

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Public Safety 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 Thursday, September 11, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Legislator Jack Eddington, Chairperson  
Legislator Kate Browning, Vice Chair  
Legislator Dan Losquadro  
Legislator Wayne Horsley  
Legislator Lynne Nowick  
Legislator DuWayne Gregory

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature  
Paul Perillie, Aide to Majority Caucus  
Linda Bay, Aide to Minority Caucus  
Robert Calarco, Aide to Legislator Eddington  
Bobby Knight, Aide to Presiding Officer Lindsay  
Mike Cavanagh, Aide to Presiding Officer Lindsay  
Jack Caffey, Aide to Presiding Officer Lindsay  
Maxvel Rose, Aide to Legislator Gregory  
John Ortiz, Budget Review Office  
Ben Zwirn, Deputy County Executive  
Ed Hennessey, County Executive's Office  
Barbara LoMoriello, Deputy Clerk  
Debra Alloncius, AME Legislative Director  
Robert Anthony Moore, Chief, Suffolk County Police Department  
John Scharf, Lieutenant, SCPD Commissioner's Office  
Suzanne McBride, SC Police Department, Emergency Unit President  
Noel DiGerolamo, Suffolk County PBA  
Russ McCormick, Suffolk Detectives Association  
Vincent DeMarco, Sheriff of Suffolk County  
Joe Rubacka, Suffolk County Sheriff's Office  
Debbie Eppel, Public Information Office-Director  
Bob Kearon, Suffolk County D.A.'s Office  
Colleen Ansanelli, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
Dennis Brown, County Attorneys Office  
John Sferazo, Advocate - 9/11  
Joe William, FRES  
George Waldbauer, Suffolk County PAL  
Robert Conroy, Suffolk County PAL  
Margaret Pugh, Suffolk County PAL  
Alex G. Proios, Suffolk County PAL  
Richard Sitea, Suffolk County PAL  
Bob Folks, Suffolk County PAL  
Dana Fox, Suffolk County PAL  
Guy Dellecave, Suffolk County PAL

Henry Heissenbuttel, Suffolk County PAL  
Louis Molinari, PBA  
Anne M. DiIorio, Communications/PSD  
Vincent T. Canosa, Communications  
Victoria DeNobile, Communicaitons/ECO  
Jeremy Sommesso  
Other Interested Parties

**MEETING TAKEN BY:**

Lucia Braaten, Court Stenographer

***[THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:36 A.M.]***

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

I'd like to get everybody's attention. I would like to start the Public Safety Committee meeting, and I'm going to turn over the beginning of the meeting to our Presiding Officer, Legislator Lindsay.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Good morning, everyone. Today is a very special day. Today is the Seventh Anniversary of the tragedy in Manhattan at the World Trade Center. And with us this morning to lead us in the Pledge and the Moment of Silence, and to just chat with us for a minute, is a fellow by the name of John Sferazo. John was one of -- about seven years ago, John was a man in his mid-40s and an ironworker, and when the Towers collapsed, he rushed down there and worked down there for I guess several months, and as a result of it, John lost his health. He hasn't been able to work for many years, and has been a very, very strong advocate for this nation to do the right thing by the people that -- they gave up their health and went down there and tried to help in that rescue effort. And I think, if you talk to the Police and the Fire Department in the City of New York, if it wasn't for the ironworkers, we probably would have lost more people in the rescue effort, because that mesh of tangled steel, they're the ones that knew how to straighten it out.

So with this, I'm going to introduce John to lead us in a Pledge and maybe say a few words to us.

**MR. SFERAZO:**

Thank you, Presiding Officer Lindsay. Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like to lead the Pledge, and then maybe we could have a Moment of Silence for all of those who have passed seven years ago today.

***(\*Salutation\*)***

Thank you. If we could have a Moment of Silence.

***(\*Moment of Silence\*)***

Thank you, everyone. Would you like me to stay here and speak?

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Sure.

**MR. SFERAZO:**

Okay. I wrote a speech for today. It really wouldn't be fitting if I was to read something I had handwritten. First, let me say there has been no stronger ally for Suffolk County residents who gave -- willing to give the ultimate for his fellowman than Presiding Officer Lindsay. And, Mr. Lindsay, I just want you to know it's been an honest to God privilege to know you, sir. I wish to thank all of you for having me here, Ladies and Gentlemen. Good morning, and I'll try to make this quick.

It's seven years later and the 9/11 responder, the word means so much to us, but what is a responder? We usually think of EMT, firemen, policemen. In this certain situation, it's anybody who is available immediately. And what did they do? It was an act of love for their fellowman. While most people were running from the disaster, some put themselves in peril for those who share the planet with them. This is an international event, it is not just of Suffolk County, Nassau County, New York. No, it's international.

Today, why I'm here, I'm asking for your support, because even though we hear about how the individuals who responded are being taken care of, there's a great deal of fallacy to all of this. As I look at all of you today, I want you to know that 24 to 27 percent of all the responders' Workers Comp cases are still being denied or delayed. This is an honest-to-God atrocity to somebody who only came to do the right thing for his fellowman. We need a presumption bill. And now I do not

need anything, I have what I need. I do not get paid for this, but as an advocate for 9/11, seeing the two people who worked next to me, knowing they both died of cancers, knowing that the New York State Board of Health has compiled a list of over 363 people who have died since 9/11, going to wakes and funerals, this is what gives me strength to speak to you.

City, State and Federal employees have gotten a presumption because we pushed for this several years ago, but that presumption is only for a pension, it has nothing at all to do with their medical disability. So, if they were to try to acquire compensable coverage, they would not get it under those statutes, but, yet, they would get their pension under the same statute. The construction trades, the volunteers who were down there, they have no presumption whatsoever. A presumption bill is one where, when a medical professional finds the patient's afflictions duly related to the injury, there's no denying or delaying that individual's Workers Compensation. Seven years later and we do not have one. Assemblyman Jonathan Bing is currently cosponsoring a presumption bill, originally created by, well, City Council Borough President Scott Stringer. Anything you could do to help support this would be a real attribute to fellow Suffolk County residents.

I want you to also know the PTSD that has been incurred from individuals' involvement at 9/11 has led to an increase in the amount of suicides here in Suffolk County. I know this because I'm part of the Long Island Task Force for the New York State Department of Mental Health. And this is why I sit on this Board, to make sure money is allocated annually for PTSD problems.

When these individuals, who do not have their Workers Compensation coverage, go to acquire some kind of benefits, the average, but not every, but the average responder had one thing in common. Does anybody know what that is? They belonged to a union. So, when they've gone to their unions and they've exhausted their medical benefits, where do they go next? Without a presumption bill to cover them, they go to welfare, Social Services, and that puts a strain or a financial burden on our Social Services.

The only other thing I wish to bring up to you, because our current Administration has been very lax in accepting its obligation, is -- have any of you looked at your paper, your newspaper today? In the indexing, there's a color-coding system that speaks of the Alert, Terrorist Alert, and this is provided by Homeland Security. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, it's not a matter of if we will ever have another terrorist attack, but when. Like you, I have lost loved ones fighting for this country. Like you, I have lost people from a tragedy seven years ago. I think we should learn by our mistakes and help do something, not just for ourselves and our families, but those residents who reside here with us.

I would really like to address just one more thing. We really do not have an Emergency Disaster Relief Plan intact. This is hurricane season. We don't know what kind of terrorist activity will happen in our future. We've met horrid times the last terrorist attack, and maybe it's about time we started considering some kind of an Emergency Disaster Relief Plan that's interwoven between State and Federal agencies.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I want to thank you all very much for having me here today, and it's so fitting that we speak about this on this day. Thank you all for hearing me.

***(Applause)***

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Thanks, John. Have a seat, please. And I think John has challenged us. And I would tell you, he verbalized very clearly the unfair treatment to our responders. And, of course, you read in the paper a few months ago about Walter Reed and the returning wounded warriors and how they've been treated. And, right now, we have the Fighting 69th from Bay Shore. I've been meeting with the families, and they are over there. Now, they've lost nine men. There's been an initiative over the summer to send them supplies, and the Commander's wife met with me and she said they're going to be coming up with another initiative for Thanksgiving and the holidays. Please, get involved, tell somebody. Let's get this country behind our warriors and our -- and the people like

John who actually gave their lives and their health, so -- and we will make it available, more information. Thank you.

Okay. Let's start with the public portion. I have Neal DiGerolamo from the PBA. Noel, not Neal. I'm sorry, Noel. I always get one of those names wrong, I'm sorry.

**MR. DIGEROLAMO:**

Thank you very much. That's all right, Jack, I've been called worse. I just wanted to take a few moments to speak about PAL and what's happening in the Department. But before I get on to that, I wanted to make sure that the Legislature was aware, recently, about two weeks ago, as the County Executive continued to govern by press release, we saw that he acknowledged the current list for hiring had a much higher mark for minority testers than we've had in the past. Well, coincidentally, I was looking into the same issues recently, and I can tell you that, in fact, there are over five times as many minorities in the hiring range of the current test.

Now, regardless of how we've gotten to that point, I think it's a good opportunity to utilize that list in order to increase the minority staffing of the Police Department, as we should be doing all along. As of right now, there is no plan to hire off of that list and it will be expiring in two more years. So, as we sit currently, 333 officers below the budgeted number in this Police Department, we are also sitting at an opportunity -- with an opportunity to increase the minority staffing of the Police Department simply by hiring those that are already budgeted. It makes you think a little further. If possibly those 300 officers were hired, maybe we could have prevented some of these drive-by shootings or home invasions rather than just responding to them.

Now, PAL, I understand that the Police Department has a plan in place right now to eliminate the Police Officers out of the Police Athletic League. Well, he now wants to remove the police element from a Police organization. And I saw in the paper today the County Executive claims that this is going to save the taxpayers \$400,000, which, again, could be -- could not possibly be further from the truth. Those Police Officers are going to be paid regardless of where they work, and all he is really doing is adding to the burden of the Police budget by hiring three additional civilians to come in and do that work. We currently have light-duty Police Officers who cannot work patrol because of work related injuries that are more than capable of doing the PAL work. This job can be accomplished for free with no additional cost, no additional burden to the budget, but that is not being done. Mr. Chairman, if I could finish.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Sure, finish up.

**MR. DIGEROLAMO:**

Okay. Well these people that are being hired are retirees from other departments, and I would assume that they're the same ones that Steve Levy refers to as double-dippers that he now wants to hire and bring on to his staff. And if he's really concerned about saving the money, well, then he should just utilize the resources we already have, because, clearly, based on the facts that I just gave you, this is more like patronage than good government.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay. Thank you. If you could stick around, we're going to have a group of people from the PAL to come up and I think there might be questions. So, if you could hang in there, we'd get those questions answered at one time.

**MR. DIGEROLAMO:**

Certainly.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Thank you. Jonathan Steralo. Steralo. No? Jonathan Steralo. Is that right?

**MR. NOLAN:**

Sferazo, Jonathan.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Oh, that's John.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Oh, that's John. That's who just spoke.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

That's John that just left.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

That's the ironworker.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Oh, oh, oh, okay, okay. George, rather than have you come up for the three minutes, I'll have you come up to the table in a few minutes, Waldbauer; okay? Debbie Alloncius.

**MS. ALLONCIUS:**

Good morning, Members of the Committee, Chairman Jack Eddington. I'd like to read a letter that I'm submitting to the Legislature this morning. The letter is written in response to an OP-ED that was in the Long Island Advance on September 4th, 2008, by Suffolk County -- written by Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy.

September 11th, 2008. "Dear Suffolk County Legislators, County Executive Levy should be ashamed of himself for his September 4th, 2008, OP-ED "Reduce Costs" that appeared Thursday, September 4th, 2008, in the Long Island Advance, which once again utilizes his favorite technique, scare tactics and half-truths. However, he should be excoriated for his "D-Day" reference. D-Day, June 6th, "The day that will live in infamy", was the date of the Normandy invasion during World War II. It is a day of somber reverence, a day in which thousands of American and Allied soldiers lost their lives in order that we today, here in America, maintain the freedoms that we do. It was a day carried out by those called the greatest generations, our fathers, grandfathers, and, yes, women, too. It is a day that should not be used as callously as a comparison to a tax cut, especially a tax cut policy that, if Levy had the foresight that he claims, could have been mitigated by utilizing the services of those he treads upon, those same veterans."

"While Mr. Levy begins his article with comparison to our veterans, let my article finish it. AME, in conjunction with Congressman Tim Bishop of the First Congressional District, has been working towards securing the necessary funding and operating permits to allow our Long Island disabled veterans who suffer from traumatic brain injury to return home to the John J. Foley Skilled Nurse Facility. You see, the Nursing Facility, the same facility that Mr. Levy wants to sell, has a recognized trauma unit and can accommodate their needs, which is something not many nursing homes can do. These same veterans have been living at Walter Reed Hospital, (Washington) D.C., far from their families, but through the efforts of the Suffolk County Association of Municipal Employees, the AME, and Congressman Bishop, will soon be able to come back home."

"Sadly, Mr. Levy's message comes during the week of Labor Day and the Anniversary of September 11th. Had Mr. Levy ever considered utilizing his employees as a resource, rather than an expense to be cut, he may have and, our veterans, too, benefited sooner. Levy must learn that the function of government is by the people and for the people, and not scare the people and abandon the people."

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Jack.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Yes, Legislator Losquadro.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Thank you. Does anyone have a question on this issue, because I just have another question to ask Debbie.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

No. Go ahead.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Okay. Ms. Alloncius, a couple of meetings ago we had a discussion about the 911 call system, and we were talking about the 852-COPS number and nonemergency calls going to 911. After doing a little bit of digging and asking a few questions, I wanted to clear something up for the record, and I just wanted to make sure that you agree, that this assessment is correct. Once a call is picked up, the 911 Operator who picks that call up then does not have the ability to put that call on hold and switch to another emergency call, so to speak; is that correct? Once a call is picked up, they are on that call?

**MS. ALLONCIUS:**

Well, the hold button --

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

They can put them on hold and, you know, perhaps consult with a supervisor.

**MS ALLONCIUS:**

The hold button was broken, then it was fixed, and then it was broken again. And the State -- can I defer to our representative who is an Operator?

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

I want to clear this up, because the way it was put forward to us is not the information that I had received when inquiring about it. So I want to clear up exactly how this system is functioning, is intended to function, and how it is currently functioning, so --

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Maybe I could respond a little bit.

**MS. ALLONCIUS:**

Well, might I defer to an Operator who sits there?

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Well, let me do this, that I have scheduled a meeting next week where I'm going to personally go there --

**MS. ALLONCIUS:**

Correct.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

-- and work through the system. So I think I will be having the answer for you at our next meeting. I'm going to personally see it, rather than listen to everybody else tell us how it works. And I would invite you, if you'd like to come and be part of that. My office will reach out to you. I want to see it for myself, because I'm tired of hearing everybody else telling me. So I'll extend the invitation to the rest of the Committee.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Please, do. But in the interim, though, it -- see, I'm glad that you're being proactive on this, Mr.

Chairman, because it seems as though we do have a problem here that needs to be addressed, so I appreciate your efforts on this. Thank you.

**MS. ALLONCIUS:**

You're welcome.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

All right.

**MS. ALLONCIUS:**

Any other questions? Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Robert Conroy, please.

**MR. CONROY:**

Hi, Jack.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Good morning.

**MR. CONROY:**

Ladies and Gentlemen, I think Mr. Levy pulling off the cops out of PAL is a terrible idea. He was just at the parade Sunday and we were there strictly because of these guys. By pulling civilians, it's penny wise and dollar foolish. Please, I work with Sal, George, I work with Bobby Donohue, all these guys that I learned to build this League, listening what these guys did and their advice. When we had problems with parents, dealing with situations, they're our first phone call. They're at -- 24 hours a day. You can't put four people there, civilians there. It's taking the bite out of PAL. And there's eighty-five hundred -- eighty-five hundred kids playing? Eighty-five hundred kids playing football, not counting the attachment to the cheerleaders and all the other stuff. It probably breaks down to two, three dollars a kid, you know, the amount of hours for the money you're going to save. Please, speak to him about this. Please, don't do it.

The season's kicking off Sunday, and we're going to be with Sal tonight until 11 clock working with him doing this. Please, do not take these guys off.

You know, I agree with a lot of what Mr. Levy does, but, you know, fooling around with the Police Department, you know, taking them off the highway -- I got on on Exit 64, I came here to 57, I saw one cop on the eastbound lane. It's just there's other ways. I'm sure there's other ways for that money, but, definitely, this is actually coming after the kids to save -- \$300,000, I think the total savings is what it's going to be. What is the savings?

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

I don't believe the --

**MR. CONROY:**

It's got to be under \$300,000.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

I don't believe the County Executive has shared that with us.

**MR. CONROY:**

Yeah. But, you know, it's in the paper today. And then they say it's a cushy job. It's not -- I don't think it's a cushy job, you know, and I don't know what they do, but just on our aspects, running a League with 500 kids, these guys got eighty-five hundred kids. It's not a cushy job. These guys are there, they're accessible and they attend everything.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay. Just hang on. In way of introduction, I wanted to note, Robert, Bob is a friend of mine, actually lives in my community, a neighbor, and he is one of three people that single-handedly started a youth league in Patchogue-Medford that has like grown -- what do we have now, how many people?

**MR. CONROY:**

Between football and lacrosse, probably 700 kids.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Yeah. He's been working with the Town, the County, the State. I mean, he's done a fabulous job. And he's the man to listen to, because he's in the trenches every day, like he said.

**MR. CONROY:**

And I did it because of listening to these guys, call them, Bobby and Sal. I listened to them, I took their advice. We followed their protocol that they put in line. For \$300,000 for the amount of kids, it's absolutely not worth it.

My phone has not stopped with people. And, you know, we're finding out through the newspaper and the article, it's a cushy this, that these guys are all in line to get this job. What this man just said about these guys that can't work the streets, they'll be more than happy to work there. You can't put guys there that don't know. It's running a corporation is what it is. It's a corporation, that they do a fabulous job. Every Monday we attend meetings with these guys. They are incredible. Do not take them away from us, because we're not -- it's going to be very hard to work with anybody else than the people that we work with with PAL. Thank you very much for listening to me.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Thank you very much, Bob. Okay. At this time, I'd like to ask George Waldbauer and his group to come up. George, if you want to sit at the table, you're more than welcome to.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Okay.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

You stand there, you only get three minutes, so I'll let you sit there.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

The gentlemen behind me are members of the PAL Board of Directors.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Just sit down at the mike, George.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

And my Assistant.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

We've got about four seats, and then maybe we could swing another two over.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

The people standing behind me, or sitting, or gathering around me, are members of my -- of the PAL Corporate Board of Directors, and my Assistant, Margaret Pugh.

Some 9/11; to read that in the paper this morning, I feel like I've been attacked. For 35 years -- well, I'm going to read this, because I think it will cover most of the things, and then you can ask me whatever it is that you'd like.

The Suffolk County Police Athletic League is a recreation-oriented juvenile prevention program that relies heavily on sports, recreation and educational activities to promote mutual respect between Police Officers and the children of Suffolk County. Suffolk PAL is unique in its ability to merge the Police Officer, the kid and the community together in a noncombative setting. Police Athletic League is based on the belief that children, if reached early enough, can develop a strong positive attitude towards Police Officers in their journey through life to adulthood. A PAL program brings youngsters under the supervision and constructive influence of a responsible Law Enforcement Agency, and expands public awareness about the role of the Police Department.

Many children today do not have the same family support structure that existed in the past. Social problems, such as drugs and alcohol addiction, single-parent homes and gang participation are more prevalent. Due to fiscal restraints, many school districts are unable to offer after-school activities. In many cases, PAL activities are the only programs available to kids.

In 2008, PAL celebrated its 35th Anniversary. During the last 35 years, Suffolk PAL has evolved to expand through the changing needs of the communities. PAL Officers operate Countywide by offering programs in schools, church facilities, sports complexes, Town, County and private facilities. Suffolk PAL now incorporates programs such as anti-gang bullying, mentoring, and reach-out program. Suffolk County PAL developed and built a 36-acre sports complex located in Holbrook. This complex is used by thousands of children annually. As a result, PAL events offer easy access to Police Officers, to members of the community. PAL Officers provide valuable intelligence to other divisions within the Police Department regarding criminal suspects, drug location, gang activity, etcetera. PAL Police Officers also work with other agencies, such as Probation, Child Protective Services, and Suffolk County Youth Bureau, and many outside agencies frequently ask PAL Officers to place at-risk children into PAL programs.

Using sworn Police Officers to coordinate PAL programs is the key to our success. Studies show that if youngsters respond to a Police Officer in a positive way on a playing field or in a classroom, he or she will very likely come to respect the laws that that Police Officer enforces. Such benefits to the community in which a child resides is virtually immeasurable.

Sworn Police Officers are required to perform many different duties and responsibilities that would not be appropriate for civilians. Due to the wide range of different programs PAL offers, Officers are trained to coordinate a multitude of events, even during the same season. PAL Officers have a passion for the programs that they administer. They are responsible for recruiting, training, and supervising the hundreds of coaches and volunteers in our programs. Many of these people volunteer because of the affiliation between PAL and the Police Department. PAL would not be as nearly as successful with civilian management.

Officers conduct background checks on all volunteers. People that do not possess the integrity and morals of the Police Department are rejected. PAL Officers are required to complete program budgets, purchase equipment, and Officers must be flexible concerning their work hours and work schedules for coordinating their programs. Often, they work various tours, including nights, days, weekends and holidays. Officers do whatever is necessary to ensure their programs are successful. This flexibility would not be possible with civilians doing that job. Police Officers are responsible for large sums of money, the registration monies and stuff. Last year, it was almost \$400,000, and we need to trust who is handling that.

The national trend for Police Athletic Leagues around the country is to increase the use of Police Officers to prevent juvenile crime through the use of youth sports and other activities. Over the years, social problems have increased tremendously. The cop and the kid and the community, all working together, is a symbol of success in society. It is a necessary combination that creates safer

communities. We know that PAL sports programs have contributed significantly to the reduction of delinquency in our communities.

I've been PAL Director, both as a Police Sergeant and a civilian, for over 25 years. I know why it works. I was a past President of the National Association of Police Athletic Leagues. The success of our program is tied directly with having a Police Officer involved in the program. Did anybody have any questions for me?

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Yeah, sure. Legislator Browning.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Okay. I had a couple of questions for you. I know that a lot of your fund-raising you do yourself. How much money do you actually raise yourself through fund-raisers?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

I have that number here. Last year, through fundraising, we brought in \$843,136, and that was through 39,157 donations.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

And, also, I know that you do receive grant money.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

We do.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

You know, is there a requirement to have, you know, direct Police Officer involvement with many of these grants?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Many of them are from the State, yes.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

So, if you don't have direct Police Officer involvement, you could lose your grants?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Yes, we could.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

And do you know how much your grant money is, approximately?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

It varies year to year, but it's probably from 50,000 to 150,000.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

It's a lot of money to lose. And, you know, I know that I had an incident in my District in the North Bellport area and you had a PAL Officer. I think a lot of people are under the impression that you strictly do sports. And, you know, what I've learned about what PAL does, you know, the incident that happened in my District with a child being shot, that you had a PAL Officer who worked directly with the children in my School District. So, I don't know that we're going to be able to get that same kind of attention that we're getting from civilian officer -- a civilian who could possibly be a retired Police Officer. And I understand that, you know, your targeting at-risk youth.

**WR. WALDBAUER:**

Yes, that's --

**LEG. BROWNING:**

So -- and, again, in my District, I see kids that are not coming from the best homes, and they see a Police Officer as being the enemy, and that PAL is providing something, that these kids are actually getting to see that our Police Officers are not the enemy, that they can be your friend and they're there to help you. So that bothers me to hear that we could be losing Police Officers.

Another question is, who are these people that are going to be replaced, are they like a Neighborhood Aide, or who are these people that are going to come in?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Yeah, he has -- we already have one that's been placed. His title is Neighborhood Aide. He's a retired New York City Officer. He has -- he's only allowed to make \$30,000 a year, so I believe the position pays 35,000 a year. And he will have to furlough sometime during the year when he can't make over his amount of money that he's allowed to make.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

So, pretty much, you're going to lose him at some point, because --

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Yes, we are.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

So now you're cutting down your staff.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

From what I understand, we have another retired City Officer who is going to be interviewed on Friday.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

And are they going to be available 24/7?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

No, I would think not. And I would doubt very much if they would work nights or holidays, and the times when we need the Police Officers out there, when the kids are off from school, summers. The guys don't take summer vacations. They're out there at night, they're out there on holidays and on weekends, so I don't know if these civilians will work weekends.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

And how many -- how many children are in the PAL Program?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Just about 30,000 each year.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

And how many volunteers do you have?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Oh, probably 5,000.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

It's a lot of volunteers. And this probably isn't a question for you, but, I mean, Dan just spoke about, you know, 911, and we talked about the shortage of 911 Operators, and I'm looking at we're hiring two people at \$35,000. I think maybe that money needs to be better spent on 911 Operators than hiring Neighborhood Aides. So, with that, I don't think this is a smart idea to replace our PAL Officers.

You know, I think Noel mentioned, we have light-duty officers. You know, why can't the County Executive come and sit down and talk to you and try and work something out, so as we don't destroy the PAL Program, because that's what I see what's going to happen. Thank you.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

I agree. Thank you.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Legislator Losquadro.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Thank you. Legislator Browning actually asked, to me, what was one of the more important questions, which was about the grant funding. And I see that as throwing money out the window for a program that has proved itself to be successful over decades, unless there's some study that we're not aware of, like with DARE that says, miraculously, something that everyone sees as a great benefit for the youth of our community is now -- somehow isn't working or they're not benefitting from that contact. I haven't seen that to be the case.

I worked very closely with Sal Yovino, who's in my area, and I have to tell you, the bang for our buck. You talked about having close to 5,000 volunteers who take part in this program. How many sworn Officers is it, just for the record?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

It's four.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Four sworn Officers to 5,000 volunteers. And what we get for that small investment pays dividends. For the amount of money that we invest in programs around this County, to have that type of direct contact with the youth in our community, with the sworn Officer, who, in most cases, would not be able to perform other full-service duties, as a representative from the PBA pointed out, I just don't see the logic in removing Officers from these positions.

Now, once again, this body, this Committee has to find out about this, unfortunately, as the Agency has to find out about this, and that is through a release, without any prior consultation to discuss what the benefits or detriments, or trying to find another solution. I've said it before, I'll say it again, it is our job to decide policy. We're always thrown "budget" to scare us. Well, we make pretty big budget decisions, we make tough decisions. That's what we get elected to do, that's what we get paid to do. So, I say let us make that decision. Don't let us read about this, don't let this be thrown at you. I ask the administration to come to us with these types of proposals and let us work something out.

I'm very disappointed. And you have my word and, hopefully, the rest of the Members of this Committee, that we're going to do everything we can to try to find an equitable solution for this, because I really have to give you and the members of your Board a lot of credit. I know the work that you've put in, you personally, over many, many years, and I just want to say thank you. And, again, you have my commitment that we're going to work to find an equitable solution for this. Thank you, Mr. Waldbauer.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Thank you, Legislator Losquadro.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Legislator Gregory.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Good morning, Mr. Waldbauer.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Good morning, sir.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

How are you?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Had better days.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Okay. Now, is this the -- is this your entire Board?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

No, it isn't, no.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Okay.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

There are 18 members of the Board.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Wow, okay. And what -- can you describe to me exactly what activities are sworn officers involved in that directly impact children?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Police Officers go into communities many times, most times minority communities to -- at the request of, whether it be just a resident, or a minister, or a political person, or a school district, and then they ask us to go in to get after-school or summer programs started in their areas. That Police Officer will go in, recruit volunteers for that program, put in a budget to us, which is the corporate end of PAL, for how much money he needs to get this program going and to maintain it, and then he sees it through. If he has to, he forms a Board, a Community Board, to run that particular program and oversees that Board. He does this in numerous programs. Each Officer is assigned -- I have the list here of the ones that they run, each one of them runs. And then, what we also do is we have -- when we form these teams, like, if you take Central Islip, for example, they have -- we have an officer in Central Islip. We have baseball, football, cheerleading, basketball, and we have a C.I. Board that this Police Officer oversees and provides them guidance, and then there'll be a PAL League for those teams to play in that encompasses other communities as well.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

I'm familiar with that. I actually played in the Central Islip PAL, that's why I asked.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

That's nice to hear.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Yeah. Being a -- I mean, you know, nine years old is a long time ago for me, but the reason I ask is because my recollection is, I mean, maybe things have changed, and I'm sure they have, I've never, as a participant, I never directly had involvement with an Officer. I'm not sure if there was a reason why my parents -- my father was a coach of my team -- enrolled us, my brother. I have a twin brother, we both played. So I'm just curious as to the real impact that sworn Officers have with children, if there's really no direct contact. If the direct contact or involvement is more with the coaches and the administrators of the program and not necessarily the players and the participants, so --

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Well, you probably weren't aware, but someone from PAL, an Officer was probably at your game. They're assigned -- well, we only have four and there are probably 50 games going on every -- well, more than that every weekend. But either a Police Officer or a member of the Football Board of Directors is there representing the Police Department to make sure that everything is done the way we want it to be done.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

But they're not generally in uniform where a child can say, "Oh, there's a Police Officer," you know, he's probably wearing a tee shirt and shorts.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Well, he might be.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Okay.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

He might be.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

All right.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

But no shorts, we don't allow shorts.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Okay.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

He would have -- he would have a shirt that indicates that he is a PAL Officer, a thing on it.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

You had stated in your presentation that part of your mission is to help, but -- gang involvement or recruitment, or something along those lines.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Uh-huh.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Okay. And you have activities that PAL does directly?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

We do. We have a reach-out program that goes -- we're in -- I think it's five or six school districts now -- we're hoping to expand that -- where we get the worst of the worst, the kids that are either truants or gang-involved, or that type of thing, and then they go into our program, which we have a karate program, self-esteem program that is running in school districts.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Do you have any minority representation on your board that would help you with recruitment in, say, targeted areas?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

On my Board of Directors?

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Yes.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Yes.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Okay.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Joan Johnson. Do you know Joan?

**LEG. GREGORY:**

She grew up two houses away from me. Yes, I'm very familiar with Joan.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

She's been here longer than me.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Yes.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

And that's long.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

I'm concerned. My initial reaction is, in my District, I need more Officers on the street. The Police talk about it, that we're short staffed. You know, for me, more Officers on the street is better. You know, Noel, he referred to it earlier, people are getting shot, not in other communities, in my community. I had three shootings in -- just in one month alone. So my initial reaction to this is hooray, but I'm not totally convinced. So I think, you know, if we could sit down and you can talk to me about it, I think, hopefully, we can come to some resolution that's, you know, best for my community and all of our communities, but for the program as well, because I think it's a good program. So my office will be reaching out to you, okay?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Okay.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

That's it.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay. I'd like to ask Bob Kearon from the DA's Office, who wanted to make a statement concerning PAL. Thank you.

**MR. KEARON:**

Thank you. Tom Spota regrets that he can't be here to personally address you. He's out in Riverhead doing the arraignment of the three individuals charged with the rape and robbery of the three young people in Greenlawn.

He feels very strongly that the PAL Program should not be in any way disturbed, that their mission is so critical to the Criminal Justice System in this County. He has offered his financial support over the years to PAL through asset forfeiture funding. And, you know, quite frankly, he's bewildered by this attempt to remove the Police Officers who are doing this vital job when, in fact, there really is no cost-savings.

The point of the matter is raised by Legislator Browning and others, and Noel from PBA, is that there

are ample numbers of light-duty Police Officers who could be utilized to work in PAL. They're already being paid, and so there's no need to hire outside people, people perhaps -- I've been hearing that they're retired New York City Police Officers who don't have the knowledge and understanding of Suffolk County as would Police Officers who are employed by the Suffolk County Police Department.

So Tom's message is very succinctly that we're in a battle for the minds and souls of our young people. On the one hand, PAL brings them into sports and gives them a constructive lifestyle. On the other hand, they're also trying to be lured by gang members. And we feel that the PAL effort is a noble one and is very productive, and we'd like to see it continue. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay. Thank you very much, gentlemen. Oh, we got one more question. I'm sorry, Legislator Horsley.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Good morning.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Good morning.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Just a quick question. If we were to move towards a model where we're using light-duty Policemen, how would that work with the existing employees? Are they light-duty now? I understood one was.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Yeah.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

How would that transformation, how would that model be used? What do you see is the best way to handle that?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Well, obviously, you don't like to lose people who you -- who have been --

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Who exist -- yeah.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

-- there for many years --

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Yeah.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

-- and have these community connections. But, if it's necessary to take those Police Officers out and put them in an active status, well, I don't like to say active, because they're very active, but into another part of the Department, the best alternative for us would be to have sworn Police Officers assigned -- who are on light duty.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Which, just off the cuff, sounds -- makes sense.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

It does.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

But I'm just wondering how that transformation, because these -- the guys that you have over there now, guys, gals, are already trained, they're important to the program, you know, they know how the place runs. You know, just to move people over when they're onto light duty, I'm just curious how that was -- you know, you saw -- would that be something that's doable?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

It's certainly a better alternative than hiring outside civilians. Civilians are not going to be able to do what we need out in the community.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Okay. All right. So it's a viable alternative.

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

It is, yes, sir.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Okay.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

One last question just before you go. What's the makeup of your Officers, you know, ethnically?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

One black and three white.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay. So that there is an attention given to the different communities in your group already?

**MR. WALDBAUER:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay. All right. Great. Thank you. Thank you very much. Thanks, guys.

What I would like to do is extend the opportunity, as I always do, in case the County Executive's Office would like to comment, or I saw the Chief of Police. You're welcome, if you want. You don't have to. You can make another appointment. But, if you would want to respond, it's -- I see Mr. Zwirn standing, so I take that as a yes. Did the Chief disappear?

**MR. ZWIRN:**

What's that?

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Did the Chief leave you? Oh, there he is. Why don't you come up just in case, so you don't have to run up. Yes.

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. *(Mr. Zwirn and Chief Moore had a discussion off the record)*. I just wanted to make sure we're having lunch today. We just wanted to get that squared away.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Oh, yeah.

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Thank you very much for the opportunity to address the Committee on this particular topic. I know Legislator Losquadro mentioned that, you know, this was a surprise to the Legislature. We are

working on the budget now over on the County Exec's side, we'll present it to the Legislature shortly, and this is one of the issues that was worked on in the budget and will be reflected in the budget coming forward.

First, let me say that I want to thank the Members of this Committee, because everybody on this Committee, with the exception of Legislator Gregory, who has just joined the Legislature, has made tough decisions over the last year with respect to the financial crisis that's facing the country and our County, and for that, I thank you. I know Legislator Losquadro and Legislator Nowick have crossed party lines to work with the County Executive to do that, and we respect it and we appreciate it.

When the County Executive looked at the PAL Program this year, we had four Police Officers there. And, with benefits, a Police Officer earns about \$168,000 in salary and benefits, versus a Neighborhood Aide, who, with benefits, would earn about \$50,000. We looked at the PAL Program and the County Executive felt that if we could put in -- keep the one light-duty Officer there, but replace the other three Officers with retired Police Officers, so you'd still have -- when you talk about civilians, that a retired Police Officer couldn't fit the bill of a Police Officer seems counterproductive and kind of ironic, because the Director of the PAL Program, Mr. Waldbauer, is a retired Police Officer. So, by his own arguments, he would be unqualified to be at DARE -- at Dare, well, we did DARE before, but this is PAL. But I mention DARE, because it was -- when we -- when this Legislative body made a tough decision with respect to DARE, 16 Police Officers were freed up from classrooms to go back on the streets to patrol. This would get another three to four Police Officers, and three, from what I gather right now, because the County Executive has committed to keep the light-duty Officer there as well, another three Police Officers back on the streets doing police work.

Legislator Gregory made a good point. He was a member of PAL, he was a person who played the sports that they had and didn't see a police presence. While it may have been there, he didn't see it.

The savings are considerable, close to \$400,000 a year. Taxpayers of this County are struggling. In certain Districts, people can't pay their property taxes. We have had record numbers of people who can't just pay their property taxes. They're trying to hang onto the most important asset that they have, is their home. The County Executive is looking for ways that we can provide public safety services and other services, also keeping taxes under control. That's his job, that's all of our jobs trying to do that. Now, if we can continue the program, the grant funding will not be affected, because the Commanding Officer, who's the Commissioner's appointment, Lieutenant Donohue, would still be there, there will still be a light-duty Police Officer on the staff, and there will be three retired Police Officers, if the County Executive's position is sustained. So the grant money won't be affected. Suffolk County gives PAL a lot of money under a number of contracts. That's not going to be jeopardized.

So I don't think that -- then I think the County Executive would have you believe -- he said if you can put three retired Police Officers -- now, these are Suffolk County residents. The one Police Officer that has been there is a Suffolk County resident, but he was a New York City Police Officer. If we can find retired Suffolk County Police Officers to fill these bills, so much the better, but that would keep -- but that would keep -- that would keep it in the house and Suffolk County residents are filling those bills. It is strictly -- if we can keep the program going and we can do it for less money with retired P.O.'s, we don't see the problem. The Director of the Program is a retired Police Officer. We don't see what the problem is.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

I have a question for you, then. George Waldbauer described that it's more than a 9-to-5 type of position, that there's weekends, there's nights. I know, talking to Bob Conroy, it's a lot of hours. You're telling me that these -- basically, what they said is these volunteers will not -- or not volunteers, but these retired people will not make the same commitment. There's going to be some way to ensure that these -- that there is the same commitment to our communities and our children

that the sworn Officers have?

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Is it the Committee's understanding that the Officers that work overtime do not get paid for overtime, that that time is volunteered?

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Jack, can I?

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

I actually don't know. I guess what I'm -- I'm not even talking money right now, I'm talking services to our community. I guess what I'm saying is what I would need to know is that this is what the job requires for sworn Officers, and this is what the job requirements are going to continue to be, no matter who we put in there.

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Right.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

And, I mean, that's something I would need to see. And I think what the PBA is saying is that won't happen.

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Well, you look at a gentleman like Mr. Conroy, who spoke here today on behalf of the Officers and the Program, that's -- and I admire the loyalty and the fact that he has worked so well with these people, and my comments today and the County Exec's is not to denigrate any of the work that these fine Police Officers have done, but Mr. Conroy's dedication to his community, and he's a civilian, is just as strong as many people in this community who do volunteer work. And all the coaches are volunteers, and they put in all the time to work with the kids, and I'm sure that we could find individuals that will do the same.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Legislator Losquadro.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Thank you. I share Legislator Eddington's concerns, because I know, because I've seen it personally. For these Officers, it's not just a job. And my fear is that getting an Aide position, someone making 30, \$35,000 a year -- you brought up the point about getting a Suffolk County Officer, if they're getting paid by Suffolk County, they might have to get a waiver. That's why it's much more likely that you'll get retired City Officers. They're also generally younger, because they do their 20 and out, whereas our Officers tend to make it more of a long-term career. I hope that doesn't change.

When an Officer -- when you have a sworn Officer who's part of the Suffolk County Police Department, part of Suffolk County Government, they're working with the Suffolk County Program, they have something to lose, it's their job, it's their career. It's the same argument we made with the DARE Program. I think you get a much higher level of commitment, and from what I've seen, commitment outside of the normal business hours, as has been pointed out by the Members of the Board. I have seen these individuals at events, nights, weekends. They're not being compensated for that, they do it because of their long-term involvement with this, their commitment to this program, the commitment to the children in these programs. And I could be wrong, but my gut tells me, and from what I've seen from the herculean effort, or the new term, the Phelpsian effort after the Olympics now, of the people involved in this, that we're just not going to get that type of commitment from someone who's just coming and doing a \$30,000 a year job. You're right, we get that out of the volunteers, people involved with youth programs all over this County and the 5,000 volunteers who take part in PAL --

**MR. ZWIRN:**

And you have some great ones --

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

-- in one portion or another, but --

**MR. ZWIRN:**

And you have some great programs in your District.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Absolutely, they are -- they're absolutely fantastic. But I think that the few officers who take part in this, I see them at events at all times of the day and night, all times of the week. I think that is an invaluable part of this, and I don't think it's going to be replaced simply by filling a civilian position. That's just my take on this. Take it for what it's worth.

**MR. CONROY:**

Could I say something, please, in response to what he said?

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

No. I'm sorry.

**MR. CONROY:**

Can I say something?

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

No. You know what, Bob, you were crystal clear and I heard you. I just want to give them the opportunity and then we're out. But I appreciate you. Yes, Legislator Browning.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Yeah. I do want to go back again, 911 Operators, shortage of staff. You're talking two new positions. You said about -- probably about \$50,000, including benefits?

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Yes.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

That's \$100,000. That could hire two 911 Operators. I just -- I just don't see the sense in this. PAL already said they have light-duty Officers who would probably be more than happy to do this. I look at the incident that happened in my District. It was a Police Officer Yoli who responded to the incident in Bellport where there was -- an 11-year-old was shot. Civilians are not going to do that. And this is not just a sports program. I think that's what people misunderstand. The Alternatives for Youth, they're involved in Alternatives for Youth. You're not going to get that with the Police Officers. And having that uniformed Police Officer working with these kids, especially in Districts like the ones I have, you know we need those uniformed Police Officers. It just doesn't make sense. If you've got \$100,000 to spend, spend it in 911.

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Well, we would like to get those Police Officers back on the streets in your community in uniform, that's part of the idea.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

But they are, and they are in my community with the PAL Program, that's what they're doing.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Legislator Gregory.

**LEG. GREGORY:**

Ben, like I said previously, I agree initially, what the County Executive is trying to do by redeploying, try -- you know, we're trying to be smart, from what it appears, to redeploy Officers from their current situations back into the streets. But I hope that we follow through with that in the budget and put a class for next year, because that's important.

I mean, I had a personal friend of mine just Sunday, a friend of a friend, her -- she was held hostage for two hours. She called the police three times, three times to get an officer out there, because -- and I understand the situation, that we're short-staffed. I didn't call anyone. I've heard the stories, we've seen the statistics. This is a personal relationship. I'm not slighting the Police, I know they -- you know, they do a wonderful job. They do the best that they can with what they have. But the situation is what it is, we need more Officers. And I agree, because we need to put more Officers in the streets, but these three or four are not going to do the trick. We need -- we need a class, we need more people. So that's where my line of reasoning is.

I support the Officers in my District, I support the Police Department, I support the PAL Program, because I have been through it. If we can take -- if we can be smart about keeping the integrity of the program, because it's good for the kids, but also being smart for our communities, I think we need to make that balance.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Anything else that you wanted to add?

**MR. ZWIRN:**

No.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Okay. Then thank you very much for being here. Okay. Let's get to the agenda then.

**TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

I have tabled Resolution ***I.R. 1499 - A Local Law to require that Probation Department employees use County vehicles while conducting County business (Losquadro).***

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Motion to table for Public Hearing.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Motion to table for Public Hearing, I will second that. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***(Vote: Tabled for Public Hearing 6-0-0-0).***

**INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS**

***Introductory Resolution 1789 - Accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of \$123,000 in Federal pass-through funds from the New York State Office of Homeland Security for the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program with 100% support (County Executive).***

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Motion to approve and place on the Consent Calendar.

**CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:**

Legislator -- okay. Legislator Losquadro made the motion, and second by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***(Vote: Approved 6-0-0-0).***

Okay. Then I will -- motion to adjourn, Legislator Horsley, second. Have a good day. Thank you.  
***[THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:42 A.M.]***