7 of the Town of Hempstead.)

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

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

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I don't have any slips
13 on Item Number 4.

14 Any Member of the Public who wishes to be
15 heard on Item Number 4 who did not sign in?

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

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I please
19 have a motion?

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move the Public
21 Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the item.

22 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

1 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

2 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

3 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

4 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

6 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

7 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: All right, Madam Clerk,
9 please call the next item.

10 CLERK MURRAY: We have a Proposed Local Law
11 regarding, "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in Baldwin,
12 Bellerose Terrace, Franklin Square, near Island Park,
13 Merrick, Wantagh, West Hempstead and Woodmere - (To amend
14 Section 202-1 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead.)

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. Any Member of the
16 Board wish to be heard on this?

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

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. I don't have any
20 slips Item Number 5.

21 Anybody want to be heard on Item Number 5
22 that did not sign in?

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

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: All right. If not, may

1 I please have a Motion?

2 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: I move the Public
3 Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the item.

4 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Second the
5 Motion.

6 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

8 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

9 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

11 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

12 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

18 CLERK MURRAY: We have a Proposed Local Law
19 regarding, "Arterial Stops," in Levittown, near Lynbrook,
20 Seaford and Near Valley Stream - (To amend Section 197-5
21 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead.)

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any Member of the Board
23 wish to be heard on this?

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

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I don't have any slips
2 on Item Number 6.

3 Anybody wants to be heard on Item Number 6
4 that did not sign in?

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

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: May I please have a
8 Motion?

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move the Public
10 Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the item.

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

23 CLERK MURRAY: We have a Proposed Local Law
24 regarding "Traffic Regulations In The Vicinity Of
25 Schools" in Franklin Square and Wantagh - (To amend

1 Section 197-13 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any Member of the Board
3 wish to be heard in this?

4 I don't have any slips on Item Number 7.

5 Anybody wish to be heard on Item Number 7
6 that did not sign in?

7 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
8 the following ensued.)

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

11 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: I move the Public
12 Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the item.

13 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Second.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

17 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

19 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

20 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

22 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

23 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

1 CLERK MURRAY: We have a proposed local law
2 regarding, "Bus Stops in Wantagh - (To amend Section 202-
3 52 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead.)

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. Any Member of the
5 Board wish to be heard on this?

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

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I don't have any slips
9 on Item Number 8.

10 Does anybody want to be heard on Item Number
11 8 that did not sign in?

12 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
13 the following ensued.)

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

16 COUNCILMAN CARINI: I move the Public
17 Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the item.

18 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second.

19 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

22 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

24 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

1 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

2 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

3 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

6 CLERK MURRAY: We have a Proposed
7 "Handicapped Parking on Public Streets," in Bellmore,
8 Elmont, Inwood, Oceanside, Roosevelt, Uniondale and West
9 Hempstead - (Farmers Avenue, Litchfield Avenue, Maple
10 Road, Cornwell Place, East Centennial Avenue, William
11 Street, Newport Road, Baldwin Drive.)

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any Member of the
13 Board wish to be heard?

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

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I don't have any slips
17 on Item Number 9.

18 Anybody that didn't sign in that wishes to
19 be heard on Item Number 9?

20 If you please give your name and address for
21 the record. Thank you.

22 META MEREDAY: Good morning, Meta J.
23 Mereday, Resident of the World, advocate for the
24 underserved.

25 With regard to this item, I had spoken

1 before with regard to the handicapped parking, I
2 understand the justification.

3 I brought up the fact that there are a
4 number of roads in the Township that are in disrepair.

5 So, I just want to note, for the record,
6 that East Centennial Avenue in Roosevelt, the little
7 Hamlet, that I don't know if it's been cracked, fracked,
8 or packed, that is one of the roads in the Township that
9 is in disrepair and requires some attention.

10 So that's pretty much what I needed to say
11 about that.

12 Thank you.

13 I'm saving myself for later today.

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thanks, great.

15 Anybody else that wishes to be heard,
16 actually on Item Number 9?

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

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

21 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I move that we
22 passed the motion.

23 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second.

24 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

1 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

2 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

3 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

4 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

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: We have the Application of
12 MACKLEX, LLC to include the property 576 and 576A
13 Uniondale Avenue within the "GSS" District for Site Plan
14 Approval to develop a gasoline fueling station, a
15 convenience store and install two storage tanks, each
16 with a capacity of 12,000 gallons and variances from the
17 provisions of the "GSS" District - UNIONDALE - northwest
18 corner of Jerusalem Avenue & Uniondale Avenue.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Good Morning, give your
20 name and address for the record, thank you.

21 ATTORNEY INGBER: Good morning, for the
22 Applicant, Matthew Ingber from the law firm of Brown,
23 Altman and D'Leo. 538 Broad Hollow Road, Suite 301,
24 Melville, New York.

25 I'm here today for the Application of MACKLEX,

1 LLC that seeks to develop the former gasoline station and
2 now vacant property at 576 and 576A Uniondale Avenue in
3 Uniondale with a new gas station with eight fueling
4 positions, a 2522 square foot convenience store with ADA-
5 compliant restroom, and associated site and landscaping
6 improvements.

7 Specifically, the Applicant seeks the
8 following relief from this Board to include the property
9 in the "GSS" District site plan approval, as well as,
10 area and sign variances.

11 As a matter of housekeeping, the public
12 mailing and posting for this Hearing were performed in
13 accordance with the Town Code and were submitted to the
14 Town Clerk on February 3rd of 2023.

15 With me today is Chris Tartaglia, P.E. of
16 High Point Engineering, who is available to address any
17 questions that this Board or the public may have.

18 Prior to today's Hearing, the applicant
19 submitted the following documents in support of the
20 application, a petition in support of the request to
21 include the property in the "GSS" District, a narrative
22 in support of the variance requests, a color site plan
23 rendering prepared by High Point Engineering, dated
24 January 21st of 2023, an aerial plan also prepared by
25 High Point Engineering, dated January 20th of this year,

1 as well as, a color 3D rendering showing the property as
2 improved with a new gas station, convenience store and
3 landscaping.

4 Can we change the screen to the color 3D
5 rendering?

6 As a brief history, the property was
7 formally improved with a gasoline station with four
8 fueling positions, as well as, a six-bay auto repair shop
9 and accessory storage building.

10 The former gas station fell into disrepair
11 and has been vacant for approximately, five years.

12 We note that the applicant purchased the
13 property in December, 2021 and razed the existing
14 structures at the site.

15 Thereafter, the applicant brought this
16 application to redevelop the property with a new gasoline
17 station convenience store, as well as, to make much
18 needed landscaping improvements.

19 So, as mentioned, the property was previously
20 used as a gas station and based on our review of Town
21 records, there was a gas station with auto repair station
22 at the site beginning circa 1931.

23 And then historically, the site really has
24 been unattractive.

25 There's been very little landscaping.

1 We note that this new site plan has been
2 designed to maximize site circulation, vehicular safety,
3 as well as to mitigate against any possible impacts to
4 the residential development to the West.

5 The site has also been designed to reduce
6 the number of curb cuts.

7 Just for example, currently there are three
8 curb cuts on Uniondale Avenue.

9 We're going to reduce that to two, and
10 there's currently two curb cuts on Jerusalem Avenue, and
11 we will be reducing that to one curb cut.

12 As can be seen on the color site plan
13 drawing or on the rendering on your screen, the applicant
14 will be installing a new PVC fencing and adding much
15 needed landscaping along both frontages, as well as along
16 the rear property line.

17 So, just for example, along the rear,
18 there's going to be 27 Evergreens that will grow to
19 approximately 15 feet in height once mature.

20 The applicant will also be adding 17
21 shrubs with additional landscaping along the Uniondale
22 frontage.

23 In addition, green space and perennials
24 will be planted along Uniondale Avenue and Jerusalem
25 Avenue.

1 So, with that, we have our Project
2 Engineer who is available to answer any site specific
3 questions that the Board may have or that the public may
4 have. Thank you.

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Deputy Supervisor, I
6 know has a couple of initial questions.

7 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: All right.
8 Okay, first of all, the fence is in poor condition.

9 There's an opening in the lower right north
10 side. A small child could climb through that.

11 The fence, itself, is bent and not secured
12 properly in many points of the perimeter.

13 The tarp, a cloth that is placed on the
14 fence tattered and ripped in many places that needs to be
15 repaired to be placed with plastic slots.

16 The vacant pump stand that are inside the
17 right have holes that need to be covered.

18 And at this time, there's absolutely
19 nothing we can do with this except reserve decision.

20 You really have to get in there. And this
21 place - - what you have up there is beautiful.

22 But what we have here are the pictures that
23 we took of how it looks, now.

24 And the thing about it is there's a gas
25 station right on the corner from you and there's another

1 gas station down the street.

2 There was a gas station across the street
3 before this, and they had to go out of business because
4 they couldn't keep up with the amount of - - they
5 couldn't make enough money to be there.

6 So, I'm very concerned about that.

7 Please, you must make sure you take care of
8 that fence immediately and make sure that you fix it so
9 the kids can't crawl through there.

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: The Deputy Supervisor,
11 I think, is spot on.

12 You took possession of the property in '21,
13 is that what you said?

14 ATTORNEY INGBER: Yes.

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Did you guys do the
16 demolition or was it done prior?

17 ATTORNEY INGBER: The applicants, they did
18 the demolition.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, because like I
20 said, I'm looking at photos that were probably taken
21 yesterday, in fact, that clearly show an insanely
22 dangerous condition.

23 Your fence is in disarray.

24 You have considered a basement trap that
25 apparently one of your workers thought was a great idea

1 to put a door on, that somebody moved the door. That's
2 an incredible hazard.

3 The fencing and railing is all bent around
4 the whole area.

5 And, I think the Deputy Supervisor was
6 being kind and saying, "in disrepair."

7 We have real safety concerns that have to be
8 addressed immediately as far as we're concerned.

9 Am I right about that, Deputy Supervisor?

10 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: That's right.

11 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: So, I think that's
12 really some of the first hurdles you have in the whole
13 process is maintaining the property in an orderly manner
14 for the neighbors in the community.

15 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: And not only
16 that, you have to remember, I know you removed those gas
17 tanks, but there's a hole, a deep hole, and someone tried
18 to take a door to put a place over some of it.

19 There are two of them that look like that.

20 And the way this looks, nothing like that.
21 (Referring to screen.)

22 I mean, that's a whole different ballgame
23 that you have up there, because if you want to see some
24 of these.

25 You can come up, you can see.

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I think the Deputy
2 Supervisor is right.

3 I mean, obviously there was some underground
4 storage when you did the tanks, and I don't know who did
5 your work, but I don't think, like, a nineteen dollar
6 door laid on top of a hole - - and I'll be happy to
7 present that - - from Home Depot, signifies any real
8 concern about safety, especially since it's open.

9 So, I think the first thing is you got to
10 get somebody in there today and start maintaining that.

11 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Those are just
12 some of the pictures.

13 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Okay. I have a
14 question in reference to the - -

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Did you get the one,
16 like, the door with a doorknob that leads to a hole
17 that's been moved?

18 ATTORNEY INGBER: We have it, yeah.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. I think fair
20 enough to agree, you don't think that's rather safe, do
21 you?

22 ATTORNEY INGBER: No.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay.

24 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: What about the
25 fence? We need to do that ASAP.

1 ATTORNEY INGBER: Yep, we will.

2 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: And you see all
3 the garbage and so forth.

4 I know the residents - - some of the
5 residents have not seen that, because if they had they
6 would have been in here like crazy.

7 I've been on you. So, please, you got to
8 make sure you get it taken care of.

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So, I have a
10 question, the Board has grave concern about the condition
11 of the property as it is.

12 I see "BP" is written all over the
13 blueprints and stuff like that.

14 Do you have a contract with "BP"?

15 This would be a "BP" project?

16 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: I'll answer that
17 question.

18 Just to introduce myself, my name is Chris
19 Tartaglia from the firm High Point Engineering.

20 We're located in Melville.

21 It's a good question, Councilman. So, the
22 location ownership is actually in the room for the
23 property, and they will be operating the facility.

24 And, so, I really appreciate, first and
25 foremost, you bringing the conditional issues to our

1 attention, and they will be addressed immediately after
2 this Meeting. I'm going to take that up with them
3 immediately. Thank you for calling that out to us.

4 I passed by the site and I did notice that
5 the fence was in disrepair, but because of the fence, I
6 didn't go in.

7 I assumed everything was okay inside, but
8 clearly it's not.

9 So, we will have those hazards addressed
10 forthwith.

11 With regard to the operation of the
12 facility - - so, just to take a step back, this Board
13 may recall that this property, before our client, or
14 right at the time our client closed on it, was before
15 this Board for a forced demolition that the Town was
16 going to take on demolishing the property.

17 I appeared before the Board, I believe it
18 was September of 2020 or thereabouts and we pulled
19 permits within two weeks with the assistance from the
20 Building Department and that building was down within
21 another two weeks.

22 So, that shows the wherewithal of the
23 owner, current owner, who was having issues actually
24 Closing on the property because of some title issues, but
25 he took it upon himself to do that demolition

1 immediately.

2 That was a year and a half ago.

3 Approximately.

4 So indeed, there have been some
5 conditional issues with people breaking down the fence,
6 and I just want to reiterate that those will be
7 addressed.

8 And as far as the new facility, folks,
9 we're looking at a two-to-three-million-dollar investment
10 here on the owner's part.

11 This is not a fly-by night operation.

12 The fact that some other gas stations might
13 have failed or gone under is probably because they were
14 very outdated.

15 It's very expensive to keep up with the
16 environmental regulations and all the other costs of
17 doing business in Nassau County, quite frankly.

18 So, this is not an investment that should
19 be taken lightly, and it's certainly not.

20 And the owner will absolutely protect that
21 investment by maintaining this facility in the condition
22 that you see here.

23 It's going to be a beautiful beacon,
24 honestly, within the center of this community, we
25 believe. Thank you.

1 I hope that answered the question, sir.

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Chris, while you're up
3 here, so, I see that you want to have a convenience
4 store.

5 Is that going to be a 24-hour convenience
6 store?

7 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Yes.

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. And you're
9 going to have how many employees there?

10 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: We're looking at a
11 maximum of three.

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. So how many
13 parking spots do you have? You have 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7?

14 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Correct.

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: So, are your employees
16 going to park in the three spots?

17 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: So, what we find,
18 honestly, Mr. Supervisor, is that these are, generally
19 speaking, minimum wage jobs. So we tend to draw folks
20 from the community that are local.

21 A lot of times those people will either take
22 ma. transit or walk or bike ride to the site.

23 However, there are seven parking stalls.

24 We've done studies at these facilities
25 previously, as you know, I've been before this Board many

1 times on gas stations, and we find that especially in a
2 smaller facility like this, people tend to use the pump
3 islands. The customers tend to park at the pump Islands
4 and come in.

5 So, we're thinking of those three
6 employees, perhaps one to two will park at the property.

7 One will probably be a walker or use mass
8 transit.

9 We never find on any of these locations
10 that we've got a deficiency in parking.

11 Typically, we find that most of the time,
12 even in the busy hours, the parking stalls are
13 predominantly empty. Three to four are typically what's
14 used.

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. Now I'm looking
16 at, I guess, your blueprint with one hand, then I'm
17 looking at your rendering with another.

18 And, I'm looking, I'll point you down on
19 the eastern portion of it and I think I've matched them
20 up pretty good here.

21 On the eastern portion below your pumps,
22 abutting Uniondale Avenue, on your rendering, if you can
23 go - - see, on that one, you got your canopy and then
24 you got the road.

25 And, I just got to clarify, but on your

1 rendering, you have a divider. Yeah. See that one
2 there? See it, right where that thing is?

3 It looks like a divider,
4 planting, maybe I'm not seeing it in the blueprint, is
5 that in the blueprint? That right there?

6 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Yeah. So you're
7 talking about the planted area?

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Yeah, yeah, the curb
9 cuts.

10 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Yes. So if you
11 could go back to the 3D rendering on the screen - - not
12 the 3D, I'm sorry, yeah, the other one.

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Right. I'm just
14 trying to match it up on the - - because I see this on
15 this one.

16 I see the sidewalk, and then I see a
17 sidewalk.

18 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: You see the brown
19 area?

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: That little area
21 right there?

22 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Right.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: That's going to look
24 like the picture?

25 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Well, so by way of

1 explanation and you have very sharp eyes, Mr. Supervisor,
2 so, we've been working with the County DPW vigorously to
3 get this project approved.

4 As you know DPW takes much longer than
5 the Town in these instances when on County roadways - -

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: My condolences.

7 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: One of the issues
8 that they had requested is that we provide a passing lane
9 around the outer edge of the Pump Island so that we can
10 alleviate any traffic or backups at the curb cuts.

11 So that did pinch that a little bit.

12 But we are going to put = = it's 2 feet
13 wide on one end and it diminishes to six inches on the
14 other. It will be a barrier.

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Like I said, you
16 know, the residents, you know, they hate this place,
17 rightfully so. The place is gross and like I said, they
18 want to do it.

19 But I just want to make sure what looks
20 nice here is going to look nice there.

21 So, if you can give us an updated version
22 of what it's really going to look like so we can make
23 sure we keep everybody in the loop on it, that would be
24 appreciated.

25 And I do recognize DPW wants their

1 walking lane there, but I just want to make sure the
2 rendering is reflective of it.

3 In addition, now I know you're abutting
4 some Commercial property there.

5 I do know that there are a couple of
6 residences back there.

7 I know that, in particular, on the west
8 north side. Have you spoken to all those neighbors back
9 there?

10 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Have you met
11 with them at all? Because that's normally what we do. N

12 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: No, there has not
13 been any discussions with the residents.

14 Where there is none today, We are
15 providing, as Mr. Ingber indicated, significant
16 landscaping and fencing which they've never enjoyed
17 before.

18 So, in terms of the conditions now and
19 the conditions when this is done, again, it's not even a
20 comparison.

21 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: It's one of
22 the things that we like to do whenever something new is
23 coming into the neighborhood, I call a Meeting with the
24 residents so they, themselves, can see and be aware of
25 what you're doing.

1 Now, the other thing that's bothering me
2 is Uniondale is a one-way street, you know, you'll be
3 coming in - - if you're coming in, you're going to come
4 in, that's one way.

5 And also, the same thing with Jerusalem,
6 Jerusalem Avenue is also one way.

7 So, how does the traffic get through to
8 you and if it's built up, what do you do about that?

9 If there's a build up, how do they get
10 out?

11 I guess they have to go out through
12 Jerusalem Avenue. Is that how they go out, so they can't
13 come in through Jerusalem Avenue because, you know, it's
14 right there on the corner and you see there's traffic
15 lights there where you really get a ticket all the time.

16 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: So, I guess
17 respectfully, there are two, two way curb cuts.

18 We have right in, right out restrictions
19 by the DPW, which is common, so there won't be any left
20 turns made, that tends to when you're making a right turn
21 out, that tends to alleviate the condition of cars
22 stacking at the curb cuts.

23 But just by way of looking at the plan so
24 Uniondale Avenue, both of those curb cuts will be right
25 in, right out only, so there's free access there.

1 And then if they want to head on to
2 Jerusalem Avenue, there's also right in, right out there,
3 as well.

4 So, this plan has been heavily scrutinized
5 over the last year, plus with the DPW and our office, and
6 we believe we've got a very good plan here.

7 The DPW has approved access.

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I understand that.
9 And I get what the Deputy Supervisor is saying, in
10 particular, about and I know you're saying nobody's going
11 to make a left-hand turn. I understand that, you're
12 saying that.

13 You're going to put up signage, of course,
14 in the area saying, "No Left-Hand Turns."

15 Because coming across Uniondale Avenue,
16 which forks off to a left-hand turn, a single, I mean,
17 you definitely don't want any blockage going that so
18 you're going to put up, like, extra signage telling
19 people, "No Left Turn?"

20 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Absolutely.

21 The DPW, I think, has us installing
22 somewhere around 15 to 20 signs, directional.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Even better.

24 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: It is what we can do.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, hold on,

1 before we go, I know there are a number of residents who
2 want to be heard on this, so if you kind of hang out
3 there and we'll start with Pearl Jacobs.

4 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: And I'd like my
5 photos back, please. The pictures, I want them back.

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Ms. Jacobs just give
7 your name and address of the record. Thank you.

8 PEARL JACOBS: Pearl Jacob, Uniondale.

9 I just have one question for the - - and
10 can you stop my clock when I ask the question, please.

11 This location, the beautification, will it
12 be maintained? Landscaping, will it be maintained?

13 I'm talking to the people, the developers.

14 Please stop running my clock.

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: We're going to stop the
16 clock here. The clock was stopped, just so you know.

17 PEARL JACOBS: No, it was not.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: So, I think a question
19 was presented and the Attorney for the Developer wants to
20 know if you're going to do the beautification, you're
21 going to have some commitment to maintaining the
22 landscape in the community?

23 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Yes.

24 PEARL JACOBS: And what sort of convenience
25 store would it be? Stop my clock. He's asking my

1 question. What would be the name?

2 Is it a Bolla or it's not a Bolla? What is
3 it?

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Ms. Jacobs, we're trying
5 to do - - why don't you identify what kind of store it's
6 going to be.

7 If you could just go up to the mic so Ms.
8 Jacob and any of the neighbors can hear, that would be
9 great.

10 I think this gentleman's coming up.

11 If you could all identify yourself, that'd
12 be awesome.

13 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: So, the name on the
14 sign is proposed to be a Zippy Mart, which is a new
15 addition to the community.

16 One of the things I did want to add is that
17 with that use, they are proposing a very high-quality
18 coffee and small food offering.

19 It's not going to be like any of a recognized
20 fast-food brand, but it is going to be a sort of a higher
21 end, if you will, coffee, danish, and small breakfast
22 sandwich offering, which is something that we really
23 don't see anywhere in the community, and we think there's
24 a real need for it.

25 PEARL JACOBS: Okay. As President of Nostrand

1 Civic Association, who advocates very strongly for
2 Uniondale, I have no opposition to this development.

3 And, I do not agree with the "reserve
4 decision" on this development.

5 I'm so happy that you're paying attention to
6 Uniondale, now.

7 I mean, how many years, there was a Great
8 Bear there, and it took almost three years to remove that
9 Great Bear.

10 It was a potential Brownfield site.

11 I have approximately thirty, forty
12 correspondences back and forth with the Building
13 Department regarding that Brownfield site, that potential
14 Brownfield site to remove and tear down that building.

15 It took three years for the Town to do
16 something with that site and demolish it.

17 Okay. So I'm glad. I'm so happy that you
18 have some sort of concern about it now.

19 This is not an issue as long as they, you
20 know, bring beautification and do right by the community,
21 I have no issue with that.

22 Regarding the fencing that you spoke about,
23 Councilwoman Goosby, the white fencing, it had no fence
24 there before.

25 A fence came there because I emailed back and

1 forth the Buildings Department to have them put a fence
2 there because children were riding their bikes and the
3 islands where they had taken the gas pumps had jagged
4 edge - - edges sticking and it was a dangerous
5 situation.

6 So, I called, emailed. I can give you all
7 of the emails. I have approximately forty emails.

8 Okay, so for you to sit here and say that
9 this is a concern and you're going to reserve decision, I
10 think that's the height of hypocrisy.

11 We need to move forward with this.

12 It's a languishing - - It has languished for
13 many, many years.

14 It doesn't need to languish anymore.

15 And anytime there's some sort of proposal or
16 development in Uniondale, it's held up.

17 Now, the permits were held up for quite a
18 while. I don't know why they were held up like that.

19 But we need to move forward and we need to do
20 what's right for our community.

21 And if you want my correspondence back and
22 forth, I can send you those correspondence because I have
23 been sending emails back and forth regarding this issue
24 for four years. Thank you.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you. Ms.

1 Jacobs. I don't know if he's Matthew Ingber, is he with
2 you? Mr. Ingber, are you with them?

3 ATTORNEY INGBER: No.

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, if you give your name
5 and address for the record, that'd be great.

6 ATTORNEY INGBER: I already presented.

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Oh, that's what I was going
8 to say. He's with you. Heidi Sanft?

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Hi, if you just give me
10 name and address for the record. Thanks.

11 HEIDI SANFGT: Yes. Hi, Heidi Sanft. 116
12 Florence Avenue, borderline Hempstead in Uniondale.

13 Also, just for the record, I'm the Vice-
14 President of the Nostrand Gardens Civic Association in
15 Uniondale.

16 My family has owned a home in the neighborhood
17 six blocks away from this proposed gas station since
18 1967, long time.

19 Okay, a few questions regarding signs, do you
20 have any plans on flashing signs for the gas station?

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I think someone's shaking
22 his head no, but you better answer the question so she
23 can hear you. Your answer is?

24 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: No, we do not.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay.

1 HEIDI SANFT: Thank you, because we do not want
2 any flashing signs.

3 Number two, I'm glad to hear you're planting
4 flowers.

5 Will you have a contract with someone to
6 maintain the shrubs and the flowers around the gas
7 station? You'll have a contract? Because we don't just
8 want talk. We want to know.

9 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Yes. There'll be
10 professional landscapers contracted to maintain the
11 property.

12 HEDI SANFT: Okay, thank you.

13 And the last thing is, I'm very concerned about
14 the plan on having this as a 24-hour convenience store.

15 And I'll tell you why. Hello? It still works.
16 Okay. (Referring to mic.)

17 It's just not a good idea.

18 In Uniondale, for the most part, these 24-hour
19 convenience stores attract loiterers late in the evening,
20 homeless people with nowhere to go, people with issues,
21 whether it's drinking issues, mental illness issues, just
22 loitering, begging for money.

23 It's not a good idea.

24 It's going to have a negative impact on the
25 community.

1 It'll just be another place where people hang
2 out.

3 And quite frankly, people who need something
4 aren't going to want to go in there late hours in the
5 evening.

6 Just to give you an example from personal
7 experience, there's a 7-ELEVEN in Uniondale.

8 I did actually go in, and you can just see that
9 these are people who are down and out.

10 You have to avoid them so that they don't ask
11 you for your money.

12 You feel unsafe when you're in the store, and
13 it's just not a good thing for the community.

14 And if this is an upscale shop, is this the
15 first shop, the first business this person is creating?
16 I forget what you call it, Zippy Mart. Yeah.

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

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you.

20 Maybe - - you've indicated it will be a 24-
21 hour store, do you have some sort of security or
22 surveillance cameras or something like that?

23 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: So, just addressing sort of
24 the earlier issues, first, with regard to loitering,
25 vagrancy, things of that nature, I've been doing this kind

1 of work, 7-ELEVEN, Convenience Stores, gas stations for
2 over 30 years and what we do find is indeed, you know, when
3 you pass by a 7-Eleven, as an example, which are generally
4 always 24 hours, you indeed might see those folks.

5 The issue we have with closing at night is,
6 honestly, if those folks really want to go somewhere and do
7 something nefarious or something they don't want seen, we
8 find that the worst thing that we can do is turn all the
9 lights out and close the doors because now we've got hiding
10 places.

11 When a facility is open 24 hours, we've got
12 active employees who are able to call police or authorities
13 as needed and monitor their property.

14 I can't answer for how the 7-ELEVEN or the
15 other folks, the other places you've seen are operated, but
16 again, as I just indicated, our client is making an almost
17 \$3 million investment here that's without the land, that's
18 just construction cost.

19 To think that he would allow this place to be
20 run down and not operated property really is a misnomer.
21 It is not correct.

22 They are making a substantial investment here
23 in Uniondale on a blighted corner, which I think everybody
24 in the room agrees needs a shot in the arm and an update.

25 And the 24-hour use, we feel, not just from a

1 financial perspective, but from the ability to police one's
2 own property. When you're home, who best to guard your
3 house, but when you're home, when you're away, is when
4 you're concerned that something bad is going to go on.

5 These folks are going to be home all day, all
6 night, watching their property, calling the authorities,
7 and making sure it's being operated properly.

8 With regard to the facility owner and how he's
9 going to develop, he's got over 30 years in the restaurant
10 and food business.

11 He took a minor break after he sold some of
12 his businesses, and now he's getting back in with this.

13 We are hoping, as is my client, that this is
14 the first of several Zippy Mart facilities that we will
15 see.

16 Certainly, this Town has seen some first-class
17 operators that I've represented, and I'm seeing the same
18 sparkle in their eye in terms of how they want to operate
19 this facility and be a good neighbor to the Town.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.

21 Next, I have - -

22 HEIDI SANFT: Can I just say one more thing?

23 There should be a Meeting on this issue.

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: We haven't made any
25 decision yet.

1 We have a number of residents to go through,
2 and I know the Deputy Supervisor wanted it.

3 HEIDI SANFT: Okay. All right, thank you.

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Mrs. Sanft.

5 Did you want to add something? We still
6 have more people.

7 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I was wondering
8 about where the garbage would go, you know, that you have
9 a garbage container.

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Yeah. If you could just
11 identify where it is you're going to have the garbage
12 container on the map.

13 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Sure.

14 So, looking at the map just towards the - -
15 if you're looking, sitting at the pump islands, which are
16 in the middle, looking towards the building, it would be
17 on the left-hand side within an enclosure, a fenced
18 enclosure.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Yeah. So it's over in
20 the northwest corner?

21 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Yes, sir.

22 And those - - understanding, the next
23 question is probably when will pickups occur?

24 They're generally during off-peak hours,
25 probably late morning or early afternoon.

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. All right.

2 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Thank you.

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you.

4 Next, I have James Jacobs. Hi, how are you
5 doing, Mr. Jacobs? If you would give your name and
6 address, that'd be awesome.

7 JAMES JACOBS: Supervisor Clavin, Deputy
8 Supervisor, it is James B. Jacobs because there's more
9 than one "Jacobs" in Uniondale, so I appreciate you doing
10 that for me.

11 Good morning, everybody. If you notice, the
12 recurrence theme of the people speaking up here is about
13 quality-of-life issues for being a good corporate
14 neighbor.

15 Because we had other businesses that came into
16 Uniondale, and once they got into Uniondale, they were
17 not good neighbors in keeping up their properties,
18 keeping the vagrants from their property, and so forth.

19 My concern as a resident over 30 years is
20 this new station will it be EPA compliance?

21 Will they have deliveries in the middle of
22 the night to disturb my rest?

23 Will they have activities that will cause
24 people that have undue attention drawn to it?

25 See, because if you notice, everyone keeps

1 talking about beautification and so forth, because you
2 have other businesses that came in Uniondale and once
3 they got a foothold in Uniondale, like how you said,
4 about 7-ELEVEN and there's others that once they got in,
5 they started letting the place go down and be very
6 trashy.

7 And council - - Senior Deputy Supervisor
8 Councilmanic District Number 1, we take pride of where we
9 live at and for people to come in there.

10 And before I forget anything, to the
11 gentleman who's the owner in the place, if you come to
12 Uniondale, and you don't speak to the neighbors in the
13 surrounding of your property, be a good corporate
14 neighbor because people appreciate doing business there,
15 but they also like to be respected, because I know if I
16 go to somebody else's house, I try to abide by their
17 rules and how they govern themselves.

18 And, also the mere fact that when you do
19 vote on this, take into consideration that, you know,
20 people want to be involved with your decision and how it
21 goes, because it's going to be 24-hour place.

22 When will the gas truck be delivering?

23 Are they going to take away the old tanks
24 that used to be there when it was a Great Bear and so
25 forth?

1 So, we have environmental concerns.

2 So this is what I'm speaking about, because
3 in Uniondale, like I said, you tell us that everybody's
4 welcome to be here, but when we look at the redistricting
5 maps, when we look at corporation businesses that come to
6 Uniondale, it looks like the good ones go to the North
7 side of Hempstead Turnpike and they send us the stuff
8 that could be considered leftovers.

9 And I don't think I'm a leftover.

10 So thank you for letting me speak.

11 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thanks, Mr. Jacobs.

12 Will the gas station be in compliance with
13 all EPA rules and DEC rules?

14 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Yes, Mr. Supervisor, it
15 will.

16 All the tank systems, everything is going to
17 be brand new at this facility and state of the art.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: And what about delivery,
19 as Mr. Jacobs pointed out, he had some concerns about
20 when delivery takes place?

21 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: So fuel deliveries
22 generally, as we discussed, also with the trash, we try
23 to schedule them on off peak hours, typically during the
24 day when the traffic is light.

25 It's much safer to deliver during the day.

1 So nighttime deliveries are something that
2 we try to discourage both for gasoline and for the - -
3 actually for the store itself.

4 Because this is a relatively small store,
5 the deliveries will probably come via box trucks, and
6 those probably will be on a frequency of perhaps two a
7 day.

8 They might go two days with none and then
9 maybe three on another day.

10 They're generally on an as-needed basis, but
11 there would be no tractor trailer deliveries for goods to
12 the store.

13 And again, the tanker truck, of course,
14 will, of course, need to be there three or four times a
15 week and they're only there for about 15 or 20 minutes.

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. All right.

17 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I'd like to ask
18 you one more question, on the back fence, I see there's a
19 home back there. I don't see it on there. (Indicating.)

20 Where is that home on your - - on this
21 side? You see it? You see, this house right here.
22 (Indicating.)

23 Okay, so I noticed the family has a big
24 fence.

25 They have a white fence up there.

1 Would you be able to accommodate them so
2 that they could have the same fencing, and that way they
3 will not be disturbed by the fact that you have your
4 garbage can and so forth back there?

5 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Yes, indeed.

6 All of our improvements will be on our side
7 of the lot, and if they have a nice, beautiful fence in
8 good condition, then we certainly won't disturb it.

9 And there's a shed, actually, closest to the
10 lot line.

11 The house is set back closer towards the
12 other street.

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If I see correctly,
14 even on your site plan, you do have an array of greenery
15 abutting those properties, sort of like as a buffer, is
16 that correct?

17 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Very dense Evergreens
18 that will grow to fifteen feet in height within a couple
19 of years of planting.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay.

21 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: So just make sure
22 you have a fence as well.

23 I'm sure they want it so you can talk to them
24 and find out what they would like.

25 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Yes, six foot solid PVC

1 fence is proposed along our entire line, and that will
2 provide adequate buffering, again with the Evergreens.

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Next, I have up Grace
4 Barton. If you give your name and address when you get
5 up there, that'd be awesome. Thank you.

6 GRACE BARTON: Good morning, everyone.

7 My name is Grace Barton. I live at 565
8 Durea Avenue.

9 My house is directly in the back of where
10 the gas station will be erected.

11 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Excuse me, is
12 that the gray house I'm looking at?

13 GRACE BARTON: Yes, big house.

14 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Okay. That's the
15 house.

16 GRACAE BARTON: That is my home, and I've
17 been living there for near 40 years.

18 I'm very concerned because previously, the
19 gas station that was there before the fumes was toxic.

20 Many times I had to call PSEG to come in to
21 check if I had a leak coming from the gas station, coming
22 from my home, whereas it was the gas station.

23 And there's a passage right behind my fence,
24 and you have derelicts going behind there.

25 Next door, you have derelicts.

1 I'm very concerned.

2 We weren't informed.

3 Nobody discussed anything with us.

4 I'm just hearing about this.

5 I got a letter and I decided to come in and
6 to hear what was going on.

7 I'm very concerned because they're telling
8 you all these things, and I don't know if later on all
9 these things would be kept up.

10 This is my concern.

11 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: And rightfully so.
12 That's why the Deputy Supervisor and I asked if they had
13 talked to the neighbors.

14 And one thing I do think that warrants is a
15 conversation with the neighbor, I can see where she's
16 commenting about the other Commercial property that
17 probably is abutting your house.

18 On the other side, there's an alleyway back
19 there. I see exactly what your concerns are, and that's
20 why I'm going to ask the proposers of this to meet with
21 the neighbors.

22 You got to get the input and their concerns.

23 They've been there for a really long time,
24 and you know what, they want to gain a lot of trust in
25 anything that's being done there, and you guys are going

1 to have to - - convince you that that's the case.

2 GRACE BARTON: They definitely need to meet
3 with us and let us know what's going on. We're left out
4 of that.

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Perhaps if you stay
6 here, you can exchange your business cards to do a follow
7 up. I think that would really be essential, okay.

8 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Actually, what I
9 normally do and which I will do, I'm not sure whether
10 this letter went out or not.

11 We usually send a letter out, once they send
12 it to us, so all the people around it are invited to
13 come, so they can meet with you, and I think they will be
14 able to do that, so we'll make sure of it.

15 GRACE BARTON: Thanks.

16 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: You're welcome.

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I don't have any other
18 slips on this.

19 Is there anybody that did not sign in for
20 Item Number 10 that would like to be heard?

21 The gentleman in the back had his hand up - -
22 no, right behind. He was first. There you go.

23 How are you doing? If you just give me name
24 and address for the record, thank you.

25 CHRIS JACOBS: Yeah. Chris Jacobs,

1 Uniondale, New York.

2 I just hope that this proposal, I understand
3 you said you want to meet with the neighbors and
4 everything like that, but a lot of the times, the
5 organization I belong to, we ask a lot of things with
6 sanitation and different issues like that, we don't get
7 any Meetings with the Town, but that's another issue.

8 I hope this is moved along quickly, because
9 for over ten years now, it's been a Brownfield site.

10 I guess when the new owners took it over, it
11 was fenced up, it was abandoned, accessible and kids are
12 tripping and falling all in it for years.

13 And, the only thing I'm thinking about right
14 now is that I noticed that there was another gas station
15 that I remember that was left abandoned for a long period
16 of time, and that was a Brownfield site in East Meadow.

17 And I remember when Councilman Dunne ran for
18 State Senate, that thing was fixed up and put up in about
19 a year and a half flat.

20 So, for myself in my neighborhood, not having
21 it for over ten years and you're trying to delay, it is
22 just delaying our quality of life and it should be - -

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Jacobs, just no one's
24 delaying it.

25 And in all due respect, you just heard from a

1 neighbor that has some concerns, so we're having the
2 Hearing, and I don't want you to say we're delaying it
3 because we haven't even made a Motion.

4 But you've now had, I think, somebody on - -
5 the Vice-President actually said they should have a
6 Meeting.

7 So we're trying to accommodate, but we have to
8 address the neighbors.

9 So don't think - - I don't want you saying
10 like we're delaying it because we're not.

11 We're trying to facilitate and put people
12 together.

13 CHRIS JACOBS: I understand, but from my
14 experience, Supervisor Clavin, is that when things come
15 to Uniondale and other communities, there's a delay in
16 lack of communication with any other issues, such as
17 sanitation, such as, Building Code Violations and
18 everything like that, there's very little Meetings and
19 very little of that.

20 So it's like you're picking and choosing when
21 you want to have Meetings with people and not.

22 And, basically, I always say anything that can
23 improve any neighborhood, not just mine, but anybody
24 else's, there should be transparency in Meetings with
25 people expeditiously.

1 And I noticed that certain things, when it
2 comes to certain particular things around the Town of
3 Hempstead, which is the largest Township, as I've always
4 been told, is that what's good for some is not good for
5 others.

6 I don't think that's fair. I would do it a
7 little differently.

8 But as for this, I think they should meet
9 with the neighbors.

10 But whatever is done, whether you meet with
11 the neighbors, and I respect all my neighbors that live
12 along in the same community as I do, I think that the
13 Meetings and everything should be expeditiously done
14 because abandoned gas station, Brownfield sites are no
15 good for anybody. That's including myself. That's
16 including any neighborhood within the Town of Hempstead.
17 That's all.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. I know I saw a
19 couple of hands back there, the gentleman there. Did you
20 want to speak or not? Okay. Yes. If you give your name
21 and address for the record. Thank you.

22 META MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday. Where does
23 one start?

24 I'm just confused as to where all this - -
25 again, I'm for development.

1 I pass by that area all the time and kind of
2 see the decay and the delay and knowing that there is a
3 7-ELEVEN right across the street.

4 I don't know how that's going to impact
5 their business if Zippy has a higher grade, even though
6 it seems like we're just bringing more processed diabetes
7 and high blood pressure and stroke generating foods into
8 our neighborhoods.

9 I don't remember anybody saying anything
10 about a salad or, um, you know, something of that nature.

11 But again, that's what happens here.

12 My concern is that there was more discussion
13 about the trees, which, trust me, it's nice to hear that
14 you're going to have somebody contracting because there
15 has never been a tree or a blade of grass on that
16 property in the decades that it's been left abandoned.
17 So that is a good thing.

18 But to hear that you hadn't had any
19 conversation with the residents, I'm sure that there are
20 other communities that would have been up in arms, maybe
21 their leadership would have said something or maybe
22 hosted a Meeting prior to this because that is
23 concerning.

24 And, no one, again, in the leadership
25 positions that utilize our millions of dollars in tax

1 funding mentioned anything about the compliance with
2 regard to storm generation winter.

3 There are some gas stations, I don't know if
4 those are the ones in your 30 year experience, Mr.
5 Tartaglia, I have a problem when people don't listen when
6 I'm speaking and it directed to them, that's just an
7 issue for me.

8 But, um, those locations where the gas
9 stations are not kept up for people who are walking or
10 traveling, we have snow, we have rain, we have things of
11 that nature, we have ice.

12 Trash is one issue, but we're in a storm
13 zone, okay.

14 Do you have generators?

15 What is the support systems?

16 Are you going to be hiring locally within
17 the community?

18 I know if Councilman Dunne was here, he'd be
19 asking, is there going to be a flag?

20 How many disabled parking spots are going to
21 be there?

22 Is there going to be a reference, a corner
23 for Veterans?

24 We have a strong community in Uniondale.

25 We have a lot of Veterans there.

1 Where is all of that?

2 Where were the questions for that?

3 If you're going to reserve the decision, then
4 make the decision based upon a wide range of answers.

5 But don't hold up the necessity for something
6 to be in that community, but do it right. Be consistent.

7 Those that live in Uniondale a bordering
8 neighbors, we are in Baldwin, in Roosevelt we want the
9 same consideration from our elected officials that you
10 would give to the Five Towns, that you would give to
11 these other communities that have people that come up
12 here and speak their hearts and their guts out and take
13 time off to come to a day meeting to just be pushed
14 aside, "Well, we're doing the best that we can."

15 It's not just about the trees, sir. It is
16 also about the safety.

17 So let's get it right. Thank you.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you, Ms.
19 Mereday.

20 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I don't have to
21 say anything about the flag poll because you already have
22 that in the script. I saw that.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Here's my question,
24 maybe you want to identify how many handicapped parking
25 spots are there.

1 I think you said there were seven on the
2 rendering I know you had up there, but maybe you just
3 want to verify that for Mr. - - You had seven spots,
4 how many are handicapped?

5 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: One of the handicaps is
6 required and provided.

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. And I was going to
8 say that's in compliance, correct?

9 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Yes. And we're happy to
10 put a flag pole up if the community would like it or the
11 Town Board, happy to do so.

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Absolutely. Thank you
13 very much.

14 I don't have any other slips. Is there
15 anybody else that did not sign in that wishes to be
16 heard?

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

19 ATTORNEY INGBER: And just for the record,
20 the Public Notice for this Hearing was sent out to the
21 property owners within a 300 foot radius of the site on
22 January 25th.

23 It had our office's contact information and
24 we didn't receive any phone calls from residents.

25 I just wanted to clear it up for the record

1 that we're not coming in here without proper Notice.

2 In addition, there were Public Notice signs,
3 one posted on Uniondale Avenue, as well as, one on
4 Jerusalem Avenue.

5 So, this application wasn't a surprise. It
6 was properly Noticed pursuant to the Town Code.

7 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I know that you
8 have them on the fences, and I know that you've been
9 working, but you didn't send a Notice to me so I could be
10 assured that the residents had gotten them.

11 Anytime you're doing anything, you have to
12 send a Notice to my office.

13 ATTORNEY INGBER: Okay.

14 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I appreciate
15 that.

16 ATTORNEY INGBER: Thanks.

17 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: And I got the
18 chance to see all of this stuff, and really it blew my
19 mind. It really did.

20 And there is much more up here that I have.

21 So, I just want to make sure that the one -
22 - I know it's 300 miles or 300 mile radius that you do
23 for them.

24 So how many letters did you send out?

25 ATTORNEY INGBER: Yeah, we sent out the

1 Public Notice letter, one from our attorney letter and as
2 well as the resolution issued by the Town Board from
3 about a month ago, setting the Public Hearing for today.

4 So there were two letters within the - -

5 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Is anyone here who
6 received one of those letters?

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: The neighbor did. Mrs.
8 Grace did.

9 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Who did? Oh, Ms.
10 Grace did. Is she here? Oh, you received the letter,
11 Ms. Grace? Okay, thank you.

12 All right, well, I'm going to make a Motion
13 that we reserve decision.

14 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second.

15 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Yeah, I'm going to do
17 that.

18 But I will tell you, in particular, Ms.
19 Grace and the other neighbors, I think you should
20 take the time to meet with them, alleviate their
21 concerns, talk to them about the project.

22 ATTORNEY INGBER: We will. Yeah, we'll
23 speak with them right after this.

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: All right. So I'll
25 support the Motion to reserve decision.

1 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

2 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

3 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

4 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

5 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

7 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

8 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

9 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Would you provide
10 a list of those people that you sent the letters to from to
11 my office, please?

12 ATTORNEY INGBER: Yes.

13 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Thank you.

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, while you walk out,
15 just grab Mrs. Grace and any of the adjoining neighbors
16 and maybe get their business card so you can get that
17 conversation going. All right?

18 ATTORNEY INGBER: Sure.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.

20 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Okay.

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

23 CLERK MURRAY: Redistricting of the Town of
24 Hempstead's Councilmanic Districts to be codified as an
25 amendment of Chapter 7-A of the Hempstead Town Code.

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. At this time, the
2 Board and I wish to inform the public that this Public
3 Hearing will begin today and be continued on February 14,
4 2023, at 7:00 p.m., here at the Bennett Pavilion in
5 Hempstead Hall.

6 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Mr. Supervisor,
7 with your permission, since the Public Hearing will begin
8 today and be continued to February 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.,
9 it is one continuous Public Hearing, so I wish to remind
10 the public that, consistent with Town Board Rule 7-A1 and
11 just as we do at the Town's Budget Hearing, each
12 participant can speak either today or on February 14,
13 2023 at 7:00 P.M., but not both.

14 Again, it is one continuous Public Hearing,
15 so a speaker cannot make comments twice.

16 Supervisor, I would also like to read a brief
17 statement with yours and the Board's permission,

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Of course.

19 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: As the
20 redistricting process has advanced, the Town has acutely
21 focused on creating Districts that are fair and complying
22 with all applicable Federal and State laws.

23 Further, we have attentively considered
24 residents input.

25 We've incorporated other redistricting

1 considerations.

2 We considered compactness, respect for
3 communities of interest, and minimize the dividing of
4 Villages and Hamlets across multiple Districts.

5 I would also like to add to the record a
6 letter that we received from the Baldwin Oak Civic
7 Association dated February 6th and this statement as well
8 as the Executive Summary that was handed out to each and
9 every member of the public who came in today with one
10 amendment on Page 1 with regard to District 2, it
11 indicates that four districts are in District 2 from
12 Uniondale, when in actuality the map proposed today, only
13 three districts, election districts are included in
14 District 2.

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: All right, thank you, Mr.
16 Maccarone.

17 All right, any Member of the Board wish to
18 have a comment on this?

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

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, I have a number
22 of speakers when I call your name, if you go to the back
23 and give your name and address for the record, that would
24 be awesome.

25 We'll start with Daniel Caracciolo. State

1 your name and address, thanks.

2 DANIEL CARACCIOLO: Daniel Caracciolo, 8
3 Williamson Street, East Rockaway. My pronouns are "he",
4 "him."

5 I'd like to just kind of set the level for
6 the redistricting here.

7 I've been highly involved in the Commission
8 and watching things kind of progress, listening to
9 people, meeting new people in the last couple of months
10 since November.

11 It's Black History month, right?

12 And all of our communities are having Black
13 History events and understanding the trials and
14 tribulations, um, that so many of our community members
15 have faced over the years.

16 Our community in the Town of Hempstead is
17 changing.

18 It's evolving.

19 We need to adapt to keep communities
20 compact.

21 We cannot push, Baldwin split.

22 We cannot continue to split West Hempstead.

23 We cannot think about putting Valley Stream
24 and Elmont not together.

25 These communities are one.

1 The proposed district and map that is
2 currently on the screen, in my personal opinion, I live
3 in East Rockaway, I live in a predominantly White
4 District.

5 I am just mystified that Lakeview would be
6 included in our District.

7 I am mystified that my friends in Freeport
8 are in the same District as Seaford and Wantagh.

9 These things are really important to
10 equitable representation and we need to understand as we
11 grow as a Town and continue to adapt and move forward,
12 that voters need to choose their Council people.

13 Council people should not choose their
14 voters.

15 I'm going to repeat voters should choose
16 our people who are elected.

17 Our elected officials should not choose our
18 voters.

19 When we continuously gerrymander our
20 districts, we snuff out people who have been
21 underrepresented in our community since the dawn of this
22 Town of Hempstead, which I just walked passed, was since
23 the late 1600's, there has been so much change and so
24 much adaption.

25 And when we talk about being scared of

1 Queens coming into our neighborhoods, we are covertly
2 racist.

3 Okay, we are saying that we do not want
4 people of color in our neighborhoods.

5 We are saying that we are frustrated
6 because of overcrowding when we combat that with no to
7 local zoning and abolishing or whatever the case may be
8 regarding changing the fabric of community and saving our
9 suburbs.

10 We are doing a disservice to our suburbs
11 if we do not equitably represent the people of our
12 communities.

13 And I'm sorry to say that our community is
14 changing.

15 If that offends you, I'm sorry.

16 It doesn't offend me. Thank you very
17 much, everyone.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. Thank you very
19 much.

20 Next, I have Chris Jacobs. Chris Jacobs?
21 How you doing? If you give your name and address for the
22 record, thank you.

23 CHRIS JACOBS: Chris Jacobs, Uniondale,
24 New York.

25 Basically, I think the map is unfair.

1 It cuts too many districts.

2 I'm looking at this one, with a previous
3 one when Uniondale was still divided and Uniondale, all
4 the residents should remain whole.

5 I'm noticing that I labeled this thing
6 called the "Wonder Hump" right by the Coliseum and I'm
7 thinking that's because I said, okay, if County Executive
8 Blakeman gets what he wants and gets that thing over
9 there, that's going to bring down a quantity of life.

10 I love how they Wonder Hump it into
11 Uniondale to say, okay, that's your problem, guys.

12 And anything crime related and other
13 things that will be brought with that will be our
14 problem.

15 But I think the map should be redrawn.

16 It divides too many things.

17 It doesn't have any continuity with any
18 kind of districts of each other, and Uniondale should
19 remain whole.

20 It only goes from the Southern State to
21 Old Country Road.

22 So for such a small Hamlet to be divided
23 like that is unfair.

24 And that's all I have to say about that.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thanks, Mr. Jacobs.

1 Next, I have Grace Barton? Grace Barton?
2 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After,
3 the following ensued.)

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. Next, I have
5 Pamela Korn. How you doing? If you give your name and
6 address of the record. Thank you.

7 PAMELA KORN: Good Morning. My name is
8 Pamela Korn. 80 Harris Avenue, Hewlett.

9 I do want to speak on redistricting, but I
10 do have to mention that I'm upset that I am not
11 represented because my Councilman is now in DC. And I
12 don't have representation at this point on the Town
13 Board.

14 So I'm hoping that will be taken care of
15 shortly.

16 As far as the redistricting, I've been here
17 for several of the Hearings.

18 I was here when Attorney Frederick Brewington
19 very eloquently presented legal documents, a legal
20 letter.

21 As a taxpayer, I am concerned that if the
22 proposed maps end up in Court, it will be another over
23 decade like it was with the Mrs. Goosby's case, who, by
24 the way, is an icon in voting rights and I thank her.

25 I just feel that the Board has a fiduciary

1 responsibility to its taxpayers to make sure that these
2 proposed maps do not end up in Court, possibly going all
3 the way to the Supreme Court like the Goosby case.

4 Thank you.

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you, Ms.
6 Korn.

7 Next, I have Paul Bua. Good Morning. If you
8 give your name and address for the record. Thank you.

9 PAUL BUA: Hi there. My name is Paul Bua. 738
10 Clifford Court, Baldwin, 52 year resident property owner,
11 Baldwin.

12 I just have a few comments. I support the
13 Baldwin Civic Association's letter they sent to you for
14 Baldwin.

15 Baldwin has been blighted for over two
16 decades.

17 We are now Mixed-Use, and we have DRI and lots
18 of funding for development.

19 And I'm concerned that we have the
20 representation to manage the policies to bring Baldwin
21 back to where it should be.

22 I'm also concerned that these districts are
23 split down sunrise highway.

24 Long island Railroad is down Sunrise Highway.

25 And I know there's some policies that some of

1 our representatives don't agree with about incurring
2 funding for housing where transit HUBS are.

3 So if these Districts are going to be or Towns
4 will be split right between Long Island Railroad, you
5 cancel each other's votes out in order to determine
6 housing.

7 That's an issue that I find relevant.

8 Also in terms of the process here, which has
9 been pretty opaque, if you have a public website that
10 asks for public comments, they should be public in real
11 time for voters to read and engage with.

12 I don't understand why it hasn't been
13 throughout the process. And I'll give you the benefit of
14 the doubt.

15 If and when you choose to show public comments
16 to people, please let us know when. If not, why not?

17 Because I think that's important to the
18 process here. Thank you.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you. Next I have
20 Jeannine Maynard.

21 How are you doing?

22 Do you want to give your name and address for
23 the record? Thank you.

24 JEANNINE MAYNARD: Good afternoon. My name
25 is Jeannine Maynard. I live at 255 Perry Street in

1 Hempstead.

2 I'm part of the Greater Uniondale area, and
3 I'm here to speak on the changes that are proposed for
4 Councilmanic Districts 1 and 2.

5 First, I want to say that the
6 recommendations that were made and the paperwork that
7 went in when that was described had some problems.

8 Our Commissioner Brazley's comments were
9 taken somewhat out of context.

10 She had made clear statements on the record
11 on the 19th of January that communities and their
12 properties were to be together.

13 So I'll quote in the transcript section of
14 the report from the 19th, Page 7 and between Lines 7 and
15 14, "that Hempstead and Uniondale separating the people
16 from the real estate, I think, is the issue, and they are
17 not addressed in all the maps. So we have Hempstead as
18 well. Hempstead is not whole either."

19 She was clearly stating that the definition
20 of a whole community was about a community and its assets
21 and not just a community and its members.

22 And that has continued to be a
23 misinterpretation that's flowed forward in all the
24 written explanations of what's going on.

25 To wit, today's paper, today's Executive

1 Summary under District 1 describes that it includes the
2 entire communities of Hempstead, West Hempstead,
3 Roosevelt and the vast majority of Uniondale.

4 And then in District 2 it refers to, as
5 discussed above, the Board's plan accommodates public
6 request to keep Uniondale whole as much as practicable by
7 only placing the remaining small portion of the community
8 in District 2.

9 So I have our CDP map.

10 This map is Uniondale and your document is
11 defining all of this space as, "small."

12 In whose definition is that small? Vast
13 majority means this and yes, it's a lot of residential
14 space and a little hump out of this area.

15 And that's a small majority of our space.

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

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. Thank you, Ms.
19 Maynard.

20 JEANNINE MAYNARD : It's not accurate.

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I appreciate it. If you
22 want to make a submission of that, you can. That would
23 be great.

24 Next, I have Susan Kay.

25 JEANNINE MAYNARD: I want to finish with

1 saying we do not support this map.

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Understood. Thank you so
3 much.

4 Next, I have Susan Kay. Name and address for
5 the record. Thank you.

6 SUSAN KAY: I'm Susan Kay.

7 I live at - - my address is 265 Sunrise
8 Highway in Rockville Centre.

9 Your map that you have of the Redistricting
10 shows Valley Stream not near Elmont. There is a part of
11 Valley Stream known as the Floating District.

12 They pay Valley Stream School Taxes, but they
13 do not live in the Incorporated Village.

14 They cannot belong to the pool.

15 They have no library.

16 For years they vote on the Elmont library.

17 They pay to join it.

18 With your new map, they are nowhere near
19 Elmont.

20 This is gerrymandering. You like
21 gerrymandering, so we can have people like Santos and
22 D'Esposito elected to Congress

23 What are we teaching our children and
24 grandchildren? It's okay to lie. It's okay to cheat.
25 It's okay to be a former cop and screw up.

1 They both belong in jail in orange bunny
2 suits.

3 And I will end with one more thing, go build
4 your casino. Go build, have human trafficking. There's
5 a hotel right next door. Go build your casino and have a
6 Las Vegas shooting in your own backyard.

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you very
8 much.

9 Next, I have Thomas Tittimann.

10 If you give your name and address for the
11 record, thank you.

12 THOMAS TITTIMANN: Tom Tittimann. 50 New York
13 Avenue in West Hempstead.

14 First, a land acknowledgment, we are on the
15 stolen lands of the American Algonquin tribes.

16 The land grab is basically what we've been
17 talking about financially taking profitable areas and
18 moving them into other districts, enough said.

19 I want to use some song lyrics that apply
20 very much to this particular issue.

21 The song is called just Change the Boundary.
22 The gerrymander song.

23 We got kind of nervous as we read the
24 polling news, cause we sure need our paychecks perks and
25 titles too. We looked at the addresses where we lost the

1 vote and such and then we had a great idea that wasn't
2 cheating much.

3 Just change the boundaries, redraw the
4 lines. People in these districts vote the wrong way
5 every time.

6 We'll move the borders and we'll dominate.
7 First take away the people's choice and then we'll rule
8 the State.

9 These precincts came about through logic or
10 geography. They're not carved in stone, so there's
11 flexibility.

12 Our Party has to hold a State if we're to
13 change the tide. No one will beat us with new districts
14 on our side.

15 And, then the chorus, to steal elections
16 discriminate while the other Party may fight them. But
17 it'll be too late.

18 We'll blame the others as we dominate and
19 we'll hold all the purse strings by coincidence or fate.

20 Just change the boundaries, redraw the
21 lines. People in these districts vote the wrong way
22 every time.

23 First take away the people's choice and then
24 we'll rule the State. Thank you.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.

1 Next, I have Lorraine Attias.

2 If you just give me name and address for the
3 record when you come up there.

4 LORRAINE ATTIAS: Good morning. My name is
5 Lorraine Attias. I live in East Meadow.

6 So it's very hard for someone like me, who
7 grew up during the tumultuous years of the civil rights
8 movement, when people of color fought and died for voting
9 rights, to comprehend that we have to stand here and beg
10 our Town leaders to simply do what's right, to assure
11 that all residents of this Town have the constitutional
12 right to fair representation.

13 We've been through this battle before, and
14 yet here we are again.

15 Have you not been listening to the people,
16 to the taxpayers, the citizens who are simply asking you
17 to make sure that the redistricting maps of the Town of
18 Hempstead are fair and reflective of all the residents?

19 So that the residents will be assured that
20 each and every one of their voices will be heard and
21 matter at the ballot box within the communities in which
22 they live and work and send their children to school, and
23 that they will have the opportunity to elect candidates
24 who represent their needs.

25 Why is this so difficult to understand?

1 Is this based on the fear that eventually
2 minorities will become the majority?

3 I think I know the answer to that.

4 I think we all do.

5 All we're asking is not to have the voices
6 of minorities suppressed by unfair redistricting.

7 I respectfully am saying that you really
8 need to listen to the people and the people will not be
9 silenced.

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you. Mimi
11 Pierre Johnson. Just give your name and address for the
12 record, thanks.

13 MIMI PIERRE JOHNSON: Mimi Pierre
14 Johnson. 70 Crystal Street, Elmont.

15 So everything I was going to say, everyone
16 said it, so my time.

17 So fair representation is very important.

18 None of us, throughout these weeks and
19 months with redistricting on all level has talked about,
20 you know, the political aspect of what will happen in a
21 real way, because we can, but we're not doing that.

22 What we're simply asking for is the next ten
23 years, the decision that you make is going to affect our
24 children, some of us, our grandchildren, and you are
25 almost there.

1 The Commission, if you listen to the
2 conversations of the Commission, the last meeting that
3 was supposed to be a working Meeting, however, at the end
4 of the Meeting, the lawyer puts out a resolution that
5 baffled me.

6 Because if you're having a working Meeting
7 and you're supposed to talk about what the people have
8 said so that you can have a fair and legal map, the
9 resolution shouldn't have been already written as to what
10 you're going to vote on.

11 So I don't know if the Board knows that
12 happened, but that's wrong.

13 And secondly, we talk about the things that
14 we don't want to see on the maps because that's our life,
15 our everyday life.

16 And it's really important for the Town
17 because you make decisions that matter to us
18 aesthetically, right?

19 So when you're making a decision about our
20 roads, our lights, our traffic, cleaning, all those
21 things are taxpayers services that are provided by the
22 Town.

23 Do you think Garden City - - I don't ever
24 remembering anyone from Garden City being a part of this.

25 Do you think they care whether Village Avenue,

1 Elmont Road, Dutch Broadway gets swept or not?

2 I can tell you we don't get that type of
3 service.

4 And so there are like minimal things to some
5 people that are great to us.

6 And sometimes people ask the question, why is
7 it that some neighborhoods are better than others
8 aesthetically?

9 Well, the Town, you have something to do with
10 that, but these decisions that you're making, those are
11 the things on those maps.

12 So when we tell you that North Valley Stream,
13 our children from Elmont Memorial High School live there
14 and you cut them out, you cut those parents out.

15 Where are they supposed to go in the Five
16 Towns?

17 That's what you're doing to us when you
18 separate.

19 And, you know, your resolution says about
20 contiguous and all, no interest is very important to us.

21 Interests of our communities is important to
22 us.

23 (Whereupon, no the three-minute bell rang was
24 heard. After, the following ensued.)

25 MIMI PIERRE JOHNSON: So the Town Board, you

1 have a chance to say - -

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Ms. Johnson.

3 I got to hold you to the three minutes.

4 MIMI PIERRE JOHNSON: This is a decision of
5 ten years.

6 You have a chance - -

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I appreciate it.

8 I got to go on.

9 Ms. Johnson, ladies and gentlemen, I get
10 yelled at if I don't hold it to the three minutes. Trust
11 me, I get yelled at all the time.

12 Please, ladies and gentlemen, please, ladies
13 and gentlemen, we have a rule, it is three minutes.

14 It is a three-minute rule.

15 We are very respectful of it.

16 If you'd like to supplement, I think the
17 Town Attorney said you could also supplement with an
18 email or something along those lines. Is that correct?
19 yes, that is correct.

20 Next, I have up Judy Cataldo.

21 Judy Cataldo? Thank you, Ms. Johnson.

22 Thank you, Ms. Johnson. Judy Cataldo?

23 Okay, Judy. Thank you, Ms. Johnson. Thank
24 you. No, Ms. Johnson. Thank you so much.

25 Judy Cataldo, are you here?

1 Okay. Thanks, Ms. Cataldo.

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

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. Meta - - Ms.
5 Mereday, would you like to be heard?

6 No, I'm calling you now, so if you want to
7 speak no, it's signed in. I have a whole order here.
8 Okay, great.

9 Okay. Felix Procacci. Felix Procacci?
10 Thank you so much. Okay, next. Ms. Procacci. Thank
11 you. Hey, how you doing? If you give your name and
12 address for the record. Thank you.

13 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci, Franklin
14 Square.

15 What are communities of interest, as
16 referenced in the statement, in the documents that the
17 Town handed out?

18 What is that called?

19 What is that reference, "Communities of
20 interest?"

21 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Communities that
22 have like interests have like concerns and school
23 districts, libraries, villages, hamlets.

24 You will notice that there are between
25 hamlets and villages, 60 in the Town of Hempstead and 56,

1 according to this map, are made whole.

2 Only four are split, and one of them is
3 Uniondale.

4 And a common misconception, a common
5 misconception that has been spoken about is that for
6 economic reasons in Uniondale, it was split.

7 In actuality, the people came to the
8 Hearings and they raised that concern.

9 And if you look at the map, the actual area
10 that they thought was the economic basis that was being
11 taken out of Uniondale was actually the area around the
12 Coliseum.

13 And based upon those requests, this Town
14 Board answered that request and placed it in District
15 Number 1, which is what everyone who got up at the
16 Redistricting Meetings indicated they wanted.

17 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, I was at all the
18 Meetings regarding Redistricting.

19 The two things that got brought up at every
20 Meeting, I didn't count how much of each was one, keep
21 communities together like Baldwin, Hempstead Village,
22 Franklin Square, Merrick, everybody.

23 And the second thing was the focus on a
24 minority/majority district.

25 But in your work session, which we weren't

1 allowed to speak, Gary Hudes got up and said that he has
2 two ears, so he could listen twice as much.

3 He could speak, but everybody was yelling
4 out "minority, majority district".

5 But that was not put on the recommendation
6 to the Town Board.

7 Now, my question regarding that is, what
8 effort did whoever made up these maps make in order to
9 include a majority/minority district in these maps?

10 What effort was made, if any?

11 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: The law firm
12 that was hired by the Town Board to draw the maps was
13 Troutman Pepper, Hamilton Sanders, and Redistricting
14 expert Sean Trendy.

15 And, their recommendation is that this
16 map, based upon the statistics of the Town, complies with
17 Federal and State statutes, and that's why it's being
18 presented.

19 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay. The question was,
20 what effort was made to make a majority/minority
21 district?

22 Was any effort?

23 If the answer is yes, say yes. If any
24 effort, no effort, then say no.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Procacci, we -

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FELIX PROCACCI: Just answer the question, though.

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Procacci, you asked the question, you don't get to put parameters on it, okay.

FELIX PROCACCI: Well, if somebody answers something that has nothing to do with what I said, I'm not putting parameters on it.

I'm asking the question where I require an answer.

I mean, if you could tell me what the weather's like I didn't ask that question.

I think I have a right to direct him to what my question is.

I don't think I'm out of my bounds of my question is about that, just say yes or no or you don't know, one or the other.

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Procacci, you asked a question, then know it's either this or that. That's directing how someone's going to answer that isn't appropriate. You said yes or no.

FELIX PROCACCI: It makes it easy for you.

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: No.

FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, answer it in



1 detail. I didn't get an answer yet. I got an answer
2 saying that it's in accordance with Federal law, but you
3 may not. What about the majority/minority district?

4 That's the question.

5 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Mr. Procacci?

6 FELIX PROCACCI: Yes.

7 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: There are
8 Federal and State laws that govern redistricting.

9 Our Attorneys, with their legal expert,
10 complied with those requirements, we believe.

11 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay. How many majority/
12 minority districts are in your plan?

13 How many? How many?

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I think, Mr. Procacci,
15 I think the Town Attorney said, you know - -

16 FELIX PROCACCI: Now I'm asking a
17 different question.

18 How many majority/minority districts are
19 in this map? How many?

20 I'm asking the question ,that's Number 1
21 through 6. It's pretty easy.

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Procacci, I think
23 the Town Attorney - -

24 FELIX PROCACCI: He didn't answer that.
25 You want to repeat what he said?

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Procacci, I think
2 the Town Attorney, respectfully said that the Attorneys
3 have said we comply with both State and Federal guidelines.

4 FELIX PROCACCI: How many majority/
5 minority districts?

6 That's the question.

7 How many?

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I don't know if that's
9 in his purview to answer the question.

10 I think he's really answered it.

11 FELIX PROCACCI: That's a question. I'm
12 asking a question. Say you don't know if you don't know.

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Nobody said that, Mr.
14 Procacci.

15 FELIX PROCACCI: Well, say something
16 besides repeating something that I'm not asking.

17 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: The statistics
18 speaks for themselves. Over and over again, people have
19 come up here and said that they are going to sue based upon
20 the maps.

21 Based upon my advice and the advice of
22 counsel, that is a question that will ultimately be
23 determined by a Court of law.

24 FELIX PROCACCI: So you're taking the
25 Fifth Amendment for the record,

1 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: I'm not taking
2 the Fifth Amendment.

3 You don't like the answer to the question.

4 FELIX PROCACCI: No, no, I'm clarifying
5 what you said.

6 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: We gave out
7 statistics - -

8 FELIX PROCACCI: You are taking the Fifth
9 Amendment.

10 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: We gave out
11 statistics, demographics that were handed out to
12 everyone.

13 FELIX PROCACCI: You can't say it, though.

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay.

15 FELIX PROCACCI: And they can't say it?

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: John hold it.

17 Mr. Procacci by yelling, you're not doing
18 anything.

19 I think the Town Attorney respectfully gave
20 you an answer.

21 FELIX PROCACCI: To a questions I didn't
22 ask.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Procacci, again,
24 people gave you an answer. You might not like his
25 answer. I can't help it, but I think he did give you the

1 answer.

2 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: If he told me
3 what the weather was outside, I wouldn't like that answer
4 either.

5 Thank you very much.

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you so much,
7 Mr. Procacci.

8 Amil Virani? How you doing?

9 If you give your name and address for the
10 records, that'd be great.

11 AMIL VIRANI: Amil Virani, Valley Stream.

12 I want to speak on the redistricting.

13 This Commission, the way it's been run,
14 it's just like a car dealership negotiation.

15 But just like when somebody goes and
16 negotiates for a car, the average person will always
17 lose.

18 And this is exactly what we've seen in
19 the Town's final maps.

20 Not only does the final map split several
21 Hamlets, but it fails to create new majority/minority
22 districts.

23 The Elmont Cultural Center, as well as
24 Mr. Brewington's map included three majority/minority
25 districts.

1 When former Councilman Gary Hudes asked
2 Dorothy Brazeley if she favors the bluebird map with some
3 tweaking, she said yes.

4 I asked the Town Attorney, does this final
5 map look like the bluebird map with some tweaking?

6 In the end, we only see one majority/
7 minority district just like the current map.

8 The Town has failed to even listen to the
9 only lone Democrat on the Commission, clearly a show of
10 partisan politics.

11 And when it comes to the Hamlets, yet
12 again, we see them split in the final map.

13 And we see this is an instance where Mr.
14 D'Agostino, the Republican on the Commission, who
15 highlighted specific communities such as West Hempstead
16 were split up, not even put into a single district.

17 And he even asked for North Valley Stream
18 to be included with Elmont and that was not included.

19 But perhaps what's most troubling is how,
20 even amongst your own lines, this map is ridiculous.

21 Going back to North Valley Stream, North
22 Valley Stream residents use the Elmont Library, yet
23 they're split into two.

24 The Town Attorney, you mentioned how
25 library districts should be kept together, yet they're

1 split up, contradicting your own Commission Member and
2 contradicting residents who asked for Elmont and Valley
3 Stream to be kept together.

4 In addition, Sanitation District 6 under
5 the Town of Hempstead serves communities such as North of
6 the Village of Valley Stream.

7 Those areas are split up.

8 And when it comes to garbage collection, I
9 want to emphasize it's not a Democrat or Republican
10 issue, when a resident has an issue with their garbage
11 pickup they may not understand what Sanitation Districts
12 are especially since you people never advertise them.

13 And, as an example of this, the Sanitation
14 District in the Atlantic Beach Estates and East Atlantic
15 Beach has no Public Hearings, no website, or even
16 elections that are advertised.

17 But suppose you do have an issue, which
18 elected official do you call if your district is split
19 two or three times?

20 And by splitting residents who live in
21 common communities such as in your own drawn Sanitation
22 Districts, as well as, Library Districts, you're making
23 it confusing for the residents who live in these
24 districts.

25 And while I hope the Town will try to

1 avoid costly litigation and not keep this current
2 gerrymander in place, I know you won't do that.

3 So, I hope that we will all do whatever it
4 takes to stop you guys in Court. Thank you.

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.

6 Next, I'm going to call Karen Montelbano.

7 Good afternoon. If you give your name and
8 address for the record. Thank you.

9 KAREN MONTELBANO: My name is Karen
10 Montelbano. I live in Baldwin.

11 I'm also the Baldwin Civic Association
12 Government Liaison.

13 We came here and we noted that Baldwin had
14 three representatives, a little bit up North, a little
15 bit down South, most of us together.

16 Now you cracked us into two along Sunrise
17 Highway.

18 Why can't you keep four square miles whole?
19 Baldwin gets no love.

20 We had an Overlay Zone we negotiated out
21 and for two years you did not appoint a Design Review
22 Board.

23 And then you try to put a year Moratorium
24 on and then you got a forty-five day moratorium to
25 basically do and announce that what was already there you

1 were going to do.

2 Now you're putting half of Baldwin in an
3 area where we don't even know who is going to be
4 representing us.

5 We have no way of talking to anybody,
6 okay.

7 You are splitting the jurisdiction along
8 Sunrise Highway.

9 You're splitting the DRI zone that is
10 there, the Overlay Zone.

11 You keep talking about the notes on
12 keeping communities together, yet you have split and
13 cracked Baldwin in half.

14 You're splitting.

15 According to your notes, you shouldn't be
16 splitting a school district.

17 You're splitting a library district.

18 Notably, anybody who has come in here has
19 not been in support of these maps.

20 Why can't you keep four square miles of a
21 small Hamlet which has not been even represented well by
22 this Board, intact?

23 Obviously, we are against what these maps
24 stand for. Thank you.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you very

1 much. Have a good day.

2 Next, I have David Thomas. Hey, Mr.
3 Thomas. Good afternoon. If you give your name and
4 address for the record, thank you.

5 DAVID THOMAS: I didn't hear that.

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Good afternoon. I
7 said if you give your name and address for the record,
8 please. Thank you.

9 DAVID THOMAS: Oh, my name is David
10 Thomas. I live on 552 Ash Court in Uniondale.

11 And, I'm here to oppose what you guys are
12 trying to do with Uniondale in terms of taking away our
13 tax base and reducing our district.

14 This is supposed to be Black History
15 Month and we're supposed to be able to celebrate what
16 Blacks have been doing for our Country.

17 But this reminds me of a time when Europe
18 went into Africa and just split it up.

19 We're just splitting us up.

20 There was a time when Uniondale district
21 was 90% Caucasian, 10% minority.

22 Now we're most minority or you consider
23 self minority and we are being taken - - the base from
24 which we can survive has been taken away from us.

25 You guys propose a map that represents

1 nothing but a sham. This is a political hit.

2 When are you guys going to stop?

3 What does it take for us to live in a
4 community where we are comfortable with what we have and
5 not you guys keep taking away from what we have.

6 I would hope that this map, this
7 redistricting, would not go through, and we'll continue
8 our fight to make sure that Uniondale remains whole.
9 Thank you.

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you. Mr.
11 Thomas.

12 Jonathan Prevost. How you doing? Good
13 afternoon. If you give your name and address, for the
14 record.

15 JONATHAN PREVOST: Sure. Jonathan
16 Prevost with the Baldwin Oak Civic Association.

17 Members of the Town Board, Supervisor
18 Clavin, Deputy Supervisor Goosby, pleasure to see you all
19 again.

20 I come today as a resident of Baldwin to
21 first and foremost state that no one in the Baldwin
22 community is in favor of these maps.

23 Essentially, reviewing this map that is
24 on the board that you see here, Baldwin is being divided.

25 It is being divided by the North and

1 South, which has always been historically an issue that
2 was created by Realtors.

3 We cannot allow something like this to
4 continue.

5 Furthermore, as a resident of North
6 Baldwin, I fall in the Uniondale School District.

7 I was deeply saddened to see that the
8 economic base of Uniondale is being cut out of Uniondale,
9 a predominantly community of color that has a long and
10 rich history.

11 Furthermore, as a representative of the
12 Baldwin Oaks Civic Association, I strongly do not support
13 this map.

14 And I urge the Town Board to please
15 reconsider the points that have been made here by the
16 people who have taken their time from their busy lives
17 and their schedules to make sure that their voices are
18 heard.

19 Because they believe that this ten year
20 plan will have a domino effect that is not in favor of
21 the people that is meant to serve.

22 Thank you for your time.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.

24 We're going to have to take a 15 minutes
25 break for the Stenographer, has to take a break, ladies

1 and gentlemen.

2 So why don't we say we'll reconvene at
3 12:30.

4 (Whereupon, recess was entertained.
5 After, the following ensued.)

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: All right. The next
7 speaker I have on for the hearing is Olga Hernandez.

8 How you doing? Good afternoon. If you
9 give your name and address for the record. Thank you.

10 OLGA HERNANDEZ: Good afternoon,
11 everybody. My name is Olga Hernandez, bordering on
12 Uniondale and Hempstead.

13 First, I'd like to make a comment that I
14 take umbrage, to the fact that if you are all the way at
15 the other end to the right, you have to walk over here.

16 And if you were conscious, it takes
17 longer for people to walk here than if you put
18 microphones on each of these aisles.

19 And if you don't have the capacity to do
20 that, then you need to get microphone runners. Thank you
21 for hearing that.

22 Second, judging from these maps, I don't
23 know where I would be represented since Uniondale is
24 broken in three parts.

25 I live in the Village of Hempstead in

1 the Uniondale School District.

2 Where would I fall on this map?

3 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: If you're in
4 the Village of Hempstead, you are in Deputy Supervisor
5 Goosby's District.

6 If you are in the unincorporated areas
7 of Uniondale, almost all of Uniondale, approximately
8 30,000 people is in Deputy Supervisor Goosby's District,
9 the 1st.

10 Just North of Hempstead Turnpike,
11 three Election Districts, approximately 3,000 people
12 because of population deviations, which we want to make
13 sure that under the Voting Rights Act and under the new
14 John Lewis Law that's going into effect, we can only
15 deviate by less than five or less percent.

16 And our numbers for this map are very,
17 very good.

18 Those three Election Districts are in
19 Council Person Muscarella's district, the 2nd District at
20 this time.

21 OLGA HERNANDEZ: Well, I know you're
22 going through this map only by voters, but the residents
23 are way more than what you are taking into account.

24 The other thing I want you to know is
25 that everybody says about talking truth to power.

1 And I think most of our elected
2 officials neglect to understand that we are the power and
3 you need to speak the truth.

4 Transparency is not something that you
5 pick and choose to give.

6 We definitely feel that this map is
7 unfair, but you already know that.

8 But if you kept one community whole at
9 its request, why didn't you keep Uniondale whole at its
10 request?

11 It has the same amount, if not more
12 people.

13 And the other thing I'm glad to see that I
14 don't see "East Garden City," on here.

15 But the possibility with this remapping is
16 not to be crossed out.

17 So please understand, you have us divided
18 already by just saying if you speak here, you can't speak
19 on the 14th at 7:00 P.M.

20 The reason why this place isn't packed is
21 because people have to work to support their families.

22 And to say that we can't speak again is
23 ridiculous because we have freedom of speech.

24 And I know things are done in an orderly
25 fashion but even if you cut down the people that spoke

1 here that you have a list of, then cut them down to a
2 minute and a half and not three.

3 But the people that are in here today
4 have the right to hear what we hear are saying right now.

5 Now this is a lynching without the rope.

6 (Whereupon, the three-minute bell rang.

7 After, the following ensued.)

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you, Mrs.
9 Hernandez.

10 Next I have Michael Tori. How you doing?
11 Good afternoon. If you give your name and address for
12 the record.

13 MICHAEL TORI: Yes, Michael Tori. 23
14 Indiana Avenue, Long Beach.

15 Thank you, Mr. Supervisor, Town Board
16 Members and Mr. Town Attorney.

17 I noticed that - - first I want to say
18 it's freezing in here every time I come in here.

19 And I very much wish that this dais could
20 be returned. The pandemic apparently is ending.

21 I would wish this dais could be returned
22 to the front as it used to be years ago because I like to
23 look people in the eye when I speak to them.

24 That being said, I noticed that you have
25 added the 14th of February at 7:00 P.M. as a continued

1 Hearing.

2 I consider it an abridgement of my First
3 Amendment rights to be told I am not able to speak at a
4 Public Meeting, regardless of whether you consider it
5 continued or not.

6 Any reason why this was done on February
7 14th, Valentine's Day, when it might be fair to say that
8 people with a heart might be busy? Please pause my time.
9 Please pause my time.

10 I can't see the thing from here.

11 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: It says 204,202.

12 MICHAEL TORI: What? I'm sorry, what did
13 you say?

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: You asked me your
15 time. I just told you it was two minutes.

16 MICHAEL TORI: I asked you to pause it,
17 not what it was.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Is there any reason
19 you had to have it paused?

20 MICHAEL TORI: Please restore it to what
21 it was.

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: No, no, is there a
23 reason it had be paused?

24 MICHAEL TORI: I asked you about February
25 14th.

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: That's the night of the
2 continuation of the Hearing.

3 MICHAEL TORI: Okay, you know, there was a
4 Monday Meeting on January 3rd.

5 There was no problem calling another Meeting
6 at that time when it wasn't Valentine's Day, when it
7 might be that people could come.

8 I'll say that I applaud that you guys put up
9 a banner ad on your website as well as sent an email.

10 Can the public expect that the banner ad will
11 stay up with the revised 2/14 at 7:00 P.M. Meeting dates
12 and another email will be sent? Pause my time.

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Well, please don't tell
14 people what to do.

15 And of course, we'll take it under
16 advisement.

17 MICHAEL TORI: Don't tell me what to do, Mr.
18 ClavIn. You work for the people.

19 Don't tell me what to do.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. Thank Mr. Tori.

21 MICHAEL TORI: I'm sorry?

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you. We took it
23 under advisement.

24 MICHAEL TORI: Okay, then - - so will there
25 be any other emails?

1 At the last meeting that question was
2 answered.

3 But let me just go to the maps here.

4 So who was this quote attributed to?

5 Why was this piece of paper not made
6 available with the other materials online so that you had
7 to come here to get this?

8 Do you expect people have time to read this
9 in advance of speaking to you? Crickets.

10 Okay, so as the redistricting process has
11 advanced, the Hempstead Board has acutely focused on
12 creating districts that are fair, not true.

13 And they are not in compliant with all
14 applicable Federal and State laws.

15 On this very sheet alone, on Page 5, the
16 Federal Voting Rights Act, on Page 5, Section 2 of the
17 Federal Voting Rights Act says, "thus Section 2 of the
18 VRA prohibits States or their political subdivisions from
19 imposing or applying any voting qualification, standard,
20 practice, or procedure that results in a denial or
21 abridgement of the right.

22 "Under this Section, a Court can invalidate
23 district lines if a minority group demonstrates, based on
24 the totality of circumstances, that a State's political
25 processes are not equally open to participation."

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

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, all right, thank
4 you.

5 MICHAEL TORI: You also fail to follow the
6 ordinality of the municipal rule law.

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much. We
8 appreciate it.

9 Next, we have the numbers.

10 MICHAEL TORI: You don't act like you
11 appreciate it.

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Mr. Tori.
13 You don't have to yell.

14 You don't have to raise your voice. It's
15 okay.

16 Next, I'm going to call up Pearl Jacobs.
17 Jacobs. If you can give your name and address for the
18 record. Good afternoon.

19 PEARL JACOBS: Pearl Jacobs, Uniondale.

20 The vast majority of Uniondale, as reflected
21 on the latest proposed map, encompasses Uniondale's
22 residential community South of Hempstead Turnpike and
23 separates Uniondale's Industrial and Commercial
24 businesses, which will adversely affect Uniondale's tax
25 revenue.

1 This map detects socioeconomic racism.

2 2020 census found that 47% of the Town
3 consists of people of color.

4 There is only one majority/minority district
5 representing just 16% of Town residents.

6 We need more representatives that reflect the
7 diversity of the Town.

8 And was it your intent to create a majority/
9 minority district? No answer? Okay, Crickets.

10 Again, I'm going to quote from the write up you
11 have on District 3.

12 "And in addition to uniting the Five Towns, the
13 Board's proposed plan does not split Woodmere, which
14 members of the communities testified should be kept
15 whole."

16 So, over and over again, people came before
17 you, before this Council and requested that their
18 communities remain whole.

19 I know, especially with Uniondale, we were
20 here all the time requesting that our communities remain
21 whole.

22 How do you listen to people from Woodmere and
23 other zip codes and not listen to Uniondale?

24 That is just plain racism.

25 Since you're not answering my question, just

1 not answering me is discriminatory.

2 You were elected to represent all of your
3 constituents, not just appointed I'm sorry, not just
4 choice zip codes.

5 You were appointed to represent and speak to
6 all your representatives.

7 Councilwoman Goosby, how do you feel about
8 this new proposed map for Uniondale?

9 You can't speak on it?

10 Why can't you speak on it? It affects your
11 residents.

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: The Deputy Supervisor of
13 the Town indicated she's listening to you, Mrs. Jacobs.

14 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I'm listening to
15 you.

16 PEARL JACOBS: And you can't comment?

17 I would also throw in here that it's
18 taxation without representation.

19 Every time I write a check to pay my taxes,
20 it really pisses me off because I get no representation.

21 And like I said, this is socioeconomic
22 racism to the core.

23 Discrimination, disenfranchisement, blatant
24 discrimination.

25 And we will fight it.

1 And I really hope that this goes to the
2 Courts.

3 I'm sorry that our taxpayers, we would have
4 to pay for that, but I really hope it goes to the Courts
5 so they can shed a light nationwide on the racism that
6 occurs in Nassau County.

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you so much. We
8 appreciate it.

9 I don't have any other slips from anybody
10 else to speak on Item Number 11, is anybody that did not
11 sign in that has not spoken before? Absolutely. That
12 would like to be heard, please, come on back to the mic
13 there. Thank you.

14 Good afternoon. If you give your name and
15 address for the record.

16 JAMES B. JACOBS: Good Afternoon. James B.
17 Jacobs, 568 Ash Court, Uniondale.

18 I did put in a slip to speak, but I guess -
19 - I did put a slip in, I guess possibly it was
20 overlooked, but it's okay.

21 My concern is, as a Uniondale resident of 30
22 years, I know decision is going to be made about these
23 maps and everything else.

24 And I noticed that, like my wife said so
25 eloquently in her own terms that the Commercial part of

1 Uniondale, which is be represented by Mr. Muscarella, I
2 hope I'm saying his name correctly, it'll be on his
3 jurisdiction.

4 But I noticed that Deputy Supervisor Goosby
5 had - - just a quick history lesson, I noticed when
6 Deputy Supervisor Goosby had to sue to be on this because
7 the fight still continues and the struggle is real.

8 It's just a mere fact that the Commercial
9 part of Uniondale, which is our corporate neighbors,
10 would not be helping us as those South of Hempstead
11 Turnpike.

12 But I noticed that the thing that you have
13 been pushing, which is probably at another Meeting for
14 the casino, isn't part of Goosby's district, which I
15 don't think is fair.

16 But that's another story for another time.

17 My concern is that, you know what it is if
18 this casino thing - - I'm sidetracked for a second just
19 to make a quick point, if this casino thing happens and
20 go sideways and south, it's going to be a blemish against
21 her.

22 And she fought too hard and too long to get
23 where she's at.

24 And even though she's Deputy Superintendent,
25 I mean, Deputy Supervisor, there's probably more than

1 just one Goosby up there, because by demographic and
2 population, it's supposed to be two.

3 And I have nothing against Mr. Muscarella, I
4 am sorry if I am butchering your name, he seemed like a
5 decent man, but I just hope the part of Uniondale that he
6 has, that when corporate developers come here and want to
7 rename East Garden City, because that's where we know
8 it's going to happen, that he will fight for it.

9 Because I pray that when you do have this
10 vote and I know you're going to yield to the County also,
11 that everything become public record.

12 So when you run a reelection, when they say
13 Nassau supervisors represent all of us in our interest,
14 let that be the truism instead of a falsehood.

15 And that's my critical concern, because the
16 Town Attorney states my understanding that everything
17 become part of public record.

18 And as a resident over 30 years, I want to
19 make sure that when you have your vote, even in secret,
20 whatever vote is cast for these maps, that everybody know
21 how you voted and why.

22 Because I think it's so unfair to put
23 everything under Goosby's jurisdiction when it's supposed
24 to be two versus the one, because that's not fair to her.

25 That's not fair to us, because that dilutes

1 my vote.

2 That dilutes my tax dollars as a resident and
3 paying these Town taxes and everything else.

4 And I just want fairness.

5 You ain't got to love me, but damn, I want
6 you to respect me. Thank you.

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Mr. Jacobs.

8 Did you already testify? Okay, good
9 afternoon. If you just give your name and address for
10 the record. Thank you.

11 HEIDI SANFT: Yeah. Hi again. Heidi Sanft,
12 Nostrand Garden Civic Association, Uniondale.

13 I have a question. The discussions, the
14 descriptions of each district under the Board's proposed
15 redistricting plan because I'm a person who likes facts,
16 because the bottom line is the reality.

17 It's not lies. It's not embellishment.

18 It's not making up stories, which, as we all
19 know, you know, in Washington, DC, one of our Congressmen
20 is really good at that.

21 So let's stick to the facts.

22 Okay, it says here, I'm quoting, it says,
23 "As discussed above, the Board's plan accommodates public
24 request to keep Uniondale whole as much as practicable by
25 only placing the remaining small portion of the community

1 in District 2."

2 My question is, what is in this remaining
3 small portion?

4 Can the lawyer tell me what's in this
5 remaining small portion that you're proposing go into
6 District 2?

7 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Reelection
8 Districts North of Hempstead Turnpike, but excluding the
9 large area around the Coliseum.

10 And if you were at the other Hearings, you
11 know that, especially at the last two Hearings, that a
12 number of people indicated that they wanted that to be in
13 District 1 didn't have much of a population.

14 So in order to reflect the comments of the
15 people who came to the Hearings, the map maker decided
16 that, that was a right move to make.

17 HEIDI SANFT: Okay, so this remaining small
18 portion that you're taking away, does that include the
19 Nassau HUB?

20 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: The HUB is around
21 the Coliseum.

22 HEIDI SANFT: Yeah, I know, but - -

23 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: That's in Deputy
24 Supervisor Goosby's District at this point.

25 HEIDI SANFT: The entire Nassau HUB, you're

1 saying? I'm trying to get the facts.

2 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: The facts are a
3 significant portion.

4 I don't have the metes and bounds description
5 in front of me right now, but a majority of it is, if not
6 all of it is.

7 HEIDI SANFT: Yeah, you see, if you say the
8 majority, if not all, in all honesty and respectfully,
9 you're being vague.

10 So that's what I'm just trying to get down to
11 knowing this area you're taking away.

12 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Well, it's a
13 question that you'll have an answer for at the next
14 meeting on the 14th.

15 HEIDI SANFT: Okay, so then you don't know
16 the answer to the question.

17 Yeah, because I just want to say, you know,
18 that entire area, including, you know, the area where the
19 Marriott is, the area, you know, where the HUB is, the
20 area where their casino is, and if the truth be told and
21 I'm sorry if you don't want to hear this.

22 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: If the truth be
23 told - -

24 HEIDI SANFT: Excuse me, if the truth be
25 told, the Museum HUB also is in Uniondale.

1 That's part of Mitchell Field.

2 So we really would like you to do the right
3 thing and keep Uniondale whole.

4 There's been a big fight about this for many
5 years, and it's a long time coming that you do the right
6 thing.

7 So what I would like to say is we have to be
8 honest.

9 We have to be straightforward.

10 You have to give the facts because we have
11 too much dishonesty in government now, and, you know, the
12 people are losing their trust completely.

13 When you have a fraud representing a good
14 part of Nassau County, as you all agree I heard you speak
15 about it, Supervisor Clavin in the press conference, got
16 to be very careful not to repeat that. Thank you.

17 (Whereupon, the three-minute bell rang.

18 After, the following ensued.)

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you very
20 much.

21 I don't have any other slips of anybody who's
22 not testified and you'd like to be heard.

23 If you come on up to the mic. I know I was
24 actually signifying to him to come on up. Thank you.

25 All right. Good afternoon.

1 If you give your name and address for the
2 record. Thank you. Hold on, I couldn't hear it. Sorry.

3 DAVID THOMAS: David Thomas, Uniondale.

4 I wasn't given an opportunity to express all
5 I felt the last time, but - -

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Thomas, did you
7 testify before on this?

8 DAVID THOMAS: Yes.

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Thomas, everybody
10 gets three minutes, that's what I said, anybody who
11 hasn't testified? Anybody?

12 You've been allowed the three minutes.

13 Is there anybody else who didn't testify
14 that did not sign that wants to be heard?

15 DAVID THOMAS: I was told that I can come up
16 again.

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Thomas, I don't know
18 who told you that, but it's just not the case.

19 DAVID THOMAS: But I have a question.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: No. Mr. Thomas, like I
21 said, we've allotted everybody the three minutes and we
22 have to be in compliance.

23 So, like I said, I don't know who would
24 misinform about that, that's just not the case.

25 So, with that, is there anybody else that

1 did not testify?

2 Is there anybody else that did not sign in
3 that would like to testify and hasn't testified
4 previously? Great. Thank you, Mr. Thomas. Mr. Thomas,
5 respectfully, you had your opportunity. Thank you very
6 much.

7 If not, may I, please, have a Motion.

8 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I move the
9 Motion. I moved the Public Hearing to be continued to
10 February 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M., here in the Bennett
11 Pavilion of Hempstead Town.

12 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second that 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: Okay, Madam Clerk, please
24 call the next Item.

25 CLERK MURRAY: On the Decision Calendar

1 Resolution classifying the Application of PGD Baldwin
2 Commons, LLC, c/o Park Grove Development, LLC, as an
3 unlisted action declaring lead agency and issuing a
4 negative declaration under SEQRA.

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, do I have a
6 Motion for Item Number 12 on the calendar?

7 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Before I make the
8 Motion, I just want to say this is the second project of
9 the DRI initiative that has come before this Town Board.

10 And right when the application was ready,
11 we sat down with developers and we moved the process
12 along as fast as we could.

13 And I'm proud to say that I move that we
14 adopt the item.

15 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I second the
16 Motion.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

19 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

20 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

22 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

1 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

4 CLERK MURRAY: The next decision is the
5 Application of PGD Baldwin Commons, LLC., c/o Park Grove
6 Development, LLC in the Baldwin mixed use zoning Overlay
7 District.

8 COUNCILMAN CARINI: I move the item be
9 adopted.

10 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Second.

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 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, great.

22 Madam Clerk, please call the Administrative Calendar.

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

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mrs. Mataba, you've come

1 in here a number of times.

2 That was on the Decision Calendar.

3 We already had the Hearing on it.

4 That was a Decision Calendar. We already
5 approved it. You might not remember. You might have
6 come to the Hearing. We did. I think we did the
7 Hearing, like, three weeks ago.

8 But that was on the Decision Calendar. The
9 Hearing had been closed for a number of weeks.

10 Next, may I have a Motion on the
11 Administrative Calendar?

12 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I move the
13 Administrative Calendar 14 through 71.

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, do I have a second
15 on that?

16 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second.

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, on that I have a
18 number of speakers on the Administrative Calendar.

19 We'll start with Amil Virani. Good
20 afternoon. If you would give your name and address for
21 the record thank you.

22 AMIL VIRANI: The weather is really good
23 outside.

24 I have a couple of questions on a couple of
25 resolutions.

1 I think the IT Department will need to be
2 here.

3 So I have a question on 37, 38, 41, 48.

4 So starting with 37, as I understand it, the
5 original contract was for \$260,000 a year for office, and
6 now it's going to \$320,000. I was wondering what's the
7 big increase?

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, let me see if my
9 Commissioner of IT is here right now. Artie. Jack.
10 Okay, so why don't we you want to give it like, a five
11 minute adjournment until he gets back, or what do you
12 think, Jack?

13 If you can go up to the mic. There you go.
14 There you go. Try it on.

15 Artie Prim, Artie, come on up here and I
16 know this gentleman had a couple of questions on I think
17 it was 37. 38. 39.

18 If you just identify yourself and then - -

19 COMMISSIONER PRIM: Artie Prim,
20 Commissioner of Information and Technology.

21 AMIL VIRANI: The question was that the
22 original contract was for 260,000 and now the cost is
23 going to 320,000.

24 Could you just explain the increase?

25 COMMISSIONER PRIM: Yeah, that's not going

1 to 320. It's not to exceed \$320,000.

2 AMIL VIRANI: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER PRIM: The problem is, as we
4 grow, more users are, you know, coming into the Town, and
5 we have to it's twenty-six dollars a license, twenty-
6 seven dollars a license. So we get 40 licenses, the
7 number goes up.

8 AMIL VIRANI: Wait, but the licenses are
9 for Office software, though.

10 COMMISSIONER PRIM: For Office 365.

11 AMIL VIRANI: Right, right for office 365.
12 But I'm confused, so is Office charging you per person
13 you're printing the license for?

14 COMMISSIONER PRIM: Microsoft is charging
15 per person, yes.

16 AMIL VIRANI: Okay, and aren't the
17 employees the one that are using that?

18 COMMISSIONER PRIM: Yes.

19 AMIL VIRANI: Okay, so you're growing the
20 amount of employees that are using it, basically?

21 COMMISSIONER PRIM: Yes.

22 AMIL VIRANI: And is there like any
23 alternative software that you could use or is Office the
24 only one that you could use?

25 Because it does include the whole office

1 suite. You might not use all the apps, or maybe that's
2 what's bundled in.

3 COMMISSIONER PRIM: Yeah, we're not taking
4 the G Five product.

5 We're taking a G Three product, which is
6 cheaper than the G Five.

7 AMIL VIRANI: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER PRIM: So we're not going all
9 out. We're trying to limit as much as we can.

10 AMIL VIRANI: Okay. Going on to 38, so
11 this will be for your expertise, again.

12 So this is old hardware being depreciated.
13 I mean, this is a minor thing, but when I go to School
14 Districts Meetings, so like in Hewlett, Woodmere or even
15 Lawrence, when I used to go to those, they used to list
16 what computers were being depreciated.

17 So I see under this resolution, there's a
18 schedule for that, but we can't see what schedule that
19 is.

20 Is there any reason why it's not on the
21 website?

22 I can't tell you that. I thought it was
23 on the website. I have a list of it here.

24 I can show you, and I can put it on the
25 website after this Meeting.

1 AMIL VIRANI: Yeah, I'd love to see it, but
2 I think in the future, though, it should be on the
3 website, just a minor thing.

4 I have no problem with that.

5 COMMISSIONER PRIM: Not a problem.

6 AMIL VIRANI: Resolution 41 concerns
7 advertising via the radio.

8 So there are four zeros before the comma.
9 So is that 30,000 or 300,000? Is that a typo?

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Identify yourself, Mr.
11 Blower.

12 COMMISSIONER BLOWER: Greg Blower,
13 Director Communications.

14 It's 30,000.

15 AMIL VIRANI: Okay, got it. Hold on. Is
16 there a reason why we're using the radio to advertise?
17 Is that the most efficient way?

18 COMMISSIONER BLOWER: Well, it's one of
19 the ways.

20 We use radio.

21 We use mail.

22 We use any media we can to get the
23 messages out.

24 AMIL VIRANI: Okay, what kind of messages
25 are these?

1 COMMISSIONER BLOWER: We use them for the
2 Cares Act. We use them for Narcan.

3 We use it for Senior ID programs. So a
4 public information service.

5 AMIL VIRANI: Okay, got it.

6 And Resolution 48 concerns the hiring of
7 consultants.

8 So I have no issue with the consulting
9 firm.

10 I'm just curious, what projects would they
11 be used for?

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Commissioner, if you
13 could identify yourself, thanks.

14 COMMISSIONER MARINO: Thank you.
15 Supervisor.

16 Gerald Marino, Commissioner, Department of
17 General Services.

18 Walden Environmental Engineers is a firm
19 that we use for environmental reasons, asbestos removal,
20 air monitoring in certain situations, fuel tanks that are
21 underground, things of that nature.

22 AMIL VIRANI: Okay, but are there any
23 specific projects that, you know, they are used for?

24 Is this, like, on a daily basis?

25 COMMISSIONER MARINO: Well, this is a

1 resolution where we're asking the Town Board to increase
2 the available funds in the event that we need them.

3 So there are no set projects, but these
4 are things that would come from time to time that are T-
5 Town-wide, if there's an asbestos issue, which could
6 happen anywhere at any time, we would need the funds
7 available so they can come that day and not have to wait
8 for the next Meeting.

9 AMIL VIRANI: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER MARINO: Again, it's just
11 available funds.

12 It's not anything that's used, and we
13 didn't ask the taxpayers for it yet.

14 It's just the Town Board is allowing us
15 to increase the funds.

16 AMIL VIRANI: But isn't this un-budgeted?
17 Shouldn't this be budgeted though, like, set towards the
18 budget?

19 Is this budgeted?

20 COMMISSIONER MARINO: When we do asbestos
21 removal, air monitoring, that's budgeted.

22 Those have dollar figures that come on
23 the budget every year.

24 But to hire an engineer, you don't know
25 how many times you would use them.

1 So there is a line item for each item
2 that they do, for each expert that comes.

3 They have many engineers there and
4 everyone has their own specific hourly or job rate.

5 AMIL VIRANI: Okay, got it.

6 I appreciate all the Commissioners
7 coming up for their answers. Thank you.

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you.

9 Next, I got Felix Procacci.

10 Good Afternoon, Mr. Procacci If you
11 give your name and address for the record.

12 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci,
13 Franklin Square.

14 On Items 28 through 31, the hiring,
15 continued hiring of freelance photographers. We don't
16 need this.

17 In your Village of Garden City, when
18 there's an event or something, the Village Clerk the
19 Village Administrator pulls out their phone, takes a
20 picture, somebody gets promoted, someone's retiring.

21 We don't need to have professional
22 photographers just so you could advertise for free on the
23 taxpayers dime.

24 Um, on Item Number 37, does the Town
25 Clerk's office have access to the Office 365 licenses?

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: The answer to that
2 would be yes?

3 COMMISSISONER PRIM: Yes.

4 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, so now I could
5 recommend I've been asking for many years, why don't you
6 type up the details of the town Resolutions using Office
7 365, export it to Word so you could stop wasting time
8 OCR-ing it and scanning this stuff in?

9 It looks like garbage, the details. Just
10 type it into a Word processor.

11 The technology has been around for over 30
12 years.

13 I don't know why you do it with a
14 typewriter, but that's what it looks like you're doing.

15 Also on Item Number 41, the proposal, was
16 this proposal posted on the Town's website? 41 and 42,
17 were these agreements posted on the Town's website?

18 Because I couldn't find them.

19 COMMISSIONER BLOWER: Greg Blower, again,
20 Director of Communications.

21 They should have been on there. If not, we
22 can get them to you.

23 FELIX PROCACCI: The details?

24 Because I looked several times, I couldn't
25 see them.

1 Because even like from the last Meeting,
2 there were three, I believe three resolutions where the
3 details and the Town Attorney said he was going to get
4 them to me.

5 I sent them an email after a few days
6 and asked him for it and he still didn't get them to me.

7 And then I FOIL-ed them. And that's
8 unnecessary, because by law, they should be up there 24
9 hours prior to the Meeting. Otherwise, you're in
10 violation.

11 COMMISSIONER PRIM: That's correct.
12 They should have been up there. We can get them to you.

13 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, look, I don't want
14 to litigate anything, but the thing is, if you keep on
15 violating the law, there's really no choice for
16 residents. Thank you. Just please do that. Thank you
17 very much.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thanks, Mr. Procacci.
19 Ms. Mereday? Okay. All right. Next, I
20 have Michael Tori. No?

21 I don't have any other slips on the
22 Administrative Calendars.

23 Anybody want to be heard that hasn't
24 signed in?

25 If not, may I have a Motion on the

1 Administrative Calendar?

2 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I move the
3 Administrative Calendar in its entirety.

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Can I get a second.

5 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Second.

6 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I will move the
8 Administrative Calendar with the exception of Item Number
9 47, which I will recuse myself.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

11 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

12 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

13 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

17 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVINZ: Okay, Madam Clerk,
19 would you please look for a motion to adjourn? If I can,
20 it from anybody.

21 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I move we
22 adjourn.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Can I get a second on
24 that.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

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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.

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

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I do hereby certify that the foregoing Verbatim Transcript of the Town of Hempstead Town Meeting held on February 7, 2023 consisting of pages 1 through 132 is an accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.

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