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2 (Whereupon, at 7:02 p.m., the  
3 record opened and the Pledge of  
4 Allegiance was recited.)

5 MAYOR MCGINTY: On the housekeeping  
6 side of things before we get started,  
7 last Friday night my wife Jean and I  
8 were out and I failed to thank her for  
9 all that she's done. Truthfully, I owe  
10 her a debt of thanks. I could not do  
11 this job. This full tilt -- I am at  
12 this job full tilt boogie to use an  
13 office expression. I couldn't do it if  
14 Jean wasn't supportive, so I wanted to  
15 thank her in public.

16 Secondly, I am blessed with a Board  
17 of Trustees. Through the history and,  
18 Mayor, I think it's safe to say I have  
19 known every board since I was a boy,  
20 right? Every board of trustees since I  
21 was a boy?

22 UNKNOWN: Probably.

23 MAYOR MCGINTY: They include some  
24 service my father did with the board.  
25 We are blessed, we as a village are



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2 blessed. We have committed -- there is  
3 no finer Board of Trustees than our  
4 Board of Trustees throughout this  
5 county. We have two of our committed  
6 people with us tonight, a former fire  
7 chief, a former commissioner, battalion  
8 commissioner, county commissioner --  
9 you are still in the middle of that --  
10 and of course our on Trustee Volpe-Ried  
11 who has taught so many of the young  
12 people here in this village and in this  
13 school district, so give them a hand  
14 they deserve.

15 UNKNOWN: How about Connie?

16 MAYOR MCGINTY: I always thank  
17 Madam Clerk for her efforts. I don't  
18 know if I said this before you came in  
19 or not, but one of the things I said to  
20 her is if I misspeak she will stop me  
21 and she will.

22 I'm going to start in the middle  
23 and then kind of work around it. Right  
24 now, we're in the design and  
25 engineering phase of the HMPG project,



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the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program.  
In mid May we're going to accept the  
results of our quest for requests for  
proposals. Under New York state law,  
we're doing this project and we have  
got to seek bids, and those bids we  
will choose the most responsible and  
the most financially efficacious bid  
when they come in and that's the middle  
of this project.

Once we get the design and  
engineering done and we believe --  
Madam Clerk, seriously are we -- when I  
talk about design and engineering  
phase, I think we are talking about a  
six month period; right? Is that --  
you understand?

MS. CONROY: That's correct.

MAYOR MCGINTY: That's what we  
understand and we understand that we  
did that RFP ourselves and in doing so  
we saved anywhere from, you know, pick  
a number 75- to \$100,000 by doing it  
in-house and we did this request for





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proposal in-house. It's a 30 page document. It's not one page. It's a 30 page document and we did it under the assistance of Deputy Commissioner Sean Sallie, S-A-L-L-I-E, from Nassau County's Public Works and direct supervision of Homeland Security and FEMA. So every step of the way not only have we saved money, which will plow back into the project, but we have had advice and consent from the checkbook people. So that's the first part to get.

To get to the design and engineering phase we first had to be approved for the investigatory process and that investigatory process involved the cleaning of 17 percent of the drain lines within the Village of Island Park, as well as a number drain boxes. Well, we took it a little further. We cleaned and videotaped every drain, every lateral drain, within the confines of the Village of Island Park



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and all 326 drain boxes and we did that under the direct -- we sought and got the direct supervision of the Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State DEC. And that involved, some of you remember this, we built a containment area at the far end, at the north end of the village behind the public works garage and we did that in such a way that we had a tertiary filtering system, which produced water at the end of the day which was clean enough to go back into the bay, and not only was it the environmental and ecological thing to do but it also cut our costs for rubbish removal and so forth.

So at the end of the first phase we were under the budget by 1 million 140-some-odd-thousand dollars, which we got rolled into the second phase and that was through the good offices of Congresswoman Rice and Senator Schuman's office. Their staff is top



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2 notch. They helped us go a long way.

3 Now, we have got all our drains  
4 mapped. Maybe there was mapping before  
5 the watershed of this storm, no pun  
6 intended, but we didn't have maps so we  
7 had to redo them, okay. So now we are  
8 into the design and engineering phase.  
9 In addition, we are going to be  
10 replacing tidal flex valves along the  
11 canals and, by the way, the dead end  
12 streets up by Redfield, yeah, Redfield  
13 I believe is the one. We will be  
14 replacing those tidal flex valves with  
15 larger valves and along the lines --  
16 it's not enough to replace check valves  
17 or install new drains. We have to have  
18 the wherewithal to maintain them  
19 properly, and along those lines  
20 Congresswoman Rice's office is working  
21 with us in conjunction with the EPA,  
22 the Environmental Protection Agency,  
23 clean water funds so that over time we  
24 can maintain and keep our drains clean.

25 In addition, we completed a grant



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process, again, in-house. We have been doing our grants in-house, which by the way is difficult, time consuming, but it saves a great deal of money. I believe the last time we had a grant officer in the village, if memory serves me, it ran an estimated \$50,000 a year. Sometimes it was reimbursed from the grant, sometimes not. Pretty much?

UNKNOWN: Pretty much.

MAYOR MCGINTY: Thank you, Mayor. So we have got this grant now in conjunction with the Town of Hempstead, and what that grant entails is the purchase of a guzzler truck. That's an industrial size truck to clean drains.

MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Mayor, I saw that truck. The village owns that truck?

MAYOR MCGINTY: No, no. Hold your question for a moment. I will address it in a different way.

The guzzler truck, you saw that



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2 guzzler truck when -- Mainline? Who?

3 MS. CONROY: Parkline.

4 MAYOR MCGINTY: Parkline. I do  
5 that all of the time. Parkline did the  
6 drain cleaning and that truck you saw  
7 is a -- I am sure there is a technical  
8 name but everybody in the business  
9 calls it a guzzler.

10 What you saw we have two smaller  
11 vacuum trucks. The one vacuum truck,  
12 the smaller one also provides clean  
13 street sweeping. We don't use that so  
14 much for drains. We use the bigger one  
15 for draining boxes.

16 MR. DEMATTEO: So the village is  
17 going to do that? They are going to  
18 drain all those things?

19 MAYOR MCGINTY: Yes. So we will  
20 recreate a containment area, albeit  
21 smaller, at the north end behind the  
22 public works garage, and I have already  
23 asked the commissioner, Ms. Carrie  
24 Meeks-Gallagher, for direct  
25 supervision. It's too important to be



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1 left to our own druthers. I would  
2 rather have professional environmental  
3 engineers making sure that we are doing  
4 it exactly according to the way it's  
5 exactly correct environmentally and  
6 ecologically. It's so very important  
7 to the future. So while we are at  
8 that -- so that's what we're doing with  
9 the tidal flex valves with lateral  
10 drains.  
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12 Now, those lateral drains take for  
13 example my favorite block of all time  
14 Deal Road. Right now there is a  
15 lateral drain, a 6-inch lateral drain.  
16 It holds 34 cubic feet of water per  
17 hundred linear feet. New drain pipe  
18 whether it be 15 or 18 inches will hold  
19 189 cubic feet of water. So these  
20 drain pipes, these lateral drain pipes,  
21 storm drains, are going to be double  
22 duty. Not only are they going to take  
23 the water out but at high tide they  
24 will hold the water back a little bit,  
25 you know? Again, very, very important.



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1                   So in the reality when we get to  
2                   construction certainly the Hegarty  
3                   environment will be the first part.  
4                   The Hegarty neighborhood will be the  
5                   first part and we will go north down  
6                   Suffolk Road from Warwick Road down to  
7                   Island Parkway. But now here is the  
8                   thing, we were all walking down Suffolk  
9                   Road and we were with some of the  
10                  elected officials, whether it be  
11                  Senator Kaminsky, Assemblywoman Miller,  
12                  Councilman D'Esposito and Commissioner  
13                  Parrino. Commissioner Parrino is a  
14                  bear of a man, six-six, six-five, big  
15                  boy. I asked if we could -- what would  
16                  happen, well, why don't you let us  
17                  start trenching Suffolk Road, taking  
18                  out the old and putting in the  
19                  replacement drains. He said, "Oh, of  
20                  course you can do that, however, the  
21                  minute you put a backhoe into the  
22                  ground, the 40 million goes out of the  
23                  window." We are not allowed -- we can  
24                  do pothole restoration and we are about  
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to bring Stasi in to do some work around some of our drain boxes and manholes, but we are not permitted to start construction work until we have approval. That approval will come from after the design and engineering phase when we move into the construction phase and we award a contract.

MS. CANNON: How long can that be?

MAYOR MCGINTY: Well, we believe design and engineering we believe that to be a six month process and it's mid May the responses to requests for proposals are due. We will accelerate our decision and we will move forward on the construction side in terms of the RFP for construction and the actual work. As a matter of fact, we are working on the RFP for construction now. Granted we don't have the design in place but you can do some of the generics and we have been seeking advice from Nassau County DPW and seeking advice from Homeland Security





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and the Governor's Office for Storm Recovery all of whom have been incredibly cooperative. That's where we are there.

At the far end of the village we have constructed a fireman training center and that, frankly, that goes hand in glove with everything we are doing. As we speak, there are 177 homes that are up, raised, to base flood elevation plus two or three with monolithic foundations. Well, it takes a different kind of training to handle that situation. First of all, I am told that you have got to understand what happens to concrete when it gets very, very hot. It exudes dangerous gases, Chief Gagliardi, and they are the construction being used. Instead of plywood they are using a lot of approved, industry-approved, pressboard, trust construction for floors, for roofs and any combination therein and as a result the fire



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department gets a set of plans or gets notification. 10 Parma Road, okay, we're doing trust construction and in the floors and ceilings. Well, the fire department knows that, so as to protect the men and facilitate the proper approach to firefighting.

We also -- while I am up at the far end -- we also took out the old fuel tanks and as a village we were very lucky. Those fuel tanks were well beyond their useful age, their useful life, usefulness. No damage to the soil, the soil was clean and we're about ready to put in to two new fuel tanks. They have been ordered, fuel tanks and something else. They will order them very specific.

At this time the Town of Hempstead has permitted us to make use of their fuel depots, so we're still paying government rate, wholesale rate, on our fuel costs, which is a great savings to us.



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As you come down into Island Park, you will notice that we have been done a great deal of work for curb appeal and that curb appeal ties into our drainage project. We have some money through the New York State Dormitory Authority, which will ultimately provide part of transit-oriented development along Long Beach Road. It's an upgrading of the road and it's traffic mitigation. We will be having what is known as bump-outs. We will have some diagonal parking. We will have crosswalks with solar signs informing people that there could be a pedestrian in the crosswalk. Between the parallel -- the diagonal parking and the bump-outs it will have a tendency to slow traffic down, which is a vital importance to us.

Along the curbing you are going to have environmentally friendly swales which is, for lack of a better word, it's vegetation. It's decorative



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vegetation that drains water faster and more effectively than the grass in our front yards. It should be helpful to all of us.

As you come down Long Beach Road, we're south on Long Beach Road now standing outside Olympia's Diner, the Island Park diner, and if you look to the south you will see a drain box in the middle of Long Beach Road. We found that drain box by accident. We had the guzzler out, the vacuum truck out, and we found this drain box 21 and a half inches under concrete and mechanical. Now, you would say, well, did you get permission from the county? No. We figured we would apologize later. We rebuilt that drain and in doing so it has mitigated the inherent flooding between the tracks on the south and Warwick Road on the north along Long Beach Road, and to further protect our storefronts we have when there is a combination of a nor'easter



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2 and a high tide, we close off that  
3 block because none of us want to see  
4 water going into the stores.

5 MS. HASSETT: When was that  
6 mitigated?

7 MAYOR MCGINTY: Say it again?

8 MS. HASSETT: When was that  
9 mitigated?

10 MAYOR MCGINTY: The drain was built  
11 up sometime in the last 15 months but,  
12 Ms. Hassett, it is not perfect. It's  
13 better than it was. We did clean the  
14 drain as far as we could. There is a  
15 drain that runs from that -- there is a  
16 drain pipe, a lateral drain pipe, that  
17 runs from that drain box out to  
18 California Place South, out to the  
19 canal bordering south and north,  
20 California Place North and South.  
21 There is a second lateral pipe due to  
22 be installed under the county slash  
23 town slash Homeland Security project  
24 and it will end up with two flex valves  
25 in the canal.



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2 MS. HASSETT: They spoke about this  
3 at the last meeting.

4 MAYOR MCGINTY: Okay. And when  
5 that portion of the job is done, we  
6 will redo -- well, I think they are  
7 going to -- well, the streets are going  
8 to be redone between Austin Boulevard  
9 and the train tracks.

10 MR. DEMATTEO: Is that where the  
11 car wash is? Is the pipe going to go  
12 all of the way through from Island Park  
13 down that whole thing?

14 MAYOR MCGINTY: One pipe already  
15 does.

16 MR. DEMATTEO: Okay.

17 MAYOR MCGINTY: A second -- a  
18 sister pipe, if you will, a tandem pipe  
19 will go down as well.

20 MR. DEMATTEO: Okay.

21 MAYOR MCGINTY: So those streets  
22 will be reconfigured and you will get  
23 environmentally friendly swales going  
24 along the tracks and along the parking  
25 lot to better handle drainage going



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2 forward.

3 As we continue with our discussion,  
4 let me stop here. Does anybody have  
5 any questions so far?

6 Name and address for the record  
7 please.

8 MS. HASSETT: Laura Hassett, 8  
9 Norfolk Road, Island Park. To go back  
10 to the guzzler truck, how often will we  
11 have access to the guzzler truck?

12 MAYOR MCGINTY: It's under  
13 discussion but we are assured that we  
14 will have it enough. We will be able  
15 to -- we will have sufficient use of  
16 it.

17 MS. HASSETT: In your discussions  
18 do you see it as something that we  
19 would do as an annual cleaning or after  
20 several high moon tides that we may  
21 need to clean out?

22 MAYOR MCGINTY: It will be a  
23 periodic cleaning, and when I say  
24 periodic right now as a -- anecdotally,  
25 right now Nassau County sends a vacuum



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truck down here approximately every six weeks to vacuum out the sanitary sewer system, specifically the manhole covers. Now there are times when it doesn't come down here for eight weeks and there is times it's down here every month. Upon investigation we will determine how often.

MS. HASSETT: But naturally they are not doing every section every -- I mean, they pick different areas to --

MAYOR MCGINTY: We pick.

MS. HASSETT: Or you pick.

MAYOR MCGINTY: Well, not me. The village does, yes.

MS. HASSETT: Okay. When you said that the new drains would hold 189 gallons of water --

MAYOR MCGINTY: I used that -- now, wait. I was speaking specifically of Deal Road and the change in pipe diameter from the present 6-inch to a possible 15 to 18-inch drain and I was making an example. Every -- no street





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2 will be -- I can't tell you what is  
3 going to happen on every street but  
4 all --

5 MS. HASSETT: So Deal Road will go  
6 from approximately 64? Is that what  
7 you said that it is right now? It  
8 holds approximately --

9 MAYOR MCGINTY: No, what I said was  
10 34 cubic feet of water per 100 linear  
11 feet and it would go to approximately  
12 189 cubic feet of water per 100 linear  
13 feet of pipe.

14 MS. HASSETT: Okay, so you are the  
15 math professor, so what does that come  
16 out to? What is the difference from  
17 what it -- how the --

18 MAYOR MCGINTY: Thirty-four to 189?  
19 Substantially. You won't have severe  
20 flooding on Deal Road.

21 MS. HASSETT: So are there spots  
22 besides Deal Road where you see that  
23 going in?

24 MAYOR MCGINTY: Oh, yes. We are  
25 going to change all of the drains on



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Suffolk Road, which there are inherent problems to replacing the drains and we're moving forward with it. We have bog and underground stream considerations and there is an engineering concept where picture the top of a pipe, the arc on the top of a pipe. Well, at the apex of that pipe you have got to have a certain amount of distance between the apex of the pipe and the street. That will determine how large those pipes will be.

MS. HASSETT: Okay. Then you said, naturally, you are going to start with the most critical parts of the village to mitigate first. Hegarty School being one of those areas and then you are going South Suffolk. What about --

MAYOR MCGINTY: No, North Suffolk.

MS. HASSETT: Oh, North Suffolk. So what about South Suffolk because --

MAYOR MCGINTY: Yes, I am well aware of South Suffolk.



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2 MS. HASSETT: It's pretty bad.

3 MAYOR MCGINTY: Yes, it's like  
4 this. You are going to be going like  
5 this.

6 MS. HASSETT: You are going to  
7 go --

8 MAYOR MCGINTY: Yeah, and what you  
9 have got to -- you have to temper --  
10 maybe I should just speak for myself.  
11 I have to temper my enthusiasm because  
12 if it were me without thinking I would  
13 just start digging up every road in the  
14 village, but there is public safety  
15 concerns. So we will stay in one area,  
16 tie it in and then move on. For  
17 example, you know that the -- well, we  
18 found out. We found out that the  
19 drains along Nassau Lane running north  
20 and south come down Sagamore Road and  
21 impact the canal in that direction, so  
22 that's a consideration. We know  
23 exact -- well, pretty much exactly --  
24 where the worst bog and underground  
25 stream action is and to the best of our



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2 knowledge now it's Parma and Ostend  
3 Road.

4 MS. HASSETT: Really?

5 MAYOR MCGINTY: That's one facet,  
6 the bog and underground stream action.

7 MS. HASSETT: Because Lancaster is  
8 awful.

9 MAYOR MCGINTY: Yes, it is.

10 MS. HASSETT: I mean, there is a  
11 lot of areas that are awful. So in  
12 your -- I guess this is hard to answer  
13 but --

14 MAYOR MCGINTY: Well, I didn't  
15 study.

16 MS. HASSETT: You are waiting for  
17 the design and engineering phase. The  
18 proposals you said are due mid May. So  
19 those proposals come in. Then you have  
20 to put out RFP based on --

21 MAYOR MCGINTY: No, first we have  
22 to -- the proposals come in. We accept  
23 those proposals. We accept one of  
24 those proposals and I am glad you  
25 brought that up because I left



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1 something out earlier. Not only did we  
2 perform a GIS and physical mapping, not  
3 only did we videotape the drains, not  
4 only did we study the impact that the  
5 other underground drains, the water and  
6 natural gases, the impact of those  
7 drains on our drain system, but we also  
8 developed a -- through all of the  
9 environmental engineering -- we  
10 developed a modeling study using the  
11 C-A-D-D software program, the CADD  
12 Program, where you can pictorially  
13 represent the impact of an one year  
14 storm, a five year storm, a ten year  
15 storm, given certain water conditions,  
16 wave heights, weather, northeast,  
17 southeast, you know, the winds, so we  
18 did a lot more that, yes.

19 MS. HASSETT: When do you -- so  
20 once you get past the design and  
21 engineering phase --

22 MAYOR MCGINTY: We have -- it has  
23 been represented to us through the  
24 Department of Public Works and Nassau  
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2 County and Homeland Security that we  
3 should have -- we should be able to go  
4 out with a RFP as it relates to  
5 construction six -- approximately six  
6 months after we begin the design and  
7 engineering. You know, after we accept  
8 the RFP and award a bid to the most  
9 responsible vendor.

10 MR. SARFEDY: So that would be  
11 about the middle of 2020. So all of  
12 this year will be taken up with design  
13 and engineering pretty much and all of  
14 the subsequent --

15 MAYOR MCGINTY: Name and address  
16 for the record.

17 MR. SARFEDY: I am sorry. Jared  
18 Sarfedy, 13 Washington Place.

19 MAYOR MCGINTY: I want to touch on  
20 something. Don't let me leave here  
21 without touching on something in  
22 public, Jared. So, yeah, then it's  
23 that.

24 MS. HASSETT: So, like --

25 MAYOR MCGINTY: Yeah, Mr. Sarfedy



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2 his numbers are right.

3 MR. SARFEDY: So then construction  
4 starts somewhere in the middle of 2020  
5 and then the process that you described  
6 earlier in the meeting where you are  
7 fanning out from where you start, so  
8 maybe you would reach me in 2021 or  
9 something like that depending.

10 MAYOR MCGINTY: Don't hold me to  
11 anything yet but, yes, who knows. At  
12 this point we're -- is it safe to say  
13 that we're all aware of the trouble  
14 spots? Okay.

15 MR. SARFEDY: Just for that same  
16 record, so my house is, you know, the  
17 property is flooded right at this  
18 moment so any rain, the street fills up  
19 and the last four to five houses on the  
20 street you can't cross the street, you  
21 can't walk into the street, you can't  
22 walk onto the sidewalks if there are  
23 any. It's all covered in water.

24 MAYOR MCGINTY: Questions, please?

25 UNKNOWN: Michael, how many gallons



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2 are in a cubic feet of water?

3 MAYOR MCGINTY: I don't know.

4 UNKNOWN: Probably about two it  
5 looks like or three.

6 MAYOR MCGINTY: The point I was  
7 trying to make is that you are going to  
8 be able to store on a temporary basis a  
9 great deal more rain and high tide  
10 water than you were under the old  
11 system.

12 Yes, sir, name and address for the  
13 record.

14 MR. DEMATTEO: Nick DeMatteo, 19  
15 Redfield Road. The executive who was  
16 there from the county had a meeting in  
17 this room. She says Island Parkway and  
18 Suffolk Road they are going to change  
19 that drain box. I remember when --  
20 right? This guy in front of me says to  
21 you about that box and you said that  
22 you couldn't do nothing about that box.

23 MAYOR MCGINTY: That's not what I  
24 said. Mr. DeMatteo, before I'm going  
25 to -- let's be honest here. If you are





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2 going to put words in my mouth,  
3 please -- this is why there is a  
4 transcript here.

5 MR. DEMATTEO: I am not putting  
6 words in your mouth.

7 MAYOR MCGINTY: I never -- sir, at  
8 no point would I have ever said that we  
9 can't remove a drain box. There are  
10 three county roads in the village,  
11 Island Parkway, Long Beach Road and  
12 Warwick Road. The Village of Island  
13 Park approximately sometime in the last  
14 year we entered into an operating and  
15 maintenance agreement dealing with  
16 those three roads, and that operating  
17 and maintenance agreement is part of  
18 shared services between Nassau County  
19 and the Village of Island Park and it  
20 is under the direct -- I don't want to  
21 say orders of -- but certainly the  
22 direct impetus of Governor Cuomo and we  
23 will be replacing as needed. For  
24 example, the drain boxes that we have  
25 at present are far smaller than the



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2 drain boxes we will be installing in  
3 the future. And those drain boxes in  
4 the future will have what is known as  
5 swirl separators and those swirl  
6 separators are not part of the  
7 \$40 million project but instead are  
8 part of the 2006 Environmental Bond Act  
9 passed by Nassau County. We have  
10 approximately \$600,000 in our capital  
11 account, to use the phrase, so we will  
12 be replacing drain boxes on county  
13 roads and the way that will work,  
14 details have to be ironed out, but it's  
15 a very cooperative atmosphere.

16 There will be an exchange of any  
17 kind of services between the county and  
18 the Village of Island Park as it  
19 relates to not only the maintenance and  
20 operation of Long Beach Road, Island  
21 Parkway and Warwick Road but on the  
22 capital side as well. The capital side  
23 being in this particular case the  
24 removal of old drain, installation of  
25 new drain, reconstruction of roads and



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2 installation of new drain boxes with  
3 swirl separators.

4 MR. DEMATTEO: So you are going to  
5 take the drain boxes out of the county  
6 road? The village is going to do that?  
7 She was telling me that she was going  
8 to do that. You weren't at that  
9 meeting.

10 MAYOR MCGINTY: You want to go  
11 there? Okay.

12 MR. DEMATTEO: I will go there.

13 MAYOR MCGINTY: Mr. DeMatteo, I  
14 indicated to the Civic Association that  
15 my teaching schedule prohibits me from  
16 coming to a Tuesday night meeting. I  
17 asked, I made requests that either the  
18 Civic Association change the meeting  
19 date or come up with a date and the  
20 Civic Association did neither. Rather  
21 I chose -- I chose -- to meet here with  
22 you tonight, sir. Sir, I chose to meet  
23 with you tonight.

24 MR. DEMATTEO: You couldn't send  
25 one of your people? Your deputy mayor?



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2 MAYOR MCGINTY: Sir, this is a very  
3 technical meeting. I chose to do it  
4 myself. Now, Mr. DeMatteo, to get back  
5 to the drain boxes, whether it will be  
6 more efficacious for the village to  
7 install drain boxes through the Hazard  
8 Mitigation Grant Program than it would  
9 be for the county. As a result, what  
10 will happen in the reality is that the  
11 county will provide some sort of income  
12 capital services so that it works.  
13 Questions, please. Yes?

14 MR. ZIMATORE: Roland Zimatore, 185  
15 Suffolk Road. Through all of these  
16 projects is there any bulkheading for  
17 the mitigation to help with flooding  
18 too?

19 MAYOR MCGINTY: It's -- bulkheading  
20 is problematic. Now, bulkheading where  
21 you are, the Little Beach, right now we  
22 have just completed the application  
23 process for the beach stabilization  
24 project which is just south of Mason  
25 Beach on Beach Way. We are waiting



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on -- so, we are ready to go with that. We are waiting on the Department of State for final approval. As far as the Little Beach goes specifically, the U.S. Army Core of Engineers has been out in the water as part of its southwest bay wetland study doing the soundings and the topographical surveying work necessary. When they are completed, we will be doing bulkheading work on the Little Beach. In point of fact, we're probably going to -- well, I can tell you that we will expedite that bulkhead work. As soon as we get done with the beach stabilization, we will go back to the DEC and take them down to the Little Beach and work on those bulkheads.

MR. ZIMATORE: Hopefully sooner than later.

MAYOR MCGINTY: No doubt.

MR. SARFEDY: Does that mean shoring up the existing ones?

MAYOR MCGINTY: I don't think they



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are going to permit to us replace until the study is done but it does mean shoring and the necessary repair. As far as bulkheads in the village goes, take for instance the bulkhead at the foot of Redfield Road. If the village were to raise that bulkhead, water would simply come in through the Zengs on the north or Goldstein and Bruno on the south. So in terms of raising bulkheads we don't know at this time. We know that the discussion will take place in the design and engineering of whoever the successful bidder is but we don't know what path they are liable to take, so we will see. Right now everything is open to it.

Yes, ma'am?

MS. CANNON: Patricia Cannon, 35 Morrison Walk. Are you familiar with the walk? I am like between --

MAYOR MCGINTY: You are off Deal Road and as you come down Deal Road you have Hamilton, Lexington and Morrison.



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2 MS. CANNON: Yes.

3 MAYOR MCGINTY: So yes.

4 MS. CANNON: So now everything that  
5 we are talking about is this going to  
6 help because Morrison -- Brighton  
7 they -- I don't know how many years ago  
8 they pitched the sidewalk down --

9 MAYOR MCGINTY: That's right.  
10 Those three sidewalks are going to have  
11 to be addressed, yes.

12 MS. CANNON: Okay. It just comes  
13 from both directions.

14 MAYOR MCGINTY: That's correct. It  
15 will have to be addressed. As a matter  
16 of fact, Madam Clerk, do you remember  
17 when we were talking about one of our  
18 code enforcement officers on a Sunday  
19 morning?

20 MS. CONROY: Yes, Mayor.

21 MAYOR MCGINTY: One Sunday morning  
22 we had one of our code enforcement  
23 officers, building inspector. We  
24 dragged Jean with us and we were down  
25 there to look at just that problem.



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2 Yes, we are aware of it. Yes, thank  
3 you.

4 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Mayor, I have  
5 got to say something. You just said  
6 something about Redfield Road. I live  
7 on Redfield Road.

8 MAYOR MCGINTY: That's why I said  
9 it.

10 MR. DEMATTEO: Down at the end the  
11 house on this side it's higher than --

12 MAYOR MCGINTY: Which side?

13 MS. HASSETT: Down. Zeng is built  
14 up.

15 MAYOR MCGINTY: Just a moment. One  
16 person at a time. Go ahead.

17 MR. DEMATTEO: Redfield Road on the  
18 right side their property is this high  
19 and the bulkhead is down here. On the  
20 other side --

21 MAYOR MCGINTY: Wait. Which  
22 bulkhead is down here? The one on --  
23 the Redfield or --

24 MR. DEMATTEO: I am talking about  
25 Redfield Road. Redfield Road.





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2 MAYOR MCGINTY: Sir, their bulkhead  
3 is built up?

4 MR. DEMATTEO: Yes, on both sides.

5 MS. HASSETT: Can I interrupt for a  
6 second?

7 MAYOR MCGINTY: No, would you let  
8 him finish, please.

9 MS. HASSETT: I just wanted to help  
10 him.

11 MAYOR MCGINTY: Let him help  
12 himself. Ms. Hassett, I can't -- cross  
13 talking is not going to work. Mr.  
14 DeMatteo?

15 MS. HASSETT: It's Mr. Davis's  
16 property.

17 MAYOR MCGINTY: I know the  
18 property.

19 MR. DEMATTEO: I spoke to them  
20 about it. They said they don't get no  
21 water. It comes over the bulkhead. If  
22 you do raise the bulkhead to the same  
23 height on both sides, you won't get no  
24 water coming over there. I mean, I  
25 know I wanted to go down with somebody



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2 here on the board. They never came to  
3 my house and they never went down  
4 there. I took Irene Naudus down there.

5 MAYOR MCGINTY: Okay, she's a  
6 member of the board.

7 MR. DEMATTEO: She knew what I was  
8 talking about but it was a long time  
9 ago.

10 MAYOR MCGINTY: Okay.

11 MR. DEMATTEO: So I am telling you  
12 something that the water is coming over  
13 the bulkhead. It's too low, okay?

14 MAYOR MCGINTY: Okay.

15 MR. DEMATTEO: Period.

16 MAYOR MCGINTY: Okay.

17 MR. DEMATTEO: Are you going to  
18 change those 13 valves you said?

19 MAYOR MCGINTY: I think it's 13  
20 flex valves.

21 MR. DEMATTEO: Thirteen valves that  
22 you are going to change. How about the  
23 bulkheads for these 13 valves? Are you  
24 going to do that too? Will you raise  
25 the bulkheads?



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2 MAYOR MCGINTY: I don't know. It  
3 depends on the design and engineering.

4 MR. DEMATTEO: Well, I am just  
5 asking you.

6 MAYOR MCGINTY: Yes, and I am  
7 telling you I don't know the interior  
8 aspect of --

9 MR. DEMATTEO: I don't mean to be  
10 rude. I live on Redfield Road --

11 MAYOR MCGINTY: I know where you  
12 live.

13 MR. DEMATTEO: -- so I know what  
14 goes on down there, you know what I am  
15 saying? Thank you, Laura.

16 MAYOR MCGINTY: Questions, please.  
17 Yes, ma'am?

18 MS. MCFADDEN: Ellen McFadden, 54  
19 Roosevelt Place. In my research on the  
20 grant --

21 MAYOR MCGINTY: 54 Roosevelt, okay.

22 MS. MCFADDEN: The research that I  
23 did you can allocate the funds based on  
24 needs. Is there any funds that are  
25 going to be available to residential



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2 houses?

3 MAYOR MCGINTY: That's a different  
4 program.

5 MS. MCFADDEN: Okay.

6 MAYOR MCGINTY: This is a municipal  
7 program. As far as houses and bulkhead  
8 on residential, the village --

9 MS. MCFADDEN: On the FEMA website  
10 for the grant it said that residential  
11 --

12 MAYOR MCGINTY: HMPG?

13 MS. MCFADDEN: I don't know if it's  
14 HMPG.

15 MAYOR MCGINTY: We will check it  
16 out and we will review it.

17 MS. MCFADDEN: Okay.

18 MAYOR MCGINTY: But please be  
19 mindful that bulkheading on a private  
20 piece of property is seen by New York  
21 state as a gift and, therefore,  
22 violates the New York state  
23 constitution. If FEMA has a way around  
24 that, fine.

25 Yes, ma'am?



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2 MS. HASSETT: Laura Hassett, 8  
3 Norfolk Road. Are you asking about a  
4 grant for your home or for your  
5 bulkhead?

6 MS. MCFADDEN: Home.

7 MS. HASSETT: Would they ever put  
8 out a program for bulkhead again? So  
9 families -- so from the meeting I was  
10 with the Town of Hempstead last week  
11 they are raising roads and that's going  
12 to be an issue for all of the people  
13 that are raising their houses if they  
14 keep raising roads.

15 MAYOR MCGINTY: I don't know  
16 what --

17 MS. HASSETT: It doesn't make sense  
18 to raise bulkheads instead of roads.  
19 So do you know if they would be opening  
20 up any more programs for bulkheads?

21 MAYOR MCGINTY: I don't know what  
22 they are doing about bulkheads but the  
23 bulkheads are an issue onto themselves.  
24 They go back to riparian rights. They  
25 go back to -- are you ready for this --



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2 they go back to land grants dating to  
3 the 1640s. No kidding.

4 MS. HASSETT: I don't understand.

5 MAYOR MCGINTY: If it's on private  
6 property, I don't know they are going  
7 to have to find a way to get past the  
8 constitutional problems.

9 Yes, ma'am? Name and address for  
10 the record.

11 MS. REICHEL: Terry Reichel, 54  
12 Waterford Road. Way back when after  
13 Sandy one of the issues about the  
14 bulkheading was that let's say you  
15 raise your bulkhead, Connie's and I  
16 don't know the other house next to you,  
17 what happens is the water is just going  
18 to -- it's just going to protect your  
19 yard in a sense. It's going to flood  
20 next to you and that became an issue  
21 and that was one of the reasons that  
22 contributed to them stopping the  
23 program probably in addition to what  
24 the mayor was saying.

25 MS. HASSETT: I don't know all of



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2 the village. I know behind our area  
3 the village actually owns the property  
4 behind our bulkhead.

5 MAYOR MCGINTY: It doesn't own your  
6 bulkhead.

7 MS. HASSETT: No, but is the  
8 village able to apply for some kind of  
9 grant that puts a second bulkhead that  
10 makes it higher. You know, I am just  
11 thinking it just makes sense to me that  
12 bulkhead goes higher and you don't  
13 raise streets because --

14 MAYOR MCGINTY: Well, we haven't --  
15 Ms. Hassett, we haven't discussed  
16 raising streets in the village.

17 MS. HASSETT: I understand that but  
18 they are doing that in Harbor Isle and  
19 in Barnum Isle, so we are kind of going  
20 to be like a bowl. Like they are just  
21 going to --

22 MAYOR MCGINTY: Well, Harbor Isle  
23 is separated but --

24 MS. HASSETT: Right, so that won't  
25 affect us but we are already a bowl on



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2 Suffolk Road anyway but from Barnum  
3 Isle.

4 MAYOR MCGINTY: Barnum Isle --

5 MS. HASSETT: It's a little bit of  
6 a concern on California Place South and  
7 North if they are raising those  
8 streets.

9 MAYOR MCGINTY: If you ran a simple  
10 string level from behind Starbucks at  
11 the top of the bulkhead and ran it down  
12 to the railroad tracks, you would find  
13 a significant difference in elevations.  
14 That is something they will have to  
15 address and something I made crystal  
16 clear to one of the deputy  
17 commissioners in the forefront of the  
18 project, so we will see.

19 Yes, ma'am?

20 MS. REICHEL: When you were talking  
21 about the DOT --

22 MAYOR MCGINTY: Right.

23 MS. REICHEL: -- that is part of  
24 the money that we were receiving;  
25 correct?





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2 MAYOR MCGINTY: It's separate  
3 money. That money came directly out of  
4 the governor's office through the  
5 Dormitory Authority of the State of New  
6 York.

7 MS. REICHEL: Okay.

8 MAYOR MCGINTY: And that design  
9 work is being done as we speak by a  
10 consulting firm hired by the county,  
11 Nelson and Pope.

12 MS. REICHEL: Can you give a little  
13 bit more detail on what you are  
14 considering for DOT. I know you talked  
15 about the parking and the bump-outs.

16 MAYOR MCGINTY: That's the first  
17 phase.

18 MS. REICHEL: I loved that idea. I  
19 love the way they do it Merrick, so I  
20 hope for that.

21 MAYOR MCGINTY: That's the first  
22 phase. We will get through with that  
23 and then replan for the future. For  
24 example, there is an ongoing discussion  
25 with community development as it



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2 relates to storefronts, so we will see  
3 what that all means.

4 MS. REICHEL: Okay, so nothing  
5 specific at this point.

6 MAYOR MCGINTY: No, ma'am. And  
7 sometimes you have to be careful. They  
8 really don't care for it whether it be  
9 the state or the county if you  
10 anticipate the next grant process. You  
11 really have to be careful and take your  
12 time with it but we watch it on a daily  
13 basis and we will alert the  
14 neighborhood as soon as we know  
15 something.

16 Yes, sir?

17 MR. SARFEDY: I just want to make a  
18 comment to Ms. Hensen. Again, Jared  
19 Sarfedy, 13 Washington Place. So I  
20 have the same kind of concern that you  
21 do.

22 MS. HASSETT: It's Hassett.

23 MR. SARFEDY: I'm sorry.

24 MS. HASSETT: That's okay.

25 MR. SARFEDY: So that's a typical



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kind of detailed engineering thing and sometimes you wonder oh my goodness, why does it take so long for them to start construction but they have all of those kinds of issues. I have the same thing, exactly the same thing, where I am because I am afraid that the water, whatever they are going to do to the Little Beach, it's going to end up swamping my property. And the same kinds of issues with the family from Roosevelt Place. They are down the way from me, so, and they have to take all of those things into consideration and many, many other problems as well.

MAYOR MCGINTY: By the way we have just passed -- I asked the Board of Trustees to pass a bond resolution in the amount of a half million dollars to begin the process of spending and reimbursing, that cycle of spending and reimbursing on this HMPG project. Jared, you are looking at me.

MR. SARFEDY: I just didn't know



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2 what HMPG stands for.

3 MAYOR MCGINTY: That's the  
4 \$40 million project we are talking  
5 about. I am making a comment because  
6 in the world outside of the library he  
7 is a finance guy. He does  
8 infrastructure investment work and  
9 infrastructure lending, so we have got  
10 that \$500,000 seed money approval to  
11 begin the process of spending,  
12 reimbursement, spending, reimbursement.  
13 So we keep moving as far ahead as we  
14 can in the anticipation of the next  
15 move.

16 Questions? Yes, ma'am?

17 MS. REICHEL: Terry Reichel, 54  
18 Waterford Road. In light of -- it's  
19 not directly why we are here.

20 MAYOR MCGINTY: It's fine.

21 MS. REICHEL: In light of the  
22 recent articles and news reports about  
23 FEMA and the new flood maps, zoning,  
24 two-point-0, all of that nonsense, is  
25 that something that the village keeps



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2 informed with? Like are you -- are  
3 they contacting and are you responding  
4 to them?

5 MAYOR MCGINTY: So much so that as  
6 we speak, not to point out the Hassett  
7 family, but they are in the LiMWA zone,  
8 so their construction -- the wave  
9 action zone -- so the construction of  
10 their monolithic foundation takes on  
11 different shapes and different  
12 dimensions because of that. Where the  
13 old Village Hall was for whatever  
14 reason that is in that zone as well.

15 What we have done now is, by the  
16 way, we are about to enter the  
17 community rating system, which will aid  
18 on a house by house basis the first  
19 tranche a 5 percent discount. Sometime  
20 in the next six months finally when you  
21 get your flood insurance bill you will  
22 see a 5 percent discount. Village of  
23 Island Park participation in FEMA CRS.  
24 So much so in terms of the mapping we  
25 are right now -- Madam Clerk, if I



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misspeak, please stop me. Right now we are going through the FEMA flood maps on a file by file basis, building file and zoning file basis to be sure that everything in those files is in accordance with FEMA's mapping procedure.

MS. REICHEL: The new mapping procedure?

MAYOR MCGINTY: Yes, ma'am. What we don't have a determination on yet is whether or not the new map replaces the old or whether as of today we are grandfathered in under these parameters. That's what we are waiting for the clearance on that.

MS. REICHEL: I am curious about that too. My understanding from what I read it's the value of the house in addition to where you are in relation to water, so that's one thing but there was really no mention of if you raised your house. Now I raised my house eight feet, whatever it is somewhere



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2 around there, and my neighbors down the  
3 block are two feet so they may not be  
4 in this new zone with the new BFE and  
5 all that nonsense whereas I might be.  
6 What I was told is that I will have to  
7 petition FEMA and let them know,  
8 although they should know, how high my  
9 house is and BFE and all that kind of  
10 stuff. So it kind of sounds like they  
11 are putting the responsibility on us to  
12 address FEMA and say hey wait, yes, the  
13 house next door is 30 feet from the  
14 water and they have a BFE of plus two  
15 but the Reichels are 30 feet from the  
16 water and, you know, are 8 feet up in  
17 the air, so.

18 MAYOR MCGINTY: We just, along  
19 those lines, we just had surveying,  
20 topographical surveying, completed  
21 along the beaches and then coming  
22 forward. I believe, Madam Clerk, we  
23 went as far as Long Beach Road, I  
24 believe, for the benchmarks, and the  
25 purpose is not only to recognize the



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2 high water mark but also to make a  
3 determination of past, present and  
4 everything in between. So we have  
5 provided that information to FEMA as  
6 part of our ongoing, you know, follow  
7 this step and get a point, follow that  
8 step and get a point.

9 MS. REICHEL: Right.

10 MAYOR MCGINTY: We will pursue but  
11 that does point out something else that  
12 is vital. We all should have elevation  
13 certificates.

14 MS. REICHEL: Absolutely.

15 MS. CANNON: They keep changing  
16 them though.

17 MS. REICHEL: We have to give it to  
18 FEMA, I don't know. They should have  
19 them.

20 MAYOR MCGINTY: Say it again,  
21 please.

22 MS. REICHEL: Why do we have to  
23 give it to FEMA? I don't know. They  
24 should have it.

25 MR. SARFEDY: A lot of them are





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2 old.

3 MS. REICHEL: No, I am saying we  
4 just raised so we gave them --

5 MAYOR MCGINTY: Because FEMA --

6 MS. REICHEL: They are not going to  
7 include that in the study. In telling  
8 me how much my flood insurance will go  
9 up or down won't be determined  
10 according to my elevation certificate.  
11 I will have to submit my elevation  
12 certificate and request that they  
13 reconsider my house.

14 MAYOR MCGINTY: We will have to see  
15 how that plays out because my thinking  
16 would be that -- well, first let's get  
17 the layout of the federal register and  
18 how they are approaching the new FEMA  
19 map and we will decimate all of the  
20 knowledge to everybody village-wide and  
21 we will make a determination on how we  
22 can all proceed.

23 MS. REICHEL: I am definitely  
24 curious about that grant program.

25 MAYOR MCGINTY: So am I, yes.



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2 MS. REICHEL: That's the first time  
3 I heard. I don't know the --

4 MAYOR MCGINTY: I guess you will  
5 find out.

6 MS. REICHEL: -- the area was doing  
7 that.

8 MAYOR MCGINTY: Ma'am, you had a  
9 question?

10 MS. CANNON: No, I said it keeps  
11 changing them. Like I had my house  
12 raised but does it change though? It  
13 doesn't change.

14 MAYOR MCGINTY: No.

15 MS. CANNON: So that elevation  
16 certificate should be the same.

17 MAYOR MCGINTY: Yes, the change  
18 occurred --

19 MS. CANNON: Even if the maps  
20 changed like the flooding?

21 MAYOR MCGINTY: No, that's two  
22 separate issues. Subsequent to the  
23 storm the datum changed and it changed  
24 throughout the whole entire island  
25 based on Sandy Hook. That's elevation



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point zero some place in Sandy Hook. That's the new starting point and everything runs off of that including when they put together the new survey books, the so-called benchmarks. You go to a particular location and it should be height XYZ. Well, that height has been changed and the books reflect the old and new and that leads to the elevation certificates but those elevation certificates are now stratified, if you will, standardized.

Did I leave -- oh, Fios, Mr. Sarfedy. I spoke to an attorney from Fios. Goldsmith I believe her name was, Pamela Goldsmith, and she indicated that Fios would not entertain a franchise or operating agreement with any downstate village and they haven't entertained such in roughly ten years. I said well, but wait a second, Barnum Isle and Harbor Isle it's all part of same district. So in fact in this particular case you are discriminating



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2 against the village because we are  
3 being treated differently than our  
4 neighbors to the east and to the west.  
5 Well, that got her slightly flustered.  
6 If you think I can annoy Mr. DeMatteo,  
7 you should have seen how I annoyed the  
8 attorney for Fios. But putting aside  
9 from the cuteness of the remark, I have  
10 instructed our village attorney to  
11 pursue that with them because, in fact,  
12 we have the wire. We should have the  
13 service and the franchise agreement and  
14 the little bit of revenue it produces.

15 MR. SARFEDY: I guess they are not  
16 a regulated utility in that area and so  
17 they, you know, that particularly --  
18 that's specifically why they want to  
19 get out of that service being  
20 regulated, but it's really pretty  
21 outrageous, you know, that they are,  
22 you know, we have been paying them for  
23 landline service for 100 years and we  
24 can't get competition and as far as I  
25 am concerned Optimum is really taking



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2 advantage of us very significantly  
3 precisely because they know there is no  
4 competition.

5 MAYOR MCGINTY: Precisely so. In  
6 any event, I have asked our attorney to  
7 begin the process. It may end up in  
8 litigation but --

9 MS. CANNON: Can I just ask for --

10 MR. FREIERMUTH: Thank you. What  
11 do they say --

12 MAYOR MCGINTY: Your name and  
13 address for the record.

14 MR. FREIERMUTH: Carl Freiermuth,  
15 Newport Road. That they don't do any  
16 villages?

17 MAYOR MCGINTY: They said that they  
18 have not. This gal, this attorney,  
19 said that -- Pamela Goldsmith -- she  
20 said that they haven't done any  
21 downstate in particular villages in ten  
22 years or so.

23 MR. FREIERMUTH: I know Lynbrook  
24 has it.

25 MAYOR MCGINTY: We have the



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2 abilities down here.

3 MR. FREIERMUTH: They ran all of  
4 the optical lines behind the house.

5 MAYOR MCGINTY: Yes, they have.

6 MR. FREIERMUTH: They aren't real  
7 smart. I wouldn't use them anyway.

8 MAYOR MCGINTY: That's not the  
9 issue. We should have the option.

10 MS. CANNON: Can I -- I know we  
11 went off a little.

12 MAYOR MCGINTY: Yes, we have a  
13 tendency to do that.

14 MS. CANNON: But is it all right to  
15 bring up just one thing?

16 MAYOR MCGINTY: Name and address  
17 for the record.

18 MS. CANNON: Oh, again?

19 MAYOR MCGINTY: Just so -- I will  
20 tell you why. I know you think I am a  
21 pain in the neck.

22 MS. CANNON: Oh, no.

23 MAYOR MCGINTY: But the purpose is  
24 as we discussed when I go through the  
25 transcript and I find out who asked the



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2 question, I get a better answer. I can  
3 let you know about it.

4 MS. CANNON: Patricia Cannon, 35  
5 Morrison Walk.

6 MAYOR MCGINTY: Are you still  
7 involved with the steakhouse people?

8 MS. CANNON: No, 24 years there, I  
9 know. But so empty houses, what is --  
10 because there are like two right behind  
11 me that are --

12 MAYOR MCGINTY: There are --

13 MS. CANNON: -- I mean, there is  
14 millions of them but there is a lot.

15 MAYOR MCGINTY: Well, there is not  
16 millions. Let me be specific. Right  
17 now there are between 50 and 58  
18 so-called zombie houses at present.

19 MS. CANNON: Two are behind me.

20 MAYOR MCGINTY: Which brings up  
21 something else. The Long Island  
22 Housing Partnership purchased three  
23 pieces of property from the New York  
24 State Housing Trust. As a village, we  
25 treated the Long Island Housing



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Partnership -- and I am not trying to sound offensive but I want to put a end to a certain question. We have treated every homeowner in this village exactly the same. Subsequent to the storm we had zoning board meetings sometimes three in a week to expedite people and the jobs that had to be done. We expedite building permits and zoning cases now, zoning decisions now. We did that for the Long Island Housing Partnership. They have three pieces of property: 35 Nassau Lane, I want to say 54 Hastings but it's the old Cadus (phonetically) house on the corner of Radcliffe and Hastings on the southwest corner and then further up the block 149 Radcliffe Road, and the way that those three homes are being handled, the Long Island Housing Partnership has been buying and building throughout Queens, Nassau and Suffolk single family middle class affordable housing. And by affordable I mean specifically





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2 they retain ownership of the land and  
3 they sell the house. So if John and  
4 Mary Smith want to buy a house, they  
5 have to go through the mortgage process  
6 and they have to be fiscally sound,  
7 financially sound, to get a mortgage.  
8 The Long Island Housing Partnership  
9 works with the federal government  
10 directly on a federally approved  
11 lottery program. As a matter of fact,  
12 some of our residents happen to be in  
13 that lottery program, four houses.

14 In addition to that, we have just  
15 passed in the last month or two we have  
16 passed legislation for not only  
17 registering but a revenue enhancing  
18 process for those who do not -- whose  
19 homes are sitting fallow. And each  
20 case presently taxes are being paid or  
21 taxes are secured and then paid off in  
22 a timely fashion. We have just entered  
23 into a partnership, a grant  
24 partnership, through the New York State  
25 Attorney General. They permitted us to



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1 join with the Town of Hempstead for  
2 some funding for this housing  
3 mitigation, and by funding it will be  
4 only 50- or \$60,000, if we are that  
5 lucky. And I say permitted us because  
6 the rule was population 5,000 people  
7 and 100 houses, zombie houses. Well,  
8 we only have 60 and I don't say only in  
9 a, you know, poo-pooing it. Sixty  
10 represents a 5 percent level of our  
11 housing inventory, of our residential  
12 housing inventory. I made that case in  
13 person that it is significant and she  
14 permitted us to join with the Town of  
15 Hempstead so we can pursue some of  
16 these homes.

17 Yes, sir?

18 MR. DEMATTEO: Nick DeMatteo, 19  
19 Redfield Road. I understand that  
20 people own the house but they don't own  
21 the property; is that true?

22 MAYOR MCGINTY: That's true. They  
23 don't own the land, they don't own the  
24 property.  
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2 MR. DEMATTEO: They don't own the  
3 land. They just own it.

4 MAYOR MCGINTY: However, I would  
5 hope your next question would be how  
6 does that impact property taxes.  
7 Property taxes are whole. Based on the  
8 assessed value for, say, 35 Nassau Lane  
9 it's based on the assessed value of the  
10 property -- of the land, sorry, of the  
11 land plus the assessed value of the  
12 home and you work out the math and you  
13 end up with property taxes. The  
14 village remains whole.

15 MR. DEMATTEO: Okay.

16 MAYOR MCGINTY: Questions,  
17 comments?

18 MR. FREIERMUTH: One more question.  
19 Incorporated Village of Island Park was  
20 that any part of this Town of Hempstead  
21 where they went around designing their  
22 houses?

23 MAYOR MCGINTY: No, sir. We are an  
24 independent village in that regard, and  
25 not to blow our collective horns, but



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we have on a house by house basis we review building files with our residents to be sure that everybody is on the same page and moving in a direction that is good for each and every resident here in the village.

Now, before I leave I customarily give out my cell phone number. Well, you are or you ain't. There is no in between, so my cell phone number is (516)815-5326. I look around the room and most of you have it already. You can always call the Village Hall for it.

MR. DEMATTEO: I haven't got it.

MAYOR MCGINTY: I know that you have it. Any other questions before we call it a night?

Thank you.

(Time noted: 8:07 p.m.)



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