

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**  
**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on Tuesday, May 30th, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

**Members Present:**

***Legislator Lou D'Amaro - Chairman***  
***Legislator Monica Martinez - Vice Chair***  
Legislator Thomas Barraga  
Legislator Kate Browning  
Legislator Leslie Kennedy  
Legislator Steven Stern

**Also in Attendance:**

***Presiding Officer Gregory - Legislative District No. 15***  
***Legislator Sarah Anker - Legislative District No. 6***  
George Nolan - Counsel/Suffolk County Legislature  
Amy Ellis - Chief Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature  
Robert Lipp - Director/Budget Review Office  
Thomas Corcoran - Budget Review Office  
Bob Fonti - Aide to Presiding Officer Gregory  
Justin Littell - Aide to Legislator D'Amaro  
Debbie Harris - Aide to Legislator Stern  
Ali Nazir - Aide to Legislator Kennedy.  
Seth Squicciarino - Aide to Legislator Hahn  
Katie Horst - County Executive's Office  
John Marafino, County Executive's Office  
Lynne Bizzarro - Chief Deputy County Attorney  
Susan Flynn - County Attorney's Office  
Nick Paglia - County Executive's Budget Office  
Rick Brand - Newsday  
All Other Interested Parties

**Minutes Taken By:**

Alison Mahoney - Court Stenographer

**Minutes Transcribed By:**

Denise Weaver - Legislative Aide

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:46 AM

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3 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

4 Okay. Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen. Welcome to the Suffolk  
5 County Budget & Finance Committee. Please rise and join us in the  
6 Pledge of Allegiance this morning led by Legislator Tom Barraga.

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8 **Salutation**

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10:46AM 10 Okay, thank you. The committee's received correspondence this  
11 morning, it was a letter dated May 9th, 2017 from the Suffolk  
12 County Legislature's Next Generation Advisory Council -- Advisory  
13 Council regarding Introductory Resolutions 1107 and 1273, everyone  
14 has received a copy of that this morning.

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16 No presentations today, so we'll go to **Tabled Resolutions**. And the  
17 first resolution that has been tabled in the committee is  
18 **1107-2017**, and this is **Adopting a Local Law No. -2017, A Charter**  
19 **Law to limit County fee increase (Trotta)**. We had an extensive  
10:47AM 20 debate, I believe, on this bill at the last committee meeting, and  
21 tabled the bill. So at this point I'm going to offer a motion to  
22 table subject to call.

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24 **LEG. STERN:**  
25 Second.

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27 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**  
28 Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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10:47AM 30 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
31 Opposed.

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33 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**  
34 The resolution passes. **Tabled Subject to Call - (VOTE: 6-1-0-0 -**  
35 **Opposed: Leg. Kennedy - P.O. Gregory included in the vote)**

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37 Next is Resolution **1273-2017, Adopting Local Law No. -2017, A**  
38 **Charter Law requiring departmental justification of proposed fee**  
39 **increases. (Trotta)** Requires a public hearing, I'll offer a motion  
10:47AM 40 to table.

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42 **LEG. STERN:**  
43 Second.

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45 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**  
46 Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?  
47 Motion carries. **Tabled (VOTE: 7-0 - P.O. Gregory included in the**  
48 **vote)**

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10:47AM 50 Resolution **1308-2017, Approving 2017 funding for a contract agency**  
51 **(Sag Harbor Youth Center, Inc.). (Fleming)** At the sponsor's  
52 request, I will offer a motion to table.

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54 **LEG. STERN:**  
55 Second.

1 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

2 Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?  
3 Motion carries. **Tabled (VOTE: 7-0 - P.O. Gregory included in the**  
4 **vote)**

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6 Next is **1327-2017, Approving 2017 funding for a contract agency**  
7 **(Gallery North, Inc.). (Hahn)** Once again, at the request of the  
8 sponsor, I will offer the motion to table. Second by Legislator  
9 Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries.  
10 **Tabled (VOTE: 7-0 - P.O. Gregory included in the vote)**

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12 Resolution **1362-2017, Adopting Local Law No. -2017, A Charter Law**  
13 **to implement one-year rolling debt policy under 5-25-5 Law to**  
14 **mitigate budgetary shortfall. (Co. Exec.)** Now this would suspend  
15 the 5-25-5 Law, we've been doing this for several years now. Given  
16 the County's fiscal situation, I'll offer a motion to approve.

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18 **LEG. BARRAGA:**

19 Second.

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21 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

22 Second by Legislator Barraga. All in favor? Opposed?  
23 Abstentions? Motion carries. **Approved (VOTE: 7-0 - P.O. Gregory**  
24 **included in the vote)**

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26 **Introductory Resolutions**

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28 **1375-2017, To readjust, compromise, and grant refunds and**  
29 **charge-backs on real property correction of errors by: County**  
30 **Legislature (Control No. 1040-2017). (Co. Exec.)** I'll offer a  
31 motion to approve and place on the Consent Calendar.

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33 **LEG. STERN:**

34 Second.

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36 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

37 Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?  
38 Motion carries. **Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE:**  
39 **7-0 - P.O. Gregory included in the vote)**

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41 **Resolution 1377-2017, To readjust, compromise, and grant refunds**  
42 **and charge-backs on real property correction of errors by: County**  
43 **Legislature (Control No. 1042-2017). (Co. Exec.)** I'll offer the  
44 same motion, same second and same vote. **Approved and Placed on the**  
45 **Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0 - P.O. Gregory included in the vote)**

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47 **1378-2017, To readjust, compromise, and grant refunds and**  
48 **chargebacks on correction or errors/County Comptroller by: County**  
49 **Legislature No. 464-2017. (Co. Exec.)** Same motion, same second and  
50 same vote. **Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0**  
51 **- P.O. Gregory included in the vote)**

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53 And next is **1434-2017, Amending the 2017 Operating Budget and**  
54 **appropriating funds in connection with bonding for a settlement for**  
55 **a liability case against the County. (Co. Exec.)** This settlement  
56 has been previously discussed and approved by the Legislature's

1 Ways & Means Committee in Executive Session and I will offer a  
2 motion to approve.

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4 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
5 On the motion.

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7 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**  
8 Let's just get a second. Is there a second?

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10:50AM 10 **LEG. MARTINEZ:**  
11 Second.

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13 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**  
14 Second by Legislator Martinez. Legislator Kennedy, go ahead,  
15 please.

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17 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
18 I'm not on the Ways & Means Committee, but I will ask my usual  
19 question; for \$3 million, can someone give me a vague idea? Is it  
10:50AM 20 an accident?

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22 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**  
23 Ms. Bizzaro, good morning.

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25 **MS. BIZZARRO:**  
26 Good morning. Thank you very much. This was an automobile  
27 accident between a police officer and one other vehicle and this  
28 happened during Superstorm Sandy.

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10:50AM 30 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
31 Did we attempt to appeal or do you feel that that would not make a  
32 difference?

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34 **MS. BIZZARRO:**  
35 This is a settlement, so it was not a judgment so there's nothing  
36 really to appeal.

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38 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
39 Okay, thank you.

10:51AM 40  
41 **MS. BIZZARRO:**  
42 You're welcome.

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44 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**  
45 Okay, thank you. Are there any other questions? There is a motion  
46 pending to approve, it's received a second, I'll call the vote.  
47 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **Approved**  
48 **(VOTE: 7-0 - P.O. Gregory included in the vote)**

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10:51AM 50 Next is resolution 1435-2017, **Amending the 2017 Operating Budget**  
51 **and appropriating funds in connection with bonding for a judgment**  
52 **in a liability case against the County. (Co. Exec.)** Again, this I  
53 believe was approved by the Ways & Means Committee in Executive  
54 Session. I'll offer a motion to approve.

1 **LEG. STERN:**

2 Second.

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4 **P.O. GREGORY:**

5 Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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7 **LEG. BARRAGA:**

8 Opposed.

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10:51AM

10 **CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:**

11 One in opposition, the motion carries. *Approved (VOTE: 6-1-0-0 -*

12 *Opposed: Leg. Barraga - P.O. Gregory included in the vote)*

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14 That's it, there's no further business before the committee this  
15 morning. Thank you, everyone, for attending, and we are adjourned.

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17 *(\*The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m. \*)*

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