

**PUBLIC WORKS
AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

of the

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

A regular meeting of the Public Works and Transportation 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, Smithtown, New York, on Tuesday November 10, 2009.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Brian Beedenbender - Chairman
Legislator Steve Stern - Vice-Chairman
Legislator Wayne Horsley
Legislator Daniel Losquadro
Legislator Edward Romaine

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

George Nolan- Counsel to the Legislature
Robert Doering - Budget Review Office
Gil Anderson - Commissioner - DPW
Tom Laguardi - Chief Deputy Commissioner - DPW
Kaitlyn Kelly - Aide to Chairman Beedenbender
Barbara LoMoriello - Deputy Clerk - SC Legislature
Patrick "Skip" Heaney - County Executive's Office
Linda Bay - Aide to Minority Leader
Paul Perillie - Aide to Majority Leader
Debra Alloncius - AME
All Other Interested Parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Donna Catalano - Court Stenographer

(*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:10 P.M.*)

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Okay. If we could all rise for the Pledge led by Legislator Horsley.

SALUTATION

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Okay. We have a relatively -- relatively simple agenda today.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

What's wrong with you?

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Listen, I don't really have a problem if these meetings take a long time. Why? Did anything interesting happen in the past week? All right. We'll start right off with the agenda.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

1510. Directing the Department of Public Works to add a stop on the 3C Bus Route (MONTANO).

Gil, the last time we had this conversation, you were still working with the property owner to get whatever permission you needed. What's the update?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Correct. We're still waiting for information back from the owner to complete it; the insurances and things like that.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Okay. Has there been any progress since the last time we met?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Not that I've heard. I'll follow up.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Legislator Losquadro.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Have any conversations taken place over the course of the last month on this? I'm just wondering what specifically -- I mean, if it's Certificate of Insurance, usually that's something that's pretty simple, or maybe the County needs to be added, they can go through their broker. What specifically are we waiting for at this point? Perhaps maybe the sponsor could -- if the property owner is unresponsive to you in some way, maybe the sponsor of this legislation could assist in getting them to be responsive.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

The issues -- some of the issues I know that we're working on is indemnification as well as the insurance issues. We have been working with the sponsor's office to get us the information that we need.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

I would imagine at this point with the number of stops we have, that language should be somewhat boiler plate. I'm sure we have agreements, many, many agreements across the County.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yeah. I think the issue is that we're going on -- you know, bringing the bus on to effectively private property, and that, you know, what we have to protect the County against.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Okay. All right. Let's make sure the sponsor is up to speed with the -- your correspondence with them. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Absolutely.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Given that, I'll offer a motion to table, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

LEG. ROMAINE:

Opposed.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

One opposition. 1510 is **TABLED (VOTE:4-1-0-0; Opposed - Legis. Romaine)**.

IR 1526. Amending the 2009 Operating Budget, transferring Assessment Stabilization Reserve Funds to the Capital Fund, and appropriating funds for the Yaphank County Center Wastewater Treatment Plant (CP 8158). (Co. Exec.)

Counsel, was this -- okay. All right. There's been no changes, right, Gil?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

No, but we anticipate the revised -- revised resolution before the end of this month. So that should be on the next -- I'm advised on the next committee meeting.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

All right.

LEG. ROMAINE:

We were going to table this subject to call several meetings ago.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

We were. All right. The Commissioner has said that we'll have something by the next time, so I'll offer a motion to table. If we don't have it by the next time, I will offer the motion to table subject to call, then you can come back probably before another Chairman of this Committee and try to get it done. So I'll offer the motion to table for one more cycle, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Opposed.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Opposed.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Abstentions? All right. Motion is **TABLED (VOTE:3-2-0-0; Opposed - Legis. Losquadro and Romaine)**.

IR 1527. Creating a "Share the Road" signage program in Suffolk County. (Eddington)

The sponsor has requested that this be tabled. Motion by Legislator Losquadro to table, I'll second it. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **TABLED (VOTE:5-0-0-0)**.

IR 1637. Directing the Department of Public Works to erect a flagpole for the Merchant Marines at Armed Services Plaza. (Cooper)

Gil, I don't remember when it was, but Lou came up to me, Lou Calderone, informed me that \$20,000 was the cost to move this thing, to set it up the way we'd need to, to move one pole and put up the other one.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I was talking with Lou this morning. It was -- the price was up to 30,000 but involves relocating the front pole.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Okay. So I guess at this point it's not so much important for us to direct you to do it, it's important for us to give you the money to do it.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Correct.

LEG. STERN:

If I may.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Legislator Stern.

LEG. STERN:

If I may, Mr. Chairman. Whether or not that would be the ultimate design that we would pursue is still premature to determine as Director Ronayne is going to place this before the Veterans Advisory Board. So before we even talk about attending cost, you know, it would be important to hear from our Veterans Advisory Board as to what, if any, redesign or ultimate placement of the flag, you know, they would find acceptable. So at this point, we're still waiting to hear back from our Veterans Advisory Board.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Okay. Are there any other comments on the motion? Hearing none --

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Motion to table

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Motion to table by Legislator Losquadro, I'll second it. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? IR 1637 is **TABLED (VOTE:5-0-0-0)**.

IR 1741. To implement Sunday bus service and extend weekday morning and evening service in Suffolk County. (Romaine)

I think we've talked about this at length, so I'll offer a motion to table.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Seconded by Legislator Stern. If there are no other motions, all in favor? Opposed?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Opposed.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Opposed.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Abstentions? Motion is TABLED (**VOTE:3-2-0-0**; Legis. Losquadro and Romaine).

IR 1868. Authorizing public hearing for approval of rates for Roncalli Freight Company Inc. D/b/a Coastline Freight. (Pres. Off.)

This is just a public hearing, so I'll offer a motion to approve.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Second.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Seconded by Legislator Losquadro. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? IR 1868 is **APPROVED (VOTE:5-0-0-0)**.

IR 1869. Approving ferry license for Roncalli Freight Company Inc. D/b/a Coastline Freight. (Pres. Off.)

I believe this has to be tabled until the public hearing is closed. I'll offer motion to table, seconded by Legislator Losquadro. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? IR 1869 is **TABLED (VOTE:5-0-0-0)**.

IR 1870. Authorizing public hearing for approval of ferry license for Roncalli Freight Company Inc. D/b/a Coastline Freight. (Pres. Off.)

I'll offer a motion to approve -- same motion -- actually, I'll offer a motion to approve, second by Legislator Losquadro. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? IR 1870 is **APPROVED (VOTE:5-0-0-0)**.

IR 1871. Approving rates established for Roncalli Freight Company Inc. D/b/a Coastline Freight. (Pres. Off.)

Also has to be tabled as well. I'll offer a motion to table, seconded by Legislator Losquadro. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **TABLED (VOTE:5-0-0-0)**.

Just for, BRO. I know I got a phone call earlier. There's a report on one of these. I guess, just make sure that gets to all the committee members before we meet again so we can review it.

MR. DOERING:

Will do.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Thank you very much.

IR 1921. Amending the 2009 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with alternative fuel infrastructure and compressed natural gas vehicles (CP 5602). (Co. Exec.)

This is part of ARRA funds, correct?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Correct, it is.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

It's \$4.2 million. And it's for use of the construction of two fast-fill CNG stations; one in the eastern part and one in the western part. We don't have exact locations yet. And they may actually be available to other municipalities, that's a possibility?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Correct.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

And there's three heavy duty vehicles that I assume run on CNG that come with this as well.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

That's correct.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Legislator Losquadro, just presuming you have questions.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

How presumptive of you but correct.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Yes.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Do you have -- what sites are you currently choosing between. I'm assuming you have some potential sites at this point or -- cause the Chairman said you haven't selected sites yet or have you?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

We haven't selected the sites yet. We're trying to determine the best locations, you know, based on what is out there and existing. There's a couple local -- well, there's one very close here, and then there's one out in Riverhead. And there's a few other smaller ones; one in Brookhaven. So we're trying to place them where they'll be the most effective. I don't have the locations in front of me though.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Okay. And the heavy duty vehicles that we're talking about, those are the ones that were presented to us; dump trucks with the cab pack type of tanks?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yes.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Okay. Very good. And our total share on this is 2.129.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I believe so.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

And that 50% is basically matching funds; we first instance it and we get back the 2.129?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yes.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Okay. If there are no other questions, I'll offer a motion to approve.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Second.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Seconded by Legislator Losquadro. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? IR 1921 is **APPROVED (VOTE:5-0-0-0)**.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Cosponsor.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Before we go, I just had one question, Gil. I has a constituent call my office yesterday, and I think I know the answer, but I just want to check. The woman uses the public transportation, and she has a young daughter that's in a car seat. And when she uses SCAT Transportation, she has to -- the kid has to be in a car seat, but when she uses the regular bus, the child does not have to be in a car seat. And she was wondering why the policy difference. My guess is there are no seatbelts on the big bus, which makes the car seat useless.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Correct.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Is that what it is? That's why the policy is different?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yeah. I'll confirm that for you, but I believe that's it.

CHAIRMAN BEEDENBENDER:

Okay. If there are no other questions from anybody on the committee, we stand adjourned.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Cosponsor on 1921

LEG. ROMAINE:

Cosponsor on 1921.

(*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:21 P.M.*)

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