

A Special Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Babylon, was held at the Town Hall, 200 East Sunrise Highway, Lindenhurst, NY, and streamed live over the internet at the Town of Babylon YouTube channel - <https://bit.ly/3aNSG2P>, on Friday, the 24th day of February, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. prevailing time.

*Supervisor Schaffer called the meeting to order with a salute to the flag.*

*Supervisor Schaffer: Please remain standing for a moment of silence and I'd ask you keeping your thoughts and prayers the brave servicemen and women serving our country both here and abroad.*

*Thank you, please be seated.*

*The Town Clerk called the roll:*

Councilman Manetta	Present
Councilman Martinez	Present
Councilman McSweeney	Present
Councilman Gregory	Present
Supervisor Schaffer	Present

## Special Town Board Meeting - Friday, February 24, 2023 at 3:30 PM

### RESOLUTION NO. 154 FEBRUARY 24, 2023

#### AUTHORIZATION FOR TOWN BOARD TO SUSPEND AMBULANCE SERVICES LOCATED AT 727 BROADHOLLOW RD., FARMINGDALE NY 11735 AND DEMAND THE SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, OR THEIR DESIGNEE, PROVIDE SAID ABULANCE SERVICES

The following resolution was offered by Councilman McSweeney  
seconded by Councilman Gregory

WHEREAS, Suffolk County authorized Halo Network Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Halo") to operate a homeless shelter located at 727 Broadhollow Rd., Farmingdale, NY 11735; and

WHEREAS, the East Farmingdale Volunteer Fire Company is contracted by the Town to provide ambulance and fire response services to the East Farmingdale Community where 727 Broadhollow Rd., Farmingdale, NY 11735 is located; and

WHEREAS, according to the East Farmingdale Volunteer Fire Company, the number of calls increased by 50 additional response calls since November 2022, resulting in 28 patients being transported to area hospitals; and

WHEREAS, due to the increase in the number of emergency calls, which have required Suffolk County Police presence, from the opening of the homeless shelter, the East Farmingdale Volunteer Fire Company and the Town are concerned that the ambulance response time to the East Farmingdale community, including the Halo facility, would be greatly impacted; and

WHEREAS, after a lengthy discussion with the Suffolk County Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, the Commissioner agreed to conduct a site visit at 727 Broadhollow Rd., Farmingdale NY 11735, to meet with representatives from Halo, and require Halo to contract with a private ambulance company to provide ambulance services to the facility to ensure the safety of the residents of the facility and the adjoining community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to discontinue providing ambulance services at 727 Broadhollow Rd., Farmingdale NY 11735 and demand the Suffolk County Department of Social Services, or their designee, to provide ambulance services at this location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Babylon hereby discontinues providing ambulance services at 727 Broadhollow Rd., Farmingdale NY 11735 effective Saturday March 11, 2023 at 12:01am and demand the Suffolk County Department of Social Services, or their designee, to provide ambulance services at this location.

VOTES: 5 \_\_\_\_\_ YEAS: 5 \_\_\_\_\_ NAYS: 0 \_\_\_\_\_

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

### RESOLUTION NO. 155 FEBRUARY 24, 2023

#### AUTHORIZATION FOR TOWN BOARD TO DEMAND THE SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TERMINATE ANY AND ALL DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE LOCATION FOR A HOMELESS SHELTER LOCATED AT OR NEAR 1159 MONTAUK HWY, COPIAGUE, NY 11726

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Gregory  
seconded by Councilman Manetta

WHEREAS, 1159 Montauk Hwy, Copiague, NY 11726 is the proposed site by Suffolk County for an additional homeless shelter within the Town of Babylon; and

WHEREAS, the homeless shelter which opened in November of 2022 is located at 727 Broadhollow Rd., Farmingdale, NY 11735 and quickly overwhelmed the East Farmingdale Volunteer Fire Company ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, the Town finds that the proposed site by Suffolk County for an additional homeless shelter located at 1159 Montauk Hwy, Copiague NY 11726 would similarly create an undue burden for the Copiague Fire Department and would similarly result in an increase in the number of emergency calls from the opening of the homeless shelter and may increase the ambulance response time to that community; and

WHEREAS, 1159 Montauk Hwy, Copiague, NY 11726 is the site of the South Bay Motel, where in 1998 a fire investigation conducted by the Town of Babylon Fire Marshal's Office determined that the motel rents to persons on a "permanent basis"; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that the facility located at 1159 Montauk Hwy, Copiague, NY 11726 is not suitable for permanent or transient housing of homeless persons, as there is a lack of kitchen facilities in the individual rooming units and creates a densely populated area on a consistent basis; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services anticipates that 39 units located at the property would be used to house the homeless population; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Police Department executed a search warrant in November of 2021 brought by the Town of Babylon to inspect the property located at 1159 Montauk Hwy, Copiague, NY 11726, and several violations were observed throughout the property, and in fact, 54 units were located at the property at that time; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 2022, the Suffolk County Police responded to calls of prostitution, drugs, drinking, entering neighboring complexes, and disturbing residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that a homeless shelter located at or near 1159 Montauk Hwy, Copiague, NY 11726 is not a suitable location for a homeless shelter within the Town of Babylon; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Department of Social Services has informed the Town of Babylon that their current single male homeless population is approximately 200 individuals;

WHEREAS, the Town of Babylon is already home to another homeless shelter facility known as Halo Farmingdale, which could house approximately 70 individuals; and

WHEREAS, the addition of this facility located at 1159 Montauk Hwy, Copiague, NY 11726 would have the Town of Babylon housing more than half of Suffolk County's single male homeless population.

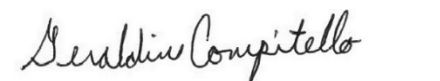
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Babylon hereby demands the Suffolk County Executive and Commissioner of the Department of Social Services to terminate any and all discussions regarding the location of a homeless shelter located at 1159 Montauk Hwy, Copiague, NY 11726.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Babylon authorizes the Supervisor to sign any and all necessary documents, including but not limited to, letters demanding the Suffolk County Executive and Commissioner of the Department of Social Services to terminate any and all discussions regarding the location for a homeless shelter located at or near 1159 Montauk Hwy, Copiague, NY 11726.

VOTES: 5 \_\_\_\_\_ YEAS: 5 \_\_\_\_\_ NAYS: 0 \_\_\_\_\_

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm on the motion of Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman McSweeney.



Geraldine Compitello, Town Clerk

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