

PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION & ENERGY COMMITTEE

OF THE

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

A meeting of the Public Works & Transportation 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 April 4, 2016.

Members Present:

Legislator Al Krupski - Chairman
Legislator Robert Calarco
Legislator Kate Browning
Legislator Steve Stern
Legislator Bridget Fleming

Not Present:

Legislator Tom Muratore - Excused

Also in Attendance:

Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory - District No. 15
Sarah Simpson - Counsel/Suffolk County Legislature
Amy Ellis - Chief Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature
Bob Doering - Budget Review Office
Gil Anderson - Commissioner/Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Robert Braun - Suffolk County Attorney's Office
Catherine Stark - Aide to Legislator Krupski
Greg Moran - Aide to Legislator Trotta
Dawn Cookler - Suffolk Independent Living Organization
Rick Brand - Newsday
All Other Interested Parties

Minutes Taken By:

Gabrielle Severs - Court Stenographer

Minutes Transcribed By:

Denise Weaver - Legislative Aide

*(*The meeting was called to order at 2:05 P.M. *)*

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

All right. All rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Stern.

(*Salutation*)

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Welcome to the regular committee meeting of the Public Works Transportation and Energy. In the beginning we normally have public portion but we are still waiting for a -- you are ready?

MS. ELLIS:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Excellent, thank you. We have one card, Dawn Cookler. Thank you for waiting, Dawn.

MS. COOKLER:

Hi, my name is Dawn Cookler, I'm representing SILO, which stands for Suffolk Independent Living Organization. It's an organization for people with disabilities in Suffolk County and I'm also on the Disability Task Force for the Town of Brookhaven and I'm on the Coram Civic Association.

I do a lot of things and I take the bus to go everywhere I have to go, the SCAT bus, and sometimes I take five bus trips a day, sometimes I take four bus trips as day. And I just wanted to say thank you. It's the first time I get to come here and say thank you because now the -- the bus service is running on Sunday everywhere. They got rid of that three-quarter a mile guideline, which is great, cause there's a lot of people taking the bus. I've heard from the bus drivers that Sunday is the busiest day. Two weeks ago I had a -- three bus trips on a Sunday and the entire bus was filled. It took me about an hour-and-a-half to get to wherever I was going, but at least I got there, you know, and I was able to go to -- I go to Temple on Sundays. The Sisterhood has all these events, social events, and I'm able to do that on Sunday's now thanks to the buses running. So if you think people aren't taking the buses, the whole bus is filled every Sunday and it takes -- it takes a lot to get a reservation for that day, you have to call at 7 o'clock in the morning otherwise everything's booked. But at least it works. So that was the first thing I wanted to say thank you for.

And the second thing is SILO would like to have input when they order new buses because the little buses now fit -- well, I'll give an example. My scooter is a little bit longer than a wheelchair so it fits in the bus, but if there's another wheelchair in the bus they have to rearrange everything in the bus and move the seats and, which is okay, except it takes the bus drivers about 20 minutes to hook up my wheelchair before the bus can go anywhere. And it takes a long time if like the person gets out -- the person -- if they're dropping me off and they're dropping the other person off and they have to drop me off first, then they have to take the other person out of the bus and then put me back in the bus to drop me off and it takes -- it takes a really long time and it probably adds an extra half hour to each trip. So when they order new buses I would like them to consider people with disabilities when they order what kind of buses they have so this doesn't happen again. And I just heard, the people from SILO told me that they just ordered a whole bunch of new buses and I'm not sure what kind they are or how my scooter will fit in the bus, I'm sure it'll fit in the bus, but it would save a lot of time if it was a little bit bigger to fit a wheelchair and my scooter in the bus. And sometimes when I make reservations they have three wheelchairs that are supposed to go on the bus and there's no way that three wheelchairs are going to fit in that bus so then they have to call the bus company and order another bus that's bigger, and that takes an extra hour to get wherever you're going. So if SILO had input on those buses that would be a big help.

And the other thing I just wanted to say real quick is the extended service, which everyone has been talking about for a long time, but if the buses ran till 10 o'clock then I could go to the Coram Civic Association in the bus, like, I'm a member of the Coram Civic Association and it starts -- the meeting starts at 8 o'clock at night. The buses only run till 8:30, so I can't take the bus there, so thank God the meeting is close to my house so I could wheel down the street to the meeting on the sidewalk, but that's hard to do in the winter when it's cold and it's snowing and all the sidewalks are covered in snow. So I haven't been to the meeting in the winter, I can only go in the spring and the summer because I can't take the bus to get there. And a lot of things start at 8 o'clock so if the buses ran till 10 o'clock that would be very helpful. That's all. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

All right. Thank you, Dawn. When is the next SILO meeting?

MS. COOKLER:

The next SILO transportation is next Wednesday.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Okay. Thank you. I have -- John Stype, from my staff is -- will be attending. So, thank you.

MS. COOKLER:

I think it's the 14th.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Thank you. Public portion we still -- if anyone hasn't filled out a card and would like to address the committee now is your opportunity. All right.

Tabled Resolutions

So tabled resolutions. Legislator Calarco, what is your intention here with IR 1027? ***(IR 1027 - Adopting Local Law No. -2016, A Local Law to clarify affordable housing requirements at developments connecting to a County sewer district. (Calarco))***

LEG. CALARCO:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Motion to table. Is there a second? Second by Legislator Fleming. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. ***Tabled (VOTE: 6-0-0-1 - Not Present: Legislator Muratore).***

Introductory Resolutions

IR 1247 - Amending Resolution No. 1053-2015 which accepted a donation of twenty to twenty four (20-24) bike lockers from the New York State Department of Transportation. (Co. Exec.) Is there a -- I guess for the purpose of the discussion is there a motion on that?

LEG. CALARCO:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Motion by Legislator Calarco. Second by --

LEG. FLEMING:

I'll second it.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

-- Legislator Fleming. So, I think we had this conversation before, Commissioner. So New York State is getting rid of the bike lockers and I think the question I had was do we want to assume this basically a maintenance liability for these lockers. Is it -- is it something that's really going to serve a population or is it just getting free stuff?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yeah, I was going to actually ask for this to be tabled one cycle just so -- we need to amend the bill a little bit to talk about, you know, jurisdiction, maintenance, things like that. So if I could I'd ask for that.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Yeah, I think that's the concern that they would be -- it's something that we could with our current staff be able to maintain and handle. Is it worth it, that's the point. Thank you.

LEG. CALARCO:

I'll withdraw my motion.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Okay. Motion to table by Legislator Calarco, second by Legislator Fleming, to table. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. ***Tabled (VOTE: 6-0-0-1 - Not Present: Legislator Muratore)***

IR 1252 - Calling for a public hearing for the purpose of increasing and improving facilities for Suffolk County Sewer District No. 14 Parkland (CP 8151). (Co. Exec.)

LEG. CALARCO:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Motion by Legislator Calarco, second by Legislator Browning. Does anyone want any information from the Commissioner or are we -- no? All right. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. ***Approved (VOTE: 6-0-0-1 - Not Present: Legislator Muratore)***

IR 1253 - Appropriating funds in connection with the purchase of Public Works Highway Maintenance Equipment (CP 5047). (Co. Exec.)

LEG. CALARCO:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Motion by Legislator Calarco, second by Legislator Fleming. Commissioner, on the -- oh, we have a question from Legislator Trotta. Go right ahead, sir.

LEG. TROTТА:

What is this for?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This resolution requests appropriating funds, 2.75 million, for various heavy equipment that our Department of Highways maintenance requires -- needs. We've got six six-wheel dump trucks, one ten-wheel dump truck, a tractor, two sweepers, one mower tractor, an emergency highway pickup, a dump trailer, eight used snow trucks and seven emergency SUV vehicles.

LEG. TROTTA:

We're buying used trucks?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yeah, we've -- what happens is we get -- we actually buy used garbage trucks that are refitted to -- the back is the -- the compact is removed from the back and we put the dump body with the spreader on the back and a plow on the front and it's essentially upgraded. We get them -- generally they're from the City or from other municipalities where they've been -- they've been traded in. It's a -- it's a good backup piece of equipment and we get them for a really good price.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Anyone else have any questions about the equipment? All right. Hearing none; all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **Approved (VOTE: 7-0-0-1 - Not Present: Leg. Muratore - P.O. Gregory included in the vote)** And just to make a note Legislator Muratore has an excused absence this afternoon.

IR 1257 - Appropriating funds in connection with the new Enhanced Suffolk County Water Quality Protection Program - 2014 Referendum - Sewer Improvement Projects (CP 8734.310). (Co. Exec.) I'll make the motion. Is there a second?

LEG. FLEMING:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Second by Legislator Fleming. Commissioner, can you -- could you explain the program?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This resolution before you requests appropriating 4.7 million as a continuation of our Water Quality Protection Program specifically towards the 2014 referendum, the sewer improvement projects. We would look with this funding to go out to communities and municipalities to see if there are projects that could be proposed and those would be proposed to the committee. The committee would recommend it to the Legislature for final approval and that's what we're requesting right now.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Legislator Trotta.

LEG. TROTTA:

This is -- you made reference to the 2014 resolution where the voters passed this \$30 million so we could take \$100 million out of the -- correct me if I'm wrong, it was the same fund?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I believe so.

LEG. TROTTA:

So we had \$100 million in the fund, we used it for other expenses, we have to pay it back and now we're borrowing \$4.7 million of the money that we gave away?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I would have to defer to, I think, the budget on that. But this, again, it enables us, based on the referendum that took place, to go out to communities to see if there are specific projects that we could advance as part of this funding source. We, again, have to come back to you for your approval on those, but this is the first step.

LEG. TROTTA:

Is \$100 million more than \$4.7 million?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

No, it is not. I mean, yes, it is, what am I saying?

LEG. TROTTA:

All right, thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yeah. Okay.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

So we have a motion and a second. Any other questions? Legislator Stern.

LEG. STERN:

Yeah, Commissioner, so what is that -- what does that process look like going out to various communities and determining whether or not there are projects that might be the type of projects that we would participate in. What kind of standards do we look at? Where do those projects need to be for -- for our involvement?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

We're -- and these, if this is approved, we would send out an RFP to the various municipalities, the villages throughout Suffolk County to see how these funds could best be used to further environmental projects, such as we've already approved, which would be Northport sewage upgrade at 3.1 million, Patchogue improvements at 578,000. Riverhead we've approved \$8 million for improvements to their system as well.

The community comes in with a written proposal. It's reviewed by the Stabilization Relief Fund Committee, they interview, ask questions, go through the whole process and select -- select projects that are -- really this is the last in funding. This is the money that is needed to enable a community to construct a project, so in the case of Northport Village they have, say, I'm making these numbers up, ten of \$14 million that they -- they have ten million already in hand, they need an additional \$4 million. So they come to us as the last in and the community -- committee reviews it and hopefully approves it and then we come and submit it, the request for the approval, to the Legislature.

LEG. STERN:

Are any of these projects new projects that just need additional funding or are they all existing infrastructure that require improvements?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

They have to be ready for construction, you know, new or existing. I don't think there's anything on that other than it has to really be -- this is the last money that, you know, they're not going to be -- this isn't going to be the first pot that they're going to to get the funding for the project. This is when they need money to complete it so they can go to construction and construct the thing, or complete the construction in some cases. That's what we look at.

LEG. STERN:

Could any of this money be used for bridge funding so that these projects that we're going to be considering might have been started but this is not necessarily enough to complete the project or is this all funding, like you say, in the last instance enough that would be allocated so that a particular project could be completed?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This is, yeah, this would not be bridged. This would actually be to actually construct and have a final package, you know, a final deliverable at the end of it.

LEG. STERN:

Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Legislator Browning.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay, as you know, Mastic Beach Village and Bellport Village have been trying and working hard to create the sewer districts, and so if you're -- so you're considering also projects that are upgrades like Patchogue Village with their upgrades, but aren't they eligible for other types of funding outside of the County funding? So my question is is maybe the likes of Northport, if they don't have a sewage treatment plant or Bellport, because obviously the money is not ready available for them, they're not shovel ready and they have that hurdle of coming up with the funds to get shovel ready. So shouldn't that kind of been taken into consideration?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

In the last rounds we -- and that's certainly something -- and I wouldn't hesitate to tell them to submit. I mean, certainly submit an application. In the last round the committee felt that we really wanted to be able to, you know, show something for the money that we're spending. If they can make a good enough case, you know, I don't see why they couldn't be considered, but I can't speak for the committee. So, you know, I think it's a worthy cause but, again, there needs to be, I believe, some type of deliverable at the end of the thing, not just -- the concern seemed to be of freezing money somewhere that it wouldn't get used for many years and rather we get it where we can spend it and see a hard product at the end of the -- end of the process.

LEG. BROWNING:

It's -- you know, I know that, you know, Rob and I worked together to get more funding for the Farber plant and, you know, Bellport Village certainly could use a little boost, which would help them to be able to get towards hooking up to Farber. And, again, you know, Mastic Beach is, you know, we just recently transferred the 1.3 million that we originally had. We're saying, okay, they need it more than we do right now because of the new funding that what we got, and as you know, when we started the project for the Mastic community there was no money and thank God it finally happened. But, you know, I feel like it's necessary, they're really necessary projects, but it's harder for those small municipalities to come up with that kind of funding. So I would hope that that's something they would look at and say, yeah, they need that boost so that they can get to the next step, otherwise it'll never happen and get to the step where they'll be eligible for any State or Federal funds.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

And maybe the suggestion would be to those communities, sorry, to come up with a deliverable at the end of it whether, you know, it's a set of construction plans or it's something that you have a finite product at the end of it rather than, I think the big concern that I recall was that we didn't want the funds just sitting there. We wanted to use them.

LEG. BROWNING:

No, no, I know that. I mean, I think Mastic Beach will be in a better shape than even than Bellport

when it comes to being able to progress and move forward, but, I'm hoping that they look at the communities, especially those waterfront communities, that really need it.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Thank you. Anyone else. All right, we have a motion to approve and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **Approved (VOTE: 6-1-0-1 - Opposed: Leg Trotta, Not Present: Leg. Muratore, P.O. Gregory included in the vote)**

All right. The next 14 resolutions are to transfer surplus generators. Before we start, because I would like to make a, you know, motion and a second and approval to put them on the -- not only to approve the transfer, but also to put them on the consent calendar. But, Commissioner, why do we have all these, well, 14 surplus generators?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

These generators, I believe, came out of Board of Elections. They were generators that have -- I can't tell you why they were bought, I think I know why they were bought, but I really don't know. But they have -- they are considering them as surplus. I believe none of them have really, well, you'd have to have ask the Board of Elections why they're surplus, but the, you know, they found entities that can use the generators and our part -- we're just really processing this request. It's not anything we have any involvement in other than to process.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Thank you. So do I -- **IR 1294, Authorizing transfer of surplus generator to Long Island Head Start. (Gregory)** Is there a motion?

LEG. FLEMING:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Motion by Legislator Fleming, second by Legislator Browning.

LEG. TROTТА:

On the motion.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Legislator Trotta.

LEG. TROTТА:

I understand these are new and why aren't we selling them?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

It's a very good question. The request came from Board of Elections because Board of Elections is somewhat of a separate entity from the remainder of the County, I think by statute. Their request was to surplus them.

LEG. TROTТА:

Oh, I don't know -- through, Counsel, I mean, it would seem to me last time I checked we were flat busted broke and these are new generators and we should be selling these. Because then I read through, we're giving to other taxing agencies. We're giving to fire departments, they're a taxing agency -- I'm not even sure that's legal.

MR. NOLAN:

It's legal, but it's a policy judgement for the Legislature. These were declared surplus and when

that happens, when the Clerk is notified that they're available, the district offices are notified that the equipment's available to be -- to go out to towns and villages and non-profits and it's -- so it's really a policy determination.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

So if you would like could I suggest, Legislator Trotta, make a motion to table all of these and then we can -- we can get more answers before we make a decision.

LEG. TROTТА:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

I'll second that. Go ahead, on the motion.

LEG. BROWNING:

Yeah, I know you mentioned about the fire departments being taxing agencies, but you have the district and you have the department, which is the non-profit side. And a lot of times the departments are the ones because I -- I did see none of them are mine, but, you know, it's when we used to have member items, which we haven't had and I don't even remember how long, you know, we tried to help out our fire departments with equipment, because that's not something that came through the tax section. I can speak to the two that I put in, one, Vision Long Island. They actually have a group of volunteers that are helping rehabilitate Sandy homes and a lot of the problems that they're having is trying to fix up a home and it doesn't have electricity so this generator will help them for those electrical needs that they have.

I know the other one it looks like, you know, it performing arts, Gateway, however, they have an agreement with the Chamber that basically it's while the performing arts is going to hold it and maintain it, they have an agreement that they're going to work with the Chamber and the local community, and they also got hit by Sandy, that it'll be more of a community use than just that one organization. So we know that a lot of waterfront communities that lost electricity and they needed generators, you know, when people needed to charge their phones and somewhere for people to come to warm up. You know, they're willing to kind of expand not just for the performing arts but expand and allow the use of the generator for the entire community when it's needed.

So, I mean, I know that we're looking at these non-profit organizations and we're saying why can't they buy them, and a lot of times they just don't have that kind of extra money so it's -- it's helping them out. And I don't think it's a bad idea to help an organization who says we're gonna -- we're rebuilding Sandy homes but we don't have electricity.

LEG. TROTТА:

I'm relatively sure all the electricity's back on by now and that, you know, the County's broke and we have to draw the line.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Mr. Presiding Officer.

P.O. GREGORY:

Also my resolution in 1294 for Long Island Head Start, they obviously provide daycare for low income children, but they have been particularly affected by the sequestration in Congress. Their funds were cut. In fact, we have a brand new building that has been halted in its development because of the loss of funding, so their -- their budgets are extremely tight and this generator would certainly help them in an event that -- the loss of electricity.

LEG. TROTTA:

I have a question for Gil. Isn't it -- what's the criteria like the useful life before it can be -- isn't there some kind of -- it's my understanding these are all brand new.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yeah, that's my understanding as well. Generally it's a decision based on anticipated usage, you know, life, how many years you've had it. In a case of heavy equipment, in most cases, it's -- it's been pretty well worked its share.

LEG. TROTTA:

But if it's, in fact, which I'm being told they're brand new, their useful life is brand new.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Right, but it's to that extent the Board of Elections has declared them surplus. We have no ability to --

LEG. TROTTA:

My question is how do you declare something surplus that's brand new?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

They -- well, I mean, in the process they send us a form that says that this equipment is surplus. They've considered it surplus and --

LEG. TROTTA:

Is there any --

MR. NOLAN:

They don't need it any more.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Right.

MR. NOLAN:

They're basically just saying that we do not need this, it's surplus to our needs.

LEG. TROTTA:

And is that the criteria we have so we can buy something and just give it away if we don't use it?

MR. NOLAN:

The Legislature has the authority to pass a resolution to convey personal property surplus to the needs of a department to a non-profit or a town or a village or a fire department.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

So I'd like to withdraw my motion to approve. I'd like to see also, Commissioner, is there any -- are these -- could these generators be used by the County? Does the County have any use through either, you know, Public Safety, FRES? Is there any use of certainly running County facilities over the course of the -- there's 14 generators. We've got hundreds of buildings. Isn't there some County use that we would instead of going out and trying to buy or else replace a really old machine that we could use them at?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I --

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

First -- instead of even consider selling them, just to see if we can use them ourselves.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

We'll look into that and we'll get back to you.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

All right. Thank you. All right. So there's a motion to table on the -- is there a second? I withdrew my motion to approve.

MR. NOLAN:

And you seconded his table.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Okay, so there's a motion to table and a second. Thank you, George. Who's on first.
*(*Laughter*)*

MR. NOLAN:

Any other motions?

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

No, there's no other motions. Sure, you can do whatever you want. This is for IR 1294. So motion to approve by Legislator Browning, second, Legislator Gregory. All right. The motion to table goes first. All in favor? Raise your hand, please. One, two, that's it. So the motion to table -- to table -- okay, so the motion -- this is a motion to table.

LEG. FLEMING:

I'm in favor of tabling to get to bottom of this.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Okay. Legislator Calarco; no. Legislator Browning made the motion to approve so I assume not. Legislator Stern.

LEG. STERN:

No.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Okay. So we have three to table so the motion fails. So the motion to approve comes next. All in favor? Opposed? You're opposed also? You're in favor. You're opposed? Okay. So that passes and so we have approved the transfer of the surplus generator to Long Island Head Start. We have 13 more generators to go. **Approved (VOTE: 4-3-0-1 Opposed: Leg. Trotta, Leg. Fleming, Legislator Krupski - Not Present: Leg. Muratore - P.O. Gregory included in the vote)** Four approved.

MS. ELLIS:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Thank you. Okay. All right. So **IR 1295 - Authorizing transfer of surplus generator to Boy Scouts of America, Troop 229. (Muratore)**

LEG. BROWNING:

Same motion.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

I have a motion to approve --

LEG. TROTTA:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

-- and a motion to table. Second on the motion to table. Is there a second on the motion to approve? Second on the motion to approve. Motion to table goes first. All in favor to table? Raise your hand. Three to table. The motion to table fails. Opposed? Thank you. Opposed to table? Raise your hands, please. One, two. Opposed to table? Legislator Browning. Thank you. All right, so then that tabling motion fails. Motion to approve goes next. All in favor to approve? Raise your hands, please. It is approved. Legislator Stern, you're on the fence? No? Thank you. Okay. So now -- so we've approved the motion to authorize the transfer of the surplus generator to the -- oh, I'm sorry, George. Opposed -- to transferring the surplus generators to the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 229. Okay, three opposed, four in favor. So the motion is approved. Thank you. **Approved (VOTE: 4-3-0-1 Opposed: Leg. Trotta, Leg. Fleming, Legislator Krupski - Not Present: Leg. Muratore - P.O. Gregory included in the vote)** All right.

IR 1296 - Authorizing transfer of surplus generator to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Farmingville Memorial Post 400. (Muratore) Motion to approve, Legislator Browning. Is there a second?

P.O. GREGORY:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Second, Legislator Gregory.

LEG. TROTTA:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Motion to table, Legislator Trotta. Second, Legislator Fleming. All right, the tabling motion comes first. Just to be clear, though, on the motion. I did ask the Commissioner of DPW to see if these could be -- these surplus, brand new surplus generators, could be used to serve all the taxpayers of the County. So that was the whole purpose of the tabling motion, not that these other -- other entities are not worthy of a free generator, but that they might, in fact, serve some greater County purpose. So we have a motion to table. All in favor to table? Show of hands, please. Thank you. Three to table. Against? Four against. The motion to table has failed. Now we will -- and I thought this was going to be different. **(*Laughter*)** Motion to approve? Motion to approve, okay. All in favor? All opposed?

LEG. TROTTA:

Well, then, we won't be, I mean -- on the motion, do we use generators, Gil?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yes, we do.

LEG. TROTTA:

Do you know how many we have right now?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

No, dozens if not hundreds.

LEG. TROTТА:

Okay, so it's safe to say that some of those generators will be past their useful lifecycle at some point since we have so many.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

We maintain our generators, I mean, the Department of Public Works maintains our generators on a regular basis, so if they do get to a point where, you know, they need to be replaced we do them under capital programs. I can tell you Sanitation uses them.

LEG. TROTТА:

So you're saying that we take out loans on a capital program to pay for these generators, yet we have 14 generators here that we've already paid for and that we're going to give away. So now we're going to use more of taxpayers money to buy them and then pay for them over the next 20 years. Is that what -- essentially a good way of putting it?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

These generators were donated so we didn't buy them.

LEG. TROTТА:

Oh, they donated the generators to the Board of Elections?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yeah, there was --

P.O. GREGORY:

Oh, he won that argument.

MR. LIPP:

Yeah, there was a private voting group, I think it was Dominion Voting or something like that, that donated the generators during Superstorm Sandy and Board of Elections continued to use about half of them, which they are, and they just wanted to get rid of the other half.

LEG. TROTТА:

So we didn't pay for the generators.

MR. LIPP:

Correct. And they don't want them back.

LEG. TROTТА:

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MR. LIPP:

Correct.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Go ahead, Legislator Fleming.

LEG. FLEMING:

On the motion. Just -- I'm just wondering has there been, I mean, I obviously don't oppose the Boy Scouts having power when they need it, but my question is has there been a thorough

examination as to what use these generators could be put to without our having to expend taxpayer dollars to ensure that all our departments are functioning well in weather events or other times of emergency.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

We have not done a Countywide search. I'm sure that there are entities that would make use of these within the County.

LEG. FLEMING:

And I still feel that it makes sense to take a look at that.

LEG. TROTТА:

I agree.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Legislator Calarco.

LEG. CALARCO:

Gil, I'm going to ask you a more broad question, I guess, than these generators because we give things away all the time in this County, cell phones and computers and all that kind of things. What's the process when we surplus material?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Generally, stuff other than -- if a department or my department has surplus equipment we would issue a notice of surplus, we send it to our Purchasing Department. They then -- you know, they then process that notice and it's either auctioned or it could be traded in or it could be -- there's a certain, you know, there's a couple of things you can do with it. Sometimes the stuff like cell phones and computers --

LEG. CALARCO:

Well, we get a list of surplus items here --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Right.

LEG. CALARCO:

-- as you mentioned. It goes to the Clerk's Office, the Clerk circulates it to the Legislators. We all have the opportunity to say, you know what, there's an organization in my district that does great work, they can make use of that item, so we would like to donate it to them or however the transfer works through this legislation, right.

So my question is more to the point of before that surplus notice comes to us, is there any, obviously with this particular of these generators there wasn't, but is there any process by which we first ensure that the item is not needed by some other entity within the County. I mean, is there not a clearinghouse currently for County items?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I honestly don't know, I don't know.

LEG. CALARCO:

Because, I mean, it does get to the question of, you know, we may have one department surplusing an item and another department buying an item and it does sometimes seem to be a -- cross purposes.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

In most cases, like I said earlier, when the equipment gets to us and has been surplused it's in such shape that it's really just ready for the metal heap. You know, in this particular case these things have never been used and, you know, they could be put to use elsewhere, there's no question. Whether it's to another County department or given to the Boy Scouts or whoever, you know. That's a decision, I think, for your guys to make.

LEG. CALARCO:

But there's no policy currently for all items to go through some sort of checklist first to make sure that we don't -- send it to department heads to make sure they can't make use of it first?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Again, this is an odd situation in that most of the times --

LEG. CALARCO:

These things are brand new.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

These are brand new. Usually like the buses, when somebody will give an old SCAT vehicle to, you know, the DAV or some other group, it's usually based on either Federal requirements or some type of standard that says, yes, in fact, it's outlived its useful life, its service life, and you can now consider it surplus. It's also, you know, if bonded funds were used to appropriate the equipment, those bonds have to have been, you know, paid back in full, so things like that.

LEG. CALARCO:

Okay.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Legislator Fleming.

LEG. FLEMING:

So there is a distinction here in that this equipment is brand new as opposed to surplus, which is usually used, which we pass on to other agencies. And I think I heard, Commissioner, you say that there is a possibility that the County could make use of these, you know, and that that would avoid taxpayer expense in replacing them. If that's the case, I personally feel I'd rather cast a vote on it once we've had those questions answered. And if there's no urgency in getting these things passed, I think it does make sense at this point to table it for one cycle, find out if there's a use to be made of these that will save taxpayer money, and then we'll make a decision the next cycle when we have it before us again.

LEG. TROTТА:

I agree.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

All right. So we have a -- so we are on IR 1296. We have had a tabling motion that failed and we have an approval motion that has had a second.

MS. ELLIS:

Correct.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Okay. So the approval motion is on 1296. All in favor?

LEG. STERN:

Hold on. On the motion. Does anyone know, what were these generators supposed to be used for? Does anyone have any idea?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I believe they were supposed to be used in the case of emergency to be able to operate the voting machines.

LEG. STERN:

So in the case -- there would be an emergency and someone would think that it would be important to continue to operate the voting machines in the case of a natural disaster or other type of an emergency?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Well, after -- I'm pretty sure after Sandy there was a big concern because the outage -- there was so much electric outage at that time they didn't know how they were going to operating during the election all the voting machines that needed to be run. So that's why I'm guessing this group gave the generators to the Board of Elections.

LEG. STERN:

All right. But the Board of Elections at this point still has a sufficient amount of generators in the case of that kind of emergency?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

As Dr. Lipp had stated earlier, yes.

LEG. STERN:

Do you know how many there are?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

No.

LEG. STERN:

But you're saying that there are -- there is a sufficient number.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

We would have to follow-up with the Board of Elections to see -- to get the exact number.

LEG. STERN:

BOE has suggested that they have a sufficient number, that's what you're saying.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Correct.

LEG. STERN:

All right.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

All right. So we have a motion to approve and a second. All in favor to approve please raise your hand. One, two, three, four. Opposed raise your hand. Three. All right. **(Vote: 4-3-0-1**
Opposed: Legislators Trotta, Fleming and Krupski. Not Present: Legislator Muratore.
P.O. Gregory is included in the vote).

IR 1297 - Authorizing transfer of surplus generator to the Babylon Fire Department (McCaffrey).

LEG. BROWNING:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Motion to what?

LEG. TROTTA:

Motion to table.

LEG. FLEMING:

I'll second.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

All right. I have a motion to approve from Legislator Browning. Do I have a second on that motion? Second, Legislator Gregory. Motion to table, Legislator Trotta. Second on that motion, Legislator Fleming. Anyone like to have this discussion again as to who could --

LEG. BROWNING:

Again, I know Bob Martinez has a photo -- yeah, Bob Martinez has a photo of what these generators are like. They're selling for like \$125. They're not 600, \$700 generators. They're small generators. They're not massive generators. And again, look at the next three is fire departments. When we have major storms or, you know, cold weather conditions, our local fire departments are always willing to help out to be warming centers and to help people when their electricity is out, so I don't think it's the worst thing to do is to donate to the department.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Well, these are -- I think these are all worthy people. That's not the point.

LEG. TROTTA:

That's not the point.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

The point is if the Parks Department goes out somewhere in a remote location they could use a small generator to operate a power tool, or maybe DPW if they're going to make a repair at one of our many buildings that are in need of repair they would be able to use these generators, so I think there's a lot of utility. The Commissioner has said that we could keep them and use them since we already own them.

LEG. BROWNING:

Yeah. And these generators will benefit the local community and the local taxpayers.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

So we have a motion to table going first, unless there's more discussion. Okay. So all in favor to table raise your hand. Three. All opposed to table? Opposed to table? All right. So the motion to table fails. *(Opposed: Presiding Officer Gregory, Legislators Calarco, Browning and Stern)*. All in favor of authorizing the transfer raise your hand. Transfer gets four. All opposed? Three. All right. ***(Vote: 4-3-0-1 Opposed: Legislators Trotta, Fleming and Krupski. Not Present: Legislator Muratore. P.O. Gregory is included in the vote).***

Moving right along. **IR 1298 - Authorizing transfer of surplus generator to the Lindenhurst Fire Department (McCaffrey).**

Motion to table, Legislator Trotta. Second, Legislator Fleming. Same motion, same second, to approve. The motion to table goes first. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? The motion to table fails. *(Opposed: Presiding Officer Gregory, Legislators Calarco, Browning and Stern).* Motion to approve. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? The motion to transfer the surplus generators is approved. **(Vote: 4-3-0-1 Opposed: Legislators Trotta, Fleming and Krupski. Not Present: Legislator Muratore. P.O. Gregory is included in the vote).**

IR 1299 - Authorizing transfer of surplus generator to the West Babylon Fire Department (McCaffrey).

Motion to table and a second -- same motion, same second. Motion to approve, same motion, same second. All in favor to table? Three. All opposed? Four. No abstentions. The tabling motion fails. *(Opposed: Presiding Officer Gregory, Legislators Calarco, Browning and Stern).* All in favor to approve the transfer? Four. All opposed to transfer? Three. No abstentions. We're going to try to standardize it at some point here. So the motion to transfer is approved. **(Vote: 4-3-0-1 Opposed: Legislators Trotta, Fleming and Krupski. Not Present: Legislator Muratore. P.O. Gregory is included in the vote).**

IR 1300 - Authorizing transfer of surplus generator to the Performing Arts of Suffolk County (Browning).

Same motion, same second. Same tabling motion, same tabling second. Tabling comes first. All in favor? Three. Opposed? Four. No abstentions. The tabling motion fails. *(Opposed: Presiding Officer Gregory, Legislators Calarco, Browning and Stern).* All in favor of transferring surplus generators? All in favor? Four. Opposed? Three. No abstentions. They are transferred. **(Vote: 4-3-0-1 Opposed: Legislators Trotta, Fleming and Krupski. Not Present: Legislator Muratore. P.O. Gregory is included in the vote).**

IR 1301 - Authorizing transfer of surplus generator to Vision Long Island (Browning).

Same motion to approve, same second. Same motion to table, same second. Tabling motion comes first. All in favor? Three. Opposed? Four. Tabling motion fails. No abstentions. *(Opposed: Presiding Officer Gregory, Legislators Calarco, Browning and Stern).* All in favor to approve the transfer? Four. Opposed? Three. No abstentions. Authorizing transfer is approved. **(Vote: 4-3-0-1 Opposed: Legislators Trotta, Fleming and Krupski. Not Present: Legislator Muratore. P.O. Gregory is included in the vote).** I would hate to be the person who has a resolution after all these. I don't know what's going to happen.

IR 1302 - Authorizing transfer of surplus generators to Mercy Haven, Inc. (Cilmi).

Same motion to approve, same second. Same motion to table, same second. The tabling motion, all in favor? Three. Opposed? Four. No abstentions. Tabling motion fails. *(Opposed: Presiding Officer Gregory, Legislators Calarco, Browning and Stern).* Approval motion, all in favor? Four. Opposed? Three. No abstentions. We approve the transfer of the surplus generators. **(Vote: 4-3-0-1 Opposed: Legislators Trotta, Fleming and Krupski. Not Present: Legislator Muratore. P.O. Gregory is included in the vote).**

IR 1303 - Authorizing transfer of surplus generator to Bayport Youth Football League (Lindsay).

Same motion to approve, same second. Same motion to table, same second. Motion to table, all in favor? Three. All opposed? Four. No abstentions. The tabling motion fails. (*Opposed: Presiding Officer Gregory, Legislators Calarco, Browning and Stern*). All in favor of approval? Four. All against? Three. No abstentions. Approved, resolution 1303. (**Vote: 4-3-0-1 Opposed: Legislators Trotta, Fleming and Krupski. Not Present: Legislator Muratore. P.O. Gregory is included in the vote**).

IR 1304 - Authorizing transfer of surplus generator to the Post-Morrow Foundation, Inc. (Browning).

Motion to approve, Legislator Browning. Same motion, same second on the approval. Same motion, same second on the tabling motion. The tabling motion comes first. All in favor? Three. Opposed? Four. No abstentions. The tabling motion fails. (*Opposed: Presiding Officer Gregory, Legislators Calarco, Browning and Stern*). On the approval motion, four. Against, three. No abstentions. So 1304 is approved. (**Vote: 4-3-0-1 Opposed: Legislators Trotta, Fleming and Krupski. Not Present: Legislator Muratore. P.O. Gregory is included in the vote**).

IR 1305 - Authorizing transfer of surplus generator to the Kingdom Fellowship International Church, Inc. (Martinez).

Same motion to approve, same second. Same motion to table, same second. The tabling motion comes first. All in favor? Three. Opposed? Two. No abstentions. The tabling motion fails. (*Opposed: Presiding Officer Gregory, Legislators Calarco, Browning and Stern*). The approval motion. All in favor? Four. Opposed? Three. No abstentions. We have approved the transfer of IR 1305. (**Vote: 4-3-0-1 Opposed: Legislators Trotta, Fleming and Krupski. Not Present: Legislator Muratore. P.O. Gregory is included in the vote**).

IR 1306 - Authorizing transfer of surplus generator to the Brentwood Association of Concerned Citizens (Martinez).

Same approval motion, same second. Same tabling motion, same second. The tabling motion, all in favor? Three. Opposed, two -- opposed, four. No abstentions. The tabling motion fails. (*Opposed: Presiding Officer Gregory, Legislators Calarco, Browning and Stern*). The approval motion, all in favor? Four. Opposed, three. No abstentions. IR 1306 is approved. (**Vote: 4-3-0-1 Opposed: Legislators Trotta, Fleming and Krupski. Not Present: Legislator Muratore. P.O. Gregory is included in the vote**).

IR 1307 - Authorizing transfer of surplus generator to Salvadorenos Independiente NY Foundation (Martinez).

Same motion to approve, same second. Same motion to table, same second. The tabling motion comes first. All in favor? Three. Opposed? Four. No abstentions. The tabling motion fails. (*Opposed: Presiding Officer Gregory, Legislators Calarco, Browning and Stern*). Approval motion, all in favor? Four. Opposed? Three. The motion passes. 1307 is approved.

IR 1315 - Authorizing illumination of the H. Lee Dennison Executive Office Building for Judy's run for stroke awareness (Kennedy).

This could be a split vote. Is that a motion from Legislator Browning? Is there a second? Second from Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. (**Vote: 7-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Muratore**)

IR 1322 - Adopting Local Law No. -2016, A Local Law to further incentivize the creation of affordable housing and to clarify requirements for residential developments connecting to a sewer district (Calarco).

We have to table. Motion to table for the purpose of public hearing, Legislator Calarco. I'll second that motion. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(Vote: 7-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Muratore).**

Legislator Browning has a question.

LEG. BROWNING:

Gil, I don't know if you saw this article, it was in the Long Island Press a while ago, about Ronkonkoma Hub. I just kind of wanted to -- I'm going to give it to you to read it because clearly if you haven't read it, you should. But I remember way back when when we talked about Ronkonkoma Hub and the decision to no longer build a sewage treatment plant, at that time I think it was proposed about \$24 million to build a plant, and then the decision to run a pipeline to the Southwest Sewer District was the savings of a couple of million. Personally, I think it's worthwhile spending the money to put a sewage treatment plant there. But the article talks about the former Supervisor realizing the opportunity and proposing a new route for the pipeline, but it's saying that the price tag with that proposal would go from 24 to 55 million. So I'm going to give you this anyway, because I think if that's the case -- I don't know how is the Ronkonkoma Hub doing anyway with the sewer project.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

As of right now they are still in Article 78 I think it is.

LEG. BROWNING:

Oh, because of the -- okay. I think if you remember, oh God, a couple of years now when we talked about this and I felt that, you know, building the sewage treatment plant at the Hub makes more sense because you have a lot more people who need to be sewered like Oakdale, Sayville. And I know that our former Presiding Officer, Bill Lindsay, that was his intent back then, and it made sense. But to run a pipeline granted, you know, it'll make things go faster, but is it the smarter way to go. It certainly helps the developer to move along a lot faster. But I still think that the creation of a sewer district and a sewage treatment plant at Ronkonkoma Hub is the right way to go. And, again, I know that our Presiding Officer back then, it was something that he strongly supported.

So I'll give you the article because if, in fact, what was proposed by the former Supervisor back then, which was Croci, that if it's -- is it really going to cost that much money if we do what he's proposing, and should we be taking a step back and saying well, maybe we need to revisit this and consider doing the right thing in the beginning, like what was proposed initially. So I'm going to give you this and maybe next committee or whenever you can and respond to the -- or respond to the Public Works Committee as to whether Ronkonkoma Hub is moving or not. I know, like you said, you have an Article 78. That Article 78 could take how long, and by building the sewage treatment plant at the Hub would make that Article 78 go away; correct?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Correct.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay. So I'm going to give you this and if you would like to get back to us on it I'd appreciate it.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

The next cycle, yes.

LEG. BROWNING:

Thanks.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Thank you. Anyone else have anything for the committee? Commissioner, do you have any news? Okay. If we're done then we are adjourned. Thank you.

*(*The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m. *)*