

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

of the

Suffolk County Legislature

### Minutes

A regular meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York, on December 13, 2007.

#### **Members Present:**

Legislator Eli Mystal - Chairman  
Legislator Wayne Horsley - Vice-Chair  
Legislator Jack Eddington  
Legislator Lynne Nowick  
Legislator John Kennedy

#### **Also in Attendance:**

George Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature  
DuWayne Gregory - Aide to Legislator Mystal  
Renee Ortiz - Chief Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature  
Paul Perillie - Aide to Majority Leader  
Linda Bay - Aide to Minority Leader  
Fran Siems - Aide to Presiding Officer Lindsay  
Ben Zwirn - Assistant County Executive  
Joe Dujmic - County Executive Assistant  
Greg Moran - Aide to Legislator Lynne Nowick  
John Ortiz - Senior Budget Analyst/Budget Review Office  
Diane Dono - Senior Budget Analyst/Budget Review Office  
Matthew Miner - Deputy Commissioner/Dept of Health Services  
Linda O'Donohoe - Assistant to the Comm./Dept of Social Services  
All Other Interested Parties

#### **Minutes Taken By:**

Donna Catalano - Court Stenographer

(\*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:06 P.M.\*)

**CHAIRMAN MYSTAL:**

Welcome to the Health and Human Services Committee. Please rise for the Pledge led by Legislator Horsley.

**SALUTATION**

**CHAIRMAN MYSTAL:**

Thank you very much for braving the weather and coming. We're going to try to let you go home and beat the traffic and do all the good things. We have one card -- no presentations today -- and the card is from Herman Miller. Please, to the podium.

**MR. MILLER:**

My name is Herman Miller. I'm Deputy CEO at the Suffolk County Water Authority. I just wanted to address the committee to indicate that the Water Authority is supportive of the standard law that's being proposed for private water systems. We did have a question on the section that talked about meters. If that section applies to allowing meters to be connected to a private distribution system, Section Three standards wouldn't apply to it. If it's making the assumption that if you install a meter it would be connected to a public supply system, then there would be no issue. But if it allows a private supply --

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Mr. Chairman, if I may. Mr. Chairman, if I can address that through the Chair.

**CHAIRMAN MYSTAL:**

Yes.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Okay. Based on the meeting that we had with members of the Water Authority and the Health Department, and in speaking with Counsel -- Assistant Counsel, who helped draft this resolution, any -- just as a single high-volume meter has to be connected to a public main, then because of the law of sub metering with the PSC, that you cannot put a meter after a meter, than individual meters would be required to be hooked up to a public main. So you could not hook up a meter up to a private main, because it falls under the section of the Public Service Law of sale of a commodity. So it would have to be hooked up to a public main.

**MR. MILLER:**

Thank you, Legislator Losquadro. That was my question.

**CHAIRMAN MYSTAL:**

I don't have any more cards. Anyone who wishes to address the committee, please come forward. Going once, going twice, going three times. Nobody. We're going to move right to the agenda.

**1719. Establishing an Equitable Placement Policy for the Department of Social Services (BROWNING).**

At the request of the sponsor, this bill was to be tabled. Motion by Legislator Eddington, seconded by Legislator Horsley. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? The motion is **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Kennedy)**

**1744. Directing the Suffolk County Department of Health Services to conduct a soil, groundwater and air quality study in the Town of Brookhaven and amending the 2007 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds for the environment study on the Papermill Road facility site, Town of Brookhaven (ROMAINE).**

Motion to table, seconded by Legislator Eddington. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries.

**TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis Kennedy).**

**1913. Approving the reappointment of Janet DeMarzo as Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Social Services (COUNTY EXEC)**

Motion to table by myself, seconded by Legislator Eddington. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion is **TABLED (VOTE:5-0-0-0).**

I'm going to skip over 1945 for now because we're trying to get some information from the County Executive's people. We'll come back to it.

**2278. Amending the 2007 Adopted Operating Budget to accept and appropriate 100% State aid from New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and to transfer funding from current appropriations to Outreach Development Corporation (COUNTY EXEC).**

Motion to approve and put on the Consent Calendar by myself, seconded by Legislator Eddington. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion is **APPROVED** and placed on the **CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 - Not Present - Legis. Kennedy).**

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Mr. Chairman, if there's a question that you have, maybe I can try to answer it.

**CHAIRMAN MYSTAL:**

I think this thing has been done. I want to make sure of something. We have one resolution that's laid on tabled in front of the committee.

**2239. Amending the 2007 Adopted Operating Budget to transfer funding from current appropriations to Eastern Suffolk BOCES, BOCES Number 2.**

We just got it. We haven't had a whole bunch of time to look at this -- this resolution. Would somebody from the County Executive gives us a head's up as to what it is, what they're doing? It's not on the agenda, but it can be voted on. Can anybody give me information? BRO, you have any information on that?

**MR. ORTIZ:**

(Shaking head no).

**CHAIRMAN MYSTAL:**

No.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

I'll make a motion to approve, though.

**CHAIRMAN MYSTAL:**

Okay. Well, maybe we will get some more information later on. Jack, you got it? This is transferring \$3000 from to one agency to BOCES. Motion to approve by Legislator Horsley, seconded by Legislator Eddington. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion is **APPROVED (VOTE:5-0-0-0).**

**1945. A Local Law to require uniform drinking water mains in Suffolk County (LOSQUADRO).**

We're going back to 1945. Are there any questions on 1945 that the administration has that have not been answered or anybody has that have not been answered?

**MR. DUJMIC:**

Hi. Good afternoon. Joe Dujmic from the County Executive's Office. I think there was a question as to whether or not DEC approval was received on this resolution at the last meeting.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

DEC approval?

**MR. DUJMIC:**

I mean, that was something that was just brought to my attention right now.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

What resolution you talking about?

**CHAIRMAN MYSTAL:**

1945.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

We're talking about the wrong resolution.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

I don't think this is something that requires DEC approval. The Health Department is responsible for drinking water distribution systems.

**MR. MINER:**

I think it was --

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

If you could just state your name for the record. I'm sorry.

**MR. MINER:**

I'm sorry. It's Matt Miner, Deputy Commissioner of Health Services. I think there was an issue that the Health Department had raised because there was an amendment that Legislator Losquadro had proposed. We have now had a chance to review that and support the resolution as presently proposed.

**CHAIRMAN MYSTAL:**

Motion to approve.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

I'm not on the committee.

**LEG. EDDINGTON:**

Motion to approve.

**LEG. NOWICK:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN MYSTAL:**

Motion by Legislator Eddington, seconded by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstention? Motion is **APPROVED (VOTE:5-0-0-0)**.

I make a motion to adjourn.

**LEG. NOWICK:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN MYSTAL:**

We are out of here.

(\*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:14 P.M. \*)

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