

Town Demolishes Zombie House in Lake Ronkonkoma

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Farmingville, NY – On February 6, Councilman Neil Foley (left) and Councilman Kevin LaValle (right) were at 768 Hawkins Avenue in Lake Ronkonkoma for the demolition of an abandoned “zombie house.” The house, which had been vacant for nearly five years, was in an advanced state of deterioration. It was a source of numerous resident complaints and Town building code violations. The house was demolished by the Town in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a “fast track” to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner, and the Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and then they collect the money from the

property owner.

Councilman LaValle said, “This house had been a dangerous eyesore and has negatively impacted property values of every house nearby. Thanks to the assistance of the Town’s Law Department, this one is now gone and I will continue to do everything I can to rid my Council District of zombie houses.”

Councilman Foley said, “Removing dangerous eyesores like this house make an immediate impact to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood. We will continue to crack down on property owners who do not maintain their vacant houses and demolish them if necessary.

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