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SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

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August 3, 2020  
10:30 a.m.

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

**BOARD MEMBERS :**

JANE BONNER  
VALERIE M. CARTRIGHT  
NEIL J. FOLEY  
KEVIN LaVALLE  
MICHAEL A. LOGUERCIO JR.  
DANIEL PANICO  
SUPERVISOR EDWARD P. ROMAINE

**ALSO PRESENT :**

DONNA LENT, TOWN CLERK  
JENNIFER LUTZER,  
DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Good morning. I'd like to call this special Town board meeting to order on this, the 3rd day of August and we're going to start as we start all of our meetings with a salute to the flag.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: And I ask that we have a moment of silence for which we can sit because we're doing this by Zoom and I would just say I want to give a big thank-you to Alison Karppi, all the people in Housing and Human Services, to my Deputy Chief of Staff, Lisa Keys, doing a great job.

I want to point out what a lot of people don't know is when the pandemic came, we had to close down our senior centers and with that, we had to close down our nutrition programs.

To date, this Town has delivered more than 25,000 hot meals to seniors at home. So thank you for all of them and in a moment of silence, let's offer thanks and ensure in our hopes and prayers that no one in this Town has to go hungry.

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(Moment of silence.)

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Thank you very much and we're going to -- we have a very short resolution agenda, I just want to turn off one of the lights here because it's just shining in my eyes.

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Okay. So with that, we're going to go right to the resolution agenda and we're going to start.

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Is Councilman Panico here?

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(No response.)

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Okay. So I'll do resolution 424 of 2020 and that resolution is consent of the Town board to the superintendent of highways ordering the discontinuance of a highway pursuant to Section 205 of Highway Law, the State of New York in the Hamlet of Mastic Beach.

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I so move.

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COUNCILMAN LaVALLE: Second.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: And what this is is there's a strip of Riviera Drive in Mastic Beach that is not used, no houses on it, not affected and what we're doing is discontinuing

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this because it's not a piece of roadway that

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we have to maintain.

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There's a second.

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All those in favor?

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COUNCILWOMAN BONNER: Aye.

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COUNCILWOMAN CARTRIGHT: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN LaVALLE: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: Aye.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Aye.

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Opposed?

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(No response.)

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Abstentions?

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(No response.)

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Resolution passes.

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(Councilman Panico joined.)

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Mr. Supervisor, I

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think we might have to maybe pause, the Town

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Clerk needs to do a roll call.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: I'm sorry.

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: She is trying to

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sign in right now.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Okay. So let's do

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the roll call.

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Is the Town Clerk with us or someone  
from her staff?

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COUNCILWOMAN BONNER: She's trying to  
sign in.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Oh, okay.  
Wonderful doing it by Zoom.

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(Pause.)

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COUNCILWOMAN BONNER: And we're all  
here in our offices.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Thank you.

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Wow, what a difference. Okay.

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(Pause.)

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Okay.

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Who from the Town Clerk's office is  
signing in, do we know yet?

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: We were waiting for  
Donna. I will check with the clerk's office  
now again, Supervisor.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Okay.

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(Pause.)

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Dan, I took the  
first resolution about the discontinuation of  
a small portion of Riviera Drive, which has  
not been in use for six years and no one lives

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on it, so that resolution was passed.

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COUNCILMAN PANICO: Okay, great.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Okay.

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(Pause.)

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: I'm checking with IT

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right now to see if maybe someone else from

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the clerk's office can jump in to start the

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roll call.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Well, I'll tell

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you what, there's a lot of people that's going

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to watch this Town board by Zoom. I'm sure

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the Town Clerk can watch this by Zoom as well,

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so let's do the roll -- I'll handle the roll

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call and you know, we've got to learn to pitch

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hit, so to speak.

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COUNCILWOMAN BONNER: And adapt.

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Definitely have to learn how to adapt with

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technology.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: From our first

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district, Valerie Cartright.

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COUNCILWOMAN CARTRIGHT: Present.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Second district,

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Jane Bonner.

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COUNCILWOMAN BONNER: Present.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Third district,  
Kevin LaValle.

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COUNCILMAN LaVALLE: Present.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Fourth district,  
Mike Loguercio.

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COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: Present.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Fifth district,  
Neil Foley.

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Here.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Sixth district,  
Dan Panico.

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COUNCILMAN PANICO: Here.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Although we don't  
take attendance, thank you, Jennifer, for  
representing the Town Attorney's office.

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(Donna Lent joined.)

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Here comes the Town  
Clerk.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Donna, I just did  
the roll call, we're all here.

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MS. LUTZER: You're welcome,  
Supervisor.

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I just called Lauren Thoden in the Town  
Clerk's office to confirm they were signing

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: The clerk is muted,

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too.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Do you want to

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unmute yourself, Donna?

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MS. LENT: Yes. Good morning.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Good morning. We

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just took a roll call, we're all here, you can

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check.

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MS. LENT: Yeah, my deputy was on, so

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she has the roll call, also.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Oh, wonderful,

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fantastic because I know you are always

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Miss Efficient.

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MS. LENT: Yes. The problem was the

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link, so I'm sorry about that.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Not a problem.

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I'm sorry, also. Technology is something we

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all have to deal with more now than ever.

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Okay. So we did the first resolution,

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which passed unanimously. The second

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resolution, Councilman Loguercio.

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COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: Resolution 425

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of 2020, authorizing change order number one

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to agreement entitled "Cafeteria Services at  
Town Hall and Meal Preparation and Delivery  
for Nutrition Program for the Elderly" with  
Florian Food Service, Inc.

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So moved.

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Second.

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MS. LENT: All those in favor?

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COUNCILWOMAN BONNER: Aye.

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COUNCILWOMAN CARTRIGHT: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN LaVALLE: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN PANICO: Aye.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Aye.

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MS. LENT: Opposed?

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(No response.)

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MS. LENT: Motion carries.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Okay.

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Next, Neil.

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Yup.

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Resolution 426-2020, the removal of

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deputy commissioner of parks, recreation and

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sports and cultural resources.

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So moved.

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2 COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: Second.

3 MS. LENT: All those in favor?

4 COUNCILWOMAN BONNER: Aye.

5 COUNCILWOMAN CARTRIGHT: Aye.

6 COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Aye.

7 COUNCILMAN LaVALLE: Aye.

8 COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: Aye.

9 COUNCILMAN PANICO: Aye.

10 SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Aye.

11 MS. LENT: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 MS. LENT: Motion carries.

14 SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Okay.

15 COUNCILMAN PANICO: 427 of '20 is

16 authorizing an award of contract RFP #19-10,

17 Legislative Management System to Civic Plus.

18 So moved.

19 COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Second.

20 MS. LENT: All those in favor?

21 COUNCILWOMAN BONNER: Aye.

22 COUNCILWOMAN CARTRIGHT: Aye.

23 COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Aye.

24 COUNCILMAN LaVALLE: Aye.

25 COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN PANICO: Aye.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Aye.

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MS. LENT: Opposed?

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(No response.)

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MS. LENT: Motion carries.

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Resolution 428 of

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2020, authorization for the Town of Brookhaven

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Assessor to accept a retroactive application

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from Maryhaven Center of Hope, Inc. for a real

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property tax exemption for property located in

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Patchogue.

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So moved.

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COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: Second.

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MS. LENT: All those in favor?

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COUNCILWOMAN BONNER: Aye.

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COUNCILWOMAN CARTRIGHT: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN LaVALLE: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN PANICO: Aye.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Aye.

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MS. LENT: Opposed?

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(No response.)

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MS. LENT: Motion carries.

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COUNCILMAN PANICO: 429 of '20 is authorization to ratify and enter into an agreement for the Brookhaven National Laboratory PILOT payment.

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So moved.

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Second.

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MS. LENT: All those in favor?

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COUNCILWOMAN BONNER: Aye.

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COUNCILWOMAN CARTRIGHT: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN LaVALLE: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN PANICO: Aye.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Aye.

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MS. LENT: Opposed?

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(No response.)

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MS. LENT: Motion carries.

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COUNCILMAN PANICO: 430 of '20 is amending resolution 2020-0414 entitled authorization to enter into an agreement with a partnership between Rehabilitation Support Services and Image Data, Inc. whereby they will provide data imaging services for municipal records funded by an MCEP grant.

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So moved.

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Second.

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MS. LENT: All those in favor?

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COUNCILWOMAN BONNER: Aye.

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COUNCILWOMAN CARTRIGHT: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN LaVALLE: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN PANICO: Aye.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Aye.

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MS. LENT: Opposed?

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(No response.)

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MS. LENT: Motion carries.

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(Pause.)

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Neil.

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: I have . . .

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COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: 431, Neil.

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Resolution 431 of

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2020, award bid number 20031 - refuse removal

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at various Town locations.

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So moved.

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COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: Second.

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MS. LENT: All those in favor?

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COUNCILWOMAN BONNER: Aye.

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COUNCILWOMAN CARTRIGHT: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN LaVALLE: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN PANICO: Aye.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Aye.

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MS. LENT: Opposed?

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(No response.)

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MS. LENT: Motion carries.

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COUNCILMAN LaVALLE: Resolution 432

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award bid 20036 - tree removal/tree trimming

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to the lowest responsible bidder, Quintal

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Contracting Corp.

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So moved.

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COUNCILWOMAN BONNER: Second.

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MS. LENT: All those in favor?

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COUNCILWOMAN BONNER: Aye.

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COUNCILWOMAN CARTRIGHT: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN LaVALLE: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN PANICO: Aye.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Aye.

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MS. LENT: Opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 MS. LENT: Motion carries.

4 SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Well, that's the  
5 end of business unless anyone has anything  
6 else.

7 (No response.)

8 SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: If I don't hear  
9 anything, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.10 COUNCILMAN PANICO: I just want to let  
11 people know that we have a pending storm  
12 coming up the coast. I spoke to our parks  
13 commissioner, Ed Morris, who is working  
14 diligently to get everything battened down and  
15 ready; I'm sure our highway superintendent is  
16 doing the same. So everyone should be safe,  
17 take the precautions that we've become  
18 accustomed to and watch the weather.19 SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: We're closing our  
20 ocean beaches down. You should know that,  
21 we're closing our ocean beaches down later  
22 today and as you know, tomorrow we're going to  
23 get heavy rain and probably there will be some  
24 remnants on Wednesday, so we're watching in  
25 terms of flooding and other things, but it

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2 looks like it will be less of a tropical  
3 storm, not a hurricane, so high winds, some  
4 rain, but it will pass and we're praying that  
5 it doesn't do too much damage and it goes to  
6 the west of us.

7 COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: Mr. Supervisor,  
8 if I could just add one quick thing, too,  
9 please.

10 SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Sure.

11 COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: For those folks  
12 who are watching, if you're driving down a  
13 road and you see wires down, you see a large  
14 puddle, do not drive through it, please, it  
15 can kill you.

16 SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Right.

17 And please, feel free to call 451-TOWN,  
18 (631)451-TOWN, if you see any trees or large  
19 branches blocking roadways. It's the Town,  
20 Town will get Highway crews out there to clean  
21 them up, Highway crews will be supported by  
22 Parks and Waste Management crews to clean that  
23 up.

24 I know that we are looking, Parks crews  
25 are out there trying to clean out some drains

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that might be stopped up. If drains get

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clogged up, also call (631)451-TOWN. We will

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respond to this.

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Fortunately, it does not seem like a

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major hurricane or even a major tropical

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storm, I think it's going to be downgraded by

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the time it hits unfortunately The City of New

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York and we're going to feel the remnants of

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it with rains and winds, but we'll be able to

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get through this.

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So thank you and I can tell you on

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behalf --

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MS. LENT: Motion --

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Go ahead.

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MS. LENT: I just need a motion to

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adjourn when you're ready.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Well, I'll just

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end by saying this entire Town board, we're

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all pulling for your safety and that nothing

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serious happens during the storm, but if it

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does, we're here to respond, (631)451-TOWN.

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Thank you and with that, I'll make a

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motion to adjourn.

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MS. LENT: Thank you.

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COUNCILWOMAN BONNER: Second.

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MS. LENT: All those in favor?

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COUNCILWOMAN BONNER: Aye.

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COUNCILWOMAN CARTRIGHT: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN FOLEY: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN LaVALLE: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN LOGUERCIO: Aye.

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COUNCILMAN PANICO: Aye.

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SUPERVISOR ROMAINE: Aye.

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MS. LENT: Opposed?

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(No response.)

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MS. LENT: Motion carries. Adjourned.

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I, JOANN O'LOUGHLIN, a Notary Public

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for and within the State of New York, do hereby

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certify that the above is a correct transcription

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of my stenographic notes.

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JOANN O'LOUGHLIN

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