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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

TOWN BOARD MEETING

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

TOWN HALL PAVILION

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

May 9, 2023

10:30 A.M.

BEFORE: DOROTHY L. GOOSBY

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR

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APPEARANCES :

COUNCIL MEMBER CARINI

COUNCIL MEMBER DUNNE, SR.

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER

COUNCIL MEMBER MUSCARELLA

COUNCIL MEMBER RYDER

TOWN CLERK MURRAY

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK POKALSKY

TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE

CHIEF OF STAFF LIBERT

COMPROLLER MASTROMARINO

RECEIVER OF TAXES DRISCOLL

DONALD X. CLAVIN, JR., SUPERVISOR (ABSENT)

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1 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Welcome to the
2 May 9, 2023 Hempstead Town Board Meeting.

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

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5 CLERK MURRAY: I will. Councilman Carini?

6 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Here.

7 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

8 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: 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 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Ryder?

16 COUNCILWOMAN RYDER: Here.

17 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I, now, ask
18 Councilman Carini to lead us in the Pledge of
19 Allegiance.

20 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Put your hands over you
21 heart and repeat after me.

22 (Whereupon, Councilman Carini, led the
23 Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. After, the
24 following ensued.)

25 COUNCILMAN CARINI: I would like to take

1 an opportunity to mention today starts the
2 observation of Police Week in Washington, D.C.

3 Five hundred and fifty-six Police Officers
4 will be added to the Memorial Wall on the 13th **Page | 4**
5 Candlelight Vigil.

6 I want to thank everybody who serves in law
7 enforcement throughout the Town of Hempstead and I
8 would like to take a moment of silence for those
9 being added to the wall.

10 (Whereupon, a moment of silence was
11 observed by the Assembly. After, the following
12 ensued.)

13 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Thank you, everybody.
14 Thank you for all that serve.

15 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Madam Clerk,
16 would you, please, call the first Public Hearing.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Yes, I will, Deputy
18 Supervisor.

19 We have a proposed Local Law Re:
20 "Regulations and Restrictions" to limit parking in
21 Franklin Square, North Lynbrook, Roosevelt, near
22 Valley Stream, West Hempstead (To amend Chapter
23 202 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

24 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Does any Board
25 Member wish to speak?

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1 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
2 the following ensued.)

3 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Does anyone in
4 Town Hall, who is here, that would like to be Page | 5
5 heard on this Item?

6 No one?

7 All right, may I have a Motion.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move the Public
9 Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the Item.

10 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second that.

11 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

12 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

13 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

14 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

15 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

16 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

19 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

20 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Ryder?

22 COUNCILWOMAN RYDER: Aye.

23 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Next item.

24 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law Re:
25 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions," in

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1 Baldwin, East Meadow, Elmont, Franklin Square,
2 Inwood, Merrick, North Lynbrook, Oceanside, near
3 Rockville Centre, Seaford, Wantagh, West
4 Hempstead, Woodmere, (To amend Section 202-1 of Page | 6
5 the Code of the Town of Hempstead.)

6 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Does any Board
7 Member wish to speak on this Item?

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

10 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: If not, does
11 anyone in the Public wish to speak on it?

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

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

16 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I move that the Public
17 Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the Item.

18 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Second.

19 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

20 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

22 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

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1 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

2 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

3 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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4 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Ryder?

5 COUNCILWOMAN RYDER: Aye.

6 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Next Item.

7 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law Re:

8 "Arterial Stops" in Bellmore, Elmont, Franklin

9 Square, Levittown, Merrick, North Bellmore,

10 Seaford (To amend Section 197-5 of the Code of the

11 Town of Hempstead.)

12 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Does any of t he

13 Council Members wish to speak on this item?

14 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,

15 the following ensued.)

16 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: If not, does

17 anyone in the audience like to speak on this item?

18 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,

19 the following ensued.)

20 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: If there are no

21 speakers, may we have a Motion.

22 COUNCILMAN CARINI: I move the Public

23 Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the item.

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

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DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Ryder?

COUNCILWOMAN RYDER: Aye.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Madam Clerk,
will you, please, call the next Public Hearing.

CLERK MURRAY: Proposed "Handicapped
Parking on Public Streets" in Baldwin, Elmont,
Franklin Square, Inwood, Roosevelt, Wantagh, West
Hempstead (Grand Boulevard, McClure Avenue, Gotham
Avenue, Madison Avenue, Mott Avenue, Macon Place,
Charles Road, 8th Street, Benson Avenue.)

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Any Board Member
wish to speak on this item?

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

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: If not, anyone
in the Public like to speak on it?

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1 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
2 the following ensued.)

3 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: May I have a
4 Motion.

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5 COUNCILWOMAN RYDER: I move that the Public
6 Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the item.

7 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Second.

8 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

9 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

11 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

12 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

13 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

17 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Ryder?

19 COUNCILWOMAN RYDER: Aye.

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

22 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law Re:
23 "Extending the Temporary Moratorium for an
24 additional year in the Transit-Oriented
25 Development (TOD) District, Neighborhood Business

1 (NB) Overlay District and Residential
2 Townhouse/Rowhouse (TR) Overlay District for North
3 Lawrence and Inwood and Urban Renewal Residence C
4 District (URD-C)" (To amend Section 101-2 of Page | 10
5 Chapter 101 and to amend Chapter 101-A of the Code
6 of the Town of Hempstead.)

7 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Deputy Supervisor
8 Goosby and Members of the Town Board, after
9 further discussions with Members of the Community,
10 I recommend to the Board that we remove the Urban
11 Renewal Residence C District from the moratorium.

12 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: May I have a
13 Motion.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: So moved.

15 COUNCILWOMAN RYDER: Second.

16 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Anyone from the
17 audience like to speak? Mr. Procacci?

18 FELIX PROCACCI: Why is the Urban Renewal
19 Residence District being removed?

20 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: It is removed
21 after further review and discussions with the
22 community, this project, this particular project
23 has passed by the Town Board some years ago and
24 there were questions as to what they had to do and
25 a lawsuit was actually started.

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And, the lawsuit was settled.

As a result of that, they have to go back to the Zoning Board of Appeals, so, based on conversations with our adversaries in that lawsuit up until, now, are successful, we decided to take that portion of the Town out of the moratorium.

FELIX PROCACCI: What exactly is the Urban Renewal Residence District?

What is that in a general sense?

TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: It is for multi-unit housing.

FELIX PROCACCI: Does that cover the areas of Lawrence and Inwood, you know, the other moratorium?

TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: It does not.

FELIX PROCACCI: It does not.

Okay, I was going to speak against this because I just want to bring it out, you never did implement the moratorium for the Urban Residence District to begin with on September 20th.

Your Deputy Town Attorney got back to me and never provided the documentation.

And, I searched everywhere on September 20th and all the following resolutions, you never did that.

1 So, I am saying, in the future, you should
2 implement the moratorium before you try to extend
3 the moratorium because I think that was a
4 procedural error.

5 And, you told me you were going to get the
6 documents and they don't exist.

7 And, I just think we should do things
8 properly.

9 Thank you very much.

10 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Thank you, Mr.
11 Procacci.

12 Anyone else?

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

15 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: May I have a
16 Motion.

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

20 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Second?

21 Is there a second?

22 COUNCILWOMAN RYDER: Second.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

24 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

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COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Ryder?

COUNCILWOMAN RYDER: Aye.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Would any Board
Member like to speak on this as amended?

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

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: May I have a
Motion to that affect.

COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move the Public
Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the item as
amended.

COUNCILWOMAN RYDER: Second.

CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

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1 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

3 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

4 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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5 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Ryder?

6 COUNCILWOMAN RYDER: Aye.

7 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Okay, now, Madam
8 Clerk, would you, please, call the Administrative
9 Calendar.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Yes, on the Administrative
11 Calendar, today, we have Items 6 through 46.

12 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Would any Board
13 Members like to speak on any items on the
14 Administrative Calendar?

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

17 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Now, we will
18 call for the audience. You can come up, now,
19 according to - - Claudia Borecky, three minutes,
20 please.

21 CLAUDIA BORECKY: The South Nassau Water
22 Authority Act which was created, "To operate in
23 the service area presently operated by a private
24 utility in the southern portion of Nassau County.

25 It justifies its legislation by saying

1 " A variety of factors have led to the cost of
2 water for ratepayers spiraling out of control.

3 "Water is a necessity of life which should
4 be managed responsibly and affordably.

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5 "A public takeover would provide greatly,
6 reduce the costs for ratepayers.

7 "This legislation would enable a takeover
8 of area service by New York American Water within
9 the Town of Hempstead."

10 This was over a year ago and yet it has not
11 held one single Public Meeting to date.

12 You let the ball drop again.

13 There is no reason why the Water Authority
14 has not reached an agreement with Liberty.

15 If it had done its job, we would be looking
16 at a substantial savings in our water bill and not
17 a forty-two (42) percent rate hike.

18 And, then, you unconscionably awarded your
19 appointed Commissioners for doing nothing.

20 Water Commissioner Laura Ryder was
21 appointed to replace D'Esposito.

22 And, Commissioner Joe Baker is, now, a
23 candidate for Nassau County Legislator.

24 Apparently, as Commissioners, they
25 dutifully did nothing but make sure the

1 Town continues to get taxed from Liberty
2 ratepayers to the tune of over twelve million
3 dollars a year, taxes that residents with
4 municipal water do not pay.

5 We claim outrage Liberty is raising its
6 rates.

7 We warned you that the rates would
8 skyrocket once the two-year freeze was over.

9 You knew this was going to happen.

10 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Mrs. Borecky, we were
11 on the record opposing the forty-two percent rate
12 hike.

13 We are on record with the Public Service
14 Commission.

15 We don't have the authority to stop them.

16 They are still overseen by the State
17 Senate.

18 As you know, the North Shore Water
19 Authority was awarded one million dollars in
20 financing for five thousand residents.

21 The South Shore Water Authority was given
22 nothing by the government for one hundred and ten
23 thousand residents.

24 Now, the equivalent would be twenty-two
25 million dollars.

1 Now, we have no funding.

2 This is not in our purview.

3 Right, now, the authorities are trying to
4 go over the assets of what it cost to do their due ^{Page | 17}
5 diligence because I agree the water is too high.

6 When New York State brokered this water
7 company, they provided no funding.

8 CLAUDIA BORECKY: Excuse me, excuse me.

9 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Go ahead.

10 CLAUDIA BORECKY: The ratepayers have been
11 paying for over one hundred years millions of
12 dollars that the other people don't pay.

13 Take this twelve million dollars that we
14 are paying this year, alone, and use that.

15 It was never written into the act that the
16 State is supposed to fund it, that is something
17 you guys made up.

18 It never happened before.

19 COUNCILMAN CARINI: So, you are okay with
20 the North Shore, but - -

21 CLAUDIA BORECKY: I am not okay with that.

22 COUNCILMAN CARINI: But one hundred and ten
23 thousand ratepayers go nothing, you are okay with
24 that?

25 CLAUDIA BORECKY: I am not okay with that.

1 And, I actually fought for that.

2 And, I petitioned for Governor Hochul for
3 that.

4 I understand that it didn't occur but that ^{Page | 18}
5 is besides the point.

6 It was never written in the act which you
7 were mandated to follow, that it would be funded
8 by the State, that was never part of this act with
9 Nassau Water Authority.

10 So, you have not met for over a year and
11 Laura Ryder, now, is a Council person.

12 I assume they are appointing Ella Stevens
13 for being the replacement.

14 But, let me get back to what I am saying,
15 all right, um, okay, you can't blame Liberty for
16 raising its rates.

17 Its purpose is to ensure that its
18 shareholders profit.

19 Your job is to protect your constituents
20 with - -

21 (Whereupon, the three-minute bell rang.
22 After, the following ensued.)

23 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Thank you. Your
24 time is up. No, you are finished.

25 CLAUDIA BORECKY: I am going to finish.

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1 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Pearl Jacobs?

2 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Ms. Borecky, you
3 can submit your comments and we will make them a
4 part of the record. Page | 19

5 CLAUDIA BORECKY: I am going to submit, not
6 only that, but my letters to the Governor.

7 COUNCILMAN CARINI: I want to say, for the
8 record, we are opposed to the rate hike.

9 CLAUDIA BORECKY: I am opposed to the Town
10 of Hempstead allowing it to happen.

11 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Ms. Pearl
12 Jacobs?

13 PEARL JACOBS: Item Number 6, Uniondale,
14 can I get some information regarding that
15 location, in Uniondale, please.

16 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: I believe
17 Commissioner Jawitz will respond to that.

18 COMMISSIONER JAWITZ: Good Morning,
19 Fredrick Jawitz, Town of Hempstead, Department of
20 Buildings.

21 I think you are referring to the one on 105
22 Marvin, is that correct?

23 PEARL JACOBS: I wouldn't know because I
24 just asked what address is it in Uniondale.

25 COMMISSIONER JAWITZ: 105 Marvin, that is

1 an abandoned one-family dwelling with detached
2 garage.

3 We secured the abandoned property to date.

4 We are trying to reach a new owner of Page | 20
5 record, okay, but, we have started the
6 condemnation process.

7 PEARL JACOBS: Okay and, how long, sir,
8 would that process be?

9 What would be the duration of that process?

10 COMMISSIONER JAWITZ: It depends upon the
11 Courts and the legal system.

12 PEARL JACOBS: Okay, because, you know, we
13 have an issue, not only in Uniondale but across,
14 um, the Town of Hempstead where people are using
15 these abandoned properties as illegal shelters.

16 So, we do not want that to happen.

17 We do have a Neighborhood Watch that are
18 looking at those abandoned homes, but, um, we
19 would hope that is moved very expeditiously.

20 COMMISSIONER JAWITZ: If you provide us
21 with any particular addresses, okay, we will be
22 happy to investigate it.

23 PEARL JACOBS: Thank you.

24 Um, Items 30, 31 and 32 regarding the
25 Roosevelt Field Water District.

1 I do believe this is Uniondale Water
2 District.

3 You call Roosevelt Field.

4 We call it Uniondale.

5 It is within our boundaries.

6 My questions is can you give me the scope
7 of the work that is going to occur, here, please?

8 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Commissioner
9 Reinhardt, I believe., will answer that question.

10 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Good Morning,
11 Commissioner Reinhardt, Department of Water.

12 Good Morning, Town Board.

13 The work in question, the Resolution is
14 actually in the Roosevelt Field Water District.

15 The Water District was formed in 1963. It
16 represented the old Roosevelt Field Air Base.

17 So, there is electrical work, 1,4 dioxane
18 improvements, Wells 7, 11 and 12 at Dippley Drive,
19 across from Lowes.

20 Item 31, plumbing work for that same exact
21 job and 32 is for the general construction of that
22 job.

23 I apologize, 30 was actually for electrical
24 for a booster station for the Roosevelt
25 construction.

1 PEARL JACOBS: So, another question, um, the
2 water towers in Uniondale in the residential areas
3 of Uniondale, why are we languishing?

4 There is one right next to the Turtle Hook ^{Page | 22}
5 School, it appears to me that, I mean, the rust is
6 unbelievable, okay, the deterioration and
7 corrosion is absolutely appalling.

8 And, um, why was this put over that water
9 issue, that water tower and that issue that we
10 have in Uniondale with our quality of water, our
11 poor quality of water?

12 In fact, I am on the phone several times a
13 month with people.

14 In fact, I have a neighbor right, now, who
15 is fighting his second battle with cancer, okay,
16 he is fighting a battle of cancer and they are
17 attributing this to the poor quality in the area.

18 And, I just got a call yesterday from two
19 people informing me of the color and taste of
20 their water that is coming out of their faucet.

21 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: If you pass those
22 addresses onto us, we will come out and take a
23 look at those situations.

24 We have been flushing our hydrants the past
25 few weeks.

1 People got cards telling them we were
2 flushing them, that will result in discolored
3 water from time to time.

4 Regarding the two water towers we are
5 discussing, as I explained in the past on this
6 matter, those towers will be taken out of service
7 and painted once the 1,4 dioxane work is
8 completed.

9 We have to take Wells out of service to do
10 this work and we need the towers at that point to
11 make up the difference.

12 PEARL JACOBS: Can you give me, again, the
13 timeframe for that project?

14 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: I believe next
15 year, 2024.

16 PEARL JACOBS: It is always next year with
17 Uniondale.

18 It is like kicking the can down the road.

19 We will stay on top of this.

20 Thank you.

21 PEARL JACOBS: And, so, you do understand
22 Uniondale has been identified with the Department
23 of Environmental Conservation as a community that
24 has disproportionate, disenfranchised
25 environmental concerns.

1 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Yes, we are.

2 PEARL JACOBS: Maybe they will expedite
3 that.

4 I will have to, again, I have to write to ^{Page | 24}
5 Governor Hochul.

6 Thank you.

7 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Thank you,
8 Commissioner.

9 Next, is Ms. Mereday.

10 META MEREDAY: Good Morning. Apparently,
11 I missed the scenario with regard to the Inwood
12 moratorium, but, I have some questions with regard
13 to Items numbered 9 and 10.

14 Um, the commercial rehabilitation program,
15 overall just concerned or just questioning where
16 is Baldwin in any of this commercial
17 rehabilitation if you can survive going down Grand
18 Avenue, where we call it "Grand Prix."

19 There is no commercial rehabilitation.

20 We have no continuity of buildings or
21 structures.

22 We have a lot of buildings that have been
23 white board because cars keep driving through the
24 buildings.

25 I am just curious what is going on with

1 that?

2 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HIRSH: Good Morning,
3 Deputy Commissioner Matt Hirsh, Planning and
4 Economic Development.

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5 We are currently in the process of trying
6 to pass this resolution to bring on the vendors so
7 we can start the rehabilitation process in
8 Baldwin.

9 META MEREDAY: Okay, so exactly where are
10 you going to be in Baldwin?

11 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HIRSH: In the DRI
12 area, so, basically, from the High School all the
13 way down to Merrick Road.

14 META MEREDAY: Okay, so, the North Woods,
15 the dark side of Baldwin, once, again, is going to
16 be left out of the mix.

17 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HIRSH: I can't speak
18 to that but this is the section that was
19 identified through the State award of the DRI.

20 META MEREDAY: Okay, thank you.

21 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HIRSH: You're welcome.

22 META MEREDAY: Number 18, this resolution,
23 the cloud based software, I am sure you are all
24 aware of the stories in Newsday and actually
25 sometimes get their stories right and ahead of

1 time, this type of security concerns that most of
2 you know happened with Suffolk County, Nassau is
3 not far behind it.

4 And, I am sure the Town of Hempstead with ^{Page | 26}
5 relatives, so many relatives and friends and high-
6 paid donors that have these major contracts, what
7 kind of assurances are we getting that this
8 particular project is going to protect residents
9 whose information seems to be going to, I don't
10 know, China, Russia?

11 It is definitely not going to the sources
12 that it needs to go to.

13 If someone can speak to that.

14 While he is coming up, I do ask why are we
15 still speaking back here?

16 I mean most of you don't even have masks
17 on.

18 I do because I am a caregiver and I have a
19 compromised condition.

20 Why am I still back here speaking?

21 COMMISSIONER: I am not sure of your
22 question, security on the website.

23 META MEREDAY: Cyber security for that
24 contract, what are the assurances of cyber
25 security?

1 Anything that goes to the Cloud, now, seems
2 to get to Putin faster than anybody who needs that
3 information.

4 COMMISSIONER: All I can tell you, it is in ^{Page | 27}
5 the Cloud.

6 It is secure. I don't know what to tell
7 you. It is a secured website.

8 META MEREDAY: Secure, how is it secured?

9 COMMISSIONER: It is secured through all
10 kinds of malware from the company that we hired to
11 take care of the website.

12 META MEREDAY: Okay, I am sure Suffolk
13 County thought the same way and Nassau County is
14 avoiding that problem.

15 What are we doing to protect our
16 information overall in this contract and others?

17 Again, crickets, no answers.

18 Thank you.

19 Items, 31, 32, the contaminated Wells, I
20 stand with Claudia Borecky being a Member of the
21 Clean Water and Sewer - - Soil, the soil is soiled
22 by the sewers, so, it is just a problem that we
23 are going to have to face, here.

24 The contaminants are high and the sense is
25 folks are going to run that casino railroad right

1 into us.

2 If I can get the answer to 31, 32. 34 and
3 35.

4 And, I put my questions on the record
5 before my time ran out. I expect answers.

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

8 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Your time is up,
9 Mrs. Mereday.

10 META MEREDAY: No, my time is not up.

11 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Your time is up.

12 META MEREDAY: I put it on the record and I
13 expect answers.

14 Do we not have paid Commissioners?

15 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Mrs. Patti
16 Harris, it is your time.

17 META MEREDAY: I don't think so. I am not
18 getting the answers to the questions I put on the
19 record during my time.

20 So, that is what we are living in, now,
21 really.

22 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Mrs. Harris.

23 Would you, please, remove yourself so Mrs.
24 Harris can have space.

25 META MEREDAY: What if I don't remove

1 myself?

2 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Could we ask
3 someone to help her?

4 META MEREDAY: Come and help me with my Page | 29
5 four herniated discs and walk in my shoes with I
6 walked in the dust in 9/11 - -

7 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Mrs. Mereday,
8 your time is up, that's it.

9 META MEREDAY: When I put my questions on
10 the record two minutes before the bell rang, I
11 expect my questions to be answered, sir.

12 My questions, sir, my statements, my
13 requests are on the record.

14 I am a taxpayer and I expect an answer.

15 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Deputy Supervisor,
16 I ask, at this time, that we take a two-minute
17 recess.

18 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Okay, we will
19 take a two-minute recess.

20 (Whereupon, recess was entertained. After,
21 the following ensued.)

22 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Mrs. Harris, it
23 is your time, please.

24 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Deputy Supervisor
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DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Yes.

TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Commissioner
Reinhardt previously answered questions 31, 32 and
33 - - I am sorry, 31 and 32, but we will have him
come up and respond to Ms. Mereday's questions.

META MEREDAY: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Good Morning,
Deputy Supervisor, Town Board: Commissioner
Reinhardt.

Your question regarding those were,
specifically?

META MEREDAY: The question regarding the
water contamination, what does it have to do with
the community?

What is the involvement?

What information is going out to the public
with regard to what is happening with the water?

Where are the contaminates coming from?

What is going to be done to treat it?

What will be the impact?

COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: The work being
done at these three Wells is related to 1,4
dioxane which is an emergent contaminate.

It is in about seventy percent of the Wells
on Long Island.

1 It has been the cover story, most of the
2 major newspapers in the past three years.

3 Our annual report has a section dedicated
4 to it. Page | 31

5 Our Town website has an entire page
6 dedicated just to this matter.

7 The manner of treatment we put in place,
8 progress on those jobs, the schedule on those jobs
9 are all on the same page and letters are regularly
10 put out and builders put out to customers
11 regarding the emergent contaminants required by
12 law.

13 META MEREDAY: Okay, the money that was
14 expended to send to Governor Hochul about the
15 housing, that should have been used to notify
16 residents on this water danger.

17 That is what I am saying, we are amiss
18 appropriating recourses to give public
19 information.

20 Water is vital to community residents,
21 particularly in that corridor when they are
22 talking about development, so, that was my
23 question with regard to that whole scenario.

24 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: And, I explained
25 we have many, many methods of notification

1 on this matter.

2 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: It is also in
3 today's Newsday.

4 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: And, again, today. Page | 32

5 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Thank you,
6 Commissioner.

7 Ms. Mereday, with regard to the Inwood
8 warehouse, the first resolution is SEQRA
9 determination and the second resolution is the
10 Public Hearing which was held, I am told,
11 approximately, a year ago with regard to this
12 project involving the warehouse and office space
13 to my knowledge, it was before my time.

14 There was no opposition to it.

15 This is the formal assistance of it. This
16 is something that is done at the Town Board all
17 the time.

18 META MEREDAY: Right, I understand it has
19 been accepted but you are still denying the
20 community additional resources and development
21 access by extending the moratorium.

22 I just want that on the record.

23 I am good, now, thank you.

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

1 PATTY HARRIS: Patty Harris, Uniondale.

2 My question is for 30, 31 and 32, is the
3 upgrade for these three, 30, 31 and 32, is that
4 because of the function of the high-end luxury
5 living that is over there by the, um, Roosevelt
6 Field?

7 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: As was explained
8 before, this is to treat 1,4 dioxane which is an
9 emergent contaminant for water supply.

10 It has nothing to do with development.

11 It doesn't increase productivity or
12 production in any of the Wells.

13 It just removes this contaminant from the
14 Wells.

15 PATTY HARRIS: Okay, so, this is a part of
16 Uniondale.

17 So, have you done the one that is in
18 Uniondale by Turtle Hook on Jerusalem?

19 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Those Wells do not
20 have high limits of 1,4 dioxane in them.

21 Those are four of my cleanest Wells in all
22 of my thirty Wells.

23 PATTY HARRIS: Oh, that is amazing. I
24 would think it was the opposite.

25 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: We have actually

1 installed pretty much of our progress online.

2 Two Wells in Uniondale on Oak Street, um,
3 right across Union Gas, you will see those were
4 one of the first Plants that we were building.

5 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: He is
6 explaining.

7 PATTY HARRIS: Say that again.

8 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: On Oak Street
9 across from UPS, which is part of the Uniondale
10 Water District, Wells, 5 and 6, those are one of
11 the first with 1,4 Dioxane plants - -

12 PATTY HARRIS: Oak Street is part of
13 Uniondale.

14 I thought it was part of Garden City.

15 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: No, it is part of
16 Uniondale Water District.

17 PATTY HARRIS: Could you tell me what side
18 it is?

19 I know one side is Garden City and the
20 other side is Uniondale.

21 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: No, it is across
22 from UPS.

23 PATTY HARRIS: Okay, thank you.

24 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Thank you,
25 Commissioner.

1 Thank you very much.

2 Okay, that is the end of it. Does anyone
3 else wish to speak?

4 No, no, you have already spoken. Your time ^{Page | 35}
5 is up.

6 May I have a Motion on the Administrative
7 Calendar.

8 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I move that we adopt the
9 Administrative Calendar in its entirety.

10 COUNCILMAN CARINI: I second the Motion.

11 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

12 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

13 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

14 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

15 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

16 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

19 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

20 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

21 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: May I have a
22 Motion to adjourn.

23 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Move we adjourn.

24 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Second.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

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DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: 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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Whereupon, I hereby certify that the foregoing testimony in the matter of the Hempstead Town Board Meeting held on May 9, 2023, consisting of pages 1 through 37 inclusive is an accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.



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