

**VETERANS AND SENIORS COMMITTEE
OF THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Veterans and Seniors Committee was held at the William H. Rogers Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, in the Rose Y. Caracappa Auditorium, on Thursday, **June 6, 2002**, at 10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator William Lindsay, Chair
Legislator Martin Haley, Vice Chair
Legislator Cameron Alden
Legislator Andrew Crecca
Legislator Lynne Nowick

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Art Lozeau, Veterans Service Agency
Holly Rhodes-Teague, Director, Office for the Aging
Sean Clancy, Budget Review Office
Tom Donovan, Legislative Aide to Presiding Officer Tonna
Nicole DeAngelo, County Executive's Office
Elizabeth Eggleton, Ph.D., SCSC Advisory Board
Carolyn Gallogly, SCSC Advisory Board
Gene Pritz, SCSC Advisory Board
Frank Belsito, American Legion Post 1941

Minutes Taken By:
Kimberly Castiglione, Legislative Secretary

(The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

I would like to call the Veterans and Seniors Committee to order. Legislator Crecca is going to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Salutation)

We have one card, Frank Belsito. Frank, do you want to come forward?

MR. BELSITO:

Good morning. Frank Belsito, the American Legion Pearl Harbor Memorial Post of Port Jefferson. I am the commander. I am here this morning just to say thank you to our Chair, Bill Lindsay, for attending the ceremony that we had after the 6,000 people decorated the graves out at Calverton. I have to say that you really got a lot of people very emotional with the words that you said, and I really would like to have a copy of that – was it a Rabbi that put that together? It was very, very moving and a lot of people made comments about it. I just really wanted to say thank you for coming there and witnessing what these young people do. The ceremony that

we had, I think, went off very, very nice, too. Just to bring to your attention, you are the first Chair that came out to witness this feat that these young people do, so I just wanted to thank you – unless you want to tell me something about what you saw.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Thank you. Legislator Haley.

LEGISLATOR HALEY:

Yes, I am just curious. We had talked about this last time, you know, we were going to approve that \$300 for Pinelawn. Do we have to wait until next year to do that for Calverton? We probably do, right – only because for Memorial Day.

MR. BELSITO:

Well, being that Memorial Day has already passed for this year, maybe you can put it in place for next year.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Maybe I would defer to someone with a little bit more experience, but how do we correct that for next year now?

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

We can put the resolution in at any time. The thing that we have to do is, again, go through the whole process of making it a law, but also identify what the funds are going to be spent for, and identify a group or even a conglomeration of groups that are going to actually take that and conduct a service.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Why can't we take the resolution that passed this year, which I understand is an annual thing, and modify it to include Calverton?

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

We could do that.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Maybe with the approval of the committee we will do that and put it in the hopper now and whenever it comes up, all right?

MR. BELSITO:

Like Long Island National, Calverton has their memorial committee, also, so actually that would be the group that would actually receive the funding for it. Thank you very much. Is there anything that you could add that you saw at that meeting that you attended?

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Well, I was very impressed with, of course, the number of volunteers, the scouts. I think it is a wonderful thing that so many young people are involved with the veterans. They get a better appreciation of what people have given for this country. I think the mix between the scouts and the vets was a wonderful thing, I really do.

MR. BELSITO:

So, I can get a copy of that, your words?

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Yes, I can get it for you.

MR. BELSITO:

Thank you very much. And thank you for working on this for Calverton. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

I don't have any other cards. Art, do you want to address us? Please come forward.

MR. LOZEAU:

I am Art Lozeau, the Director of the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency. I just want to state that this Saturday we are having our annual salute to women veterans. It is at eleven o'clock at Armed Forces Plaza. If it is inclement weather, it will be in the media room of the Dennison Building. If it is inclement weather, then I am going to add a poncho to every invite for the next ceremony.

It is a very nice ceremony. We have a guest speaker who is an active duty – she is a recruiter out of East Meadow, New York, at the US Naval Recruiting District, and a number of other speakers. So if you are available, please attend.

I will remind you on the 25th of June at 6 p.m. is the Korean ceremony marking the beginning of the Korean War. The rain date is on the 26th of June.

As an add-on to Mr. Besito's request for the Calverton Cemetery, if that resolution is going to be changed, the better wording might be for the Long Island National Cemetery, make it the Long Island National Cemetery Memorial Organization. And I believe the Calverton National Cemetery is also called a memorial organization, and that would make it easier. The current resolution reads a veterans organization. If we can lock in the entity that will receive it, keeping in mind that those memorial organizations are essentially all of the veterans organizations as a group for the respective National Cemetery would probably be easier in executing the member item. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Before you leave, Art, just two things. First, maybe someone from staff could make sure that everybody gets a memo, every one of the Legislators. We are in session that night, but if it is around our dinner break, if every one of the Legislators are aware of the ceremony going on across the street, the Korean War –

MR. DONOVAN:

What is that date again?

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

It is June 25th and it is at six o'clock.

MR. LOZEAU:

Right. And experience has shown it usually runs to the minute that the ceremony will run an hour and fifteen to an hour and twenty minutes, so –

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

We probably won't be able to stay for the whole ceremony.

MR. DONOVAN:

I think we are in Riverhead that day.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Oh, are we? It isn't here. Okay. That kills that idea. It is a day meeting, unless we are over early, but, doubt it. Okay, so much for that idea. Martin just gave me the – maybe we will give you the bill and maybe you could mark it up and we will get it to the Legislative Attorney's Office to file it.

Would anybody else like to address the committee? I know we have some reappointments to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board. Carolyn Gallogly. Do you want to come forward, Carolyn? I don't know whether anybody on the committee would have any questions of you, but I would just like to thank you for your service to the County on the Seniors Committee. It is nice that we have citizens that give of their time so willingly.

MS. GALLOGLY:

I appreciate your words.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Go ahead.

LEGISLATOR HALEY:

Could you just give us, you know, where we have been, where we are now, and where we are going? In 25 words or less.

MS. GALLOGLY:

I am probably a good person to ask of that if you are thinking of our Advisory Board and not as much the Office for the Aging because I am not as closely involved with that. But with the Advisory Board, I have been on it a long time and I have seen a lot of, you know, different things that we've worked on.

Most recently, I think, we have tried to be very supportive of the efforts in drug pricing and availability for older adults. I know it hasn't been necessarily easy for the Office for the Aging, but I would like to commend you on the legislation that was passed this year to try to promote among seniors that there are different prices out there and that you can shop around for those medications that they try so hard to pay for.

I can tell you that right now I believe Holly is just a wonderful director and I would very much enjoy working with her. One of my goals would be to try to see what she wants out of our group. We are an advisory group. I know we are set up – you know, the federal government says the office has to have this kind of group, and I know the people in the group want to be supportive.

Another thing, besides working with Holly, we would like to be a little more active here and I am hoping possibly we could meet sometime outside of this session with a couple of people from the group who are interested in the workings of this group so that we can be supportive and helpful to you in targeting the issues that you want to address. I think you have chosen some very good ones and I'd like to support that, continue to support that.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

The only suggestion is maybe we could arrive at a date and we will notify the committee and if anybody is available to attend.

LEGISLATOR HALEY:

When do you typically meet?

MS. GALLOGLY:

We usually meet the third Monday of the month in the morning, but we are open to a time that is good for you.

LEGISLATOR HALEY:

If you can just change the date to a morning like at 9:30 we can meet just before this committee meeting.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

How about that?

MS. GALLOGLY:

That's fine.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

This committee will be meeting again in roughly two weeks. Does anybody have the date?

LEGISLATOR CRECCA:

June 20th.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

I don't know whether that will fit in with your schedule. That would be pretty close to the third Monday, though, June 20th, it is that week. The committee meets officially in session at 10:30. We could meet at 9:30 in one of the caucus rooms and talk about issues.

MS. GALLOGLY:

I would be able to do that. I will check to see if I can attract a few other people. There are some behind me.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Holly is waving her hand.

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

We can try to get hold of the members to see the availability. If it doesn't work out, I will contact your office.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Okay. Just to keep in mind we will have the July break, so we won't meet again probably until the first week of August, the committee. So if it isn't possible, you know, I don't know of anything that is urgent that is pending, but I think it would be a good general dialogue for us to meet with the advisory board. That is a great idea. So we will coordinate that. If you coordinate that with my office, if your committee can make it, we will notify the Legislators on

the Seniors Committee. Thank you.

MS. GALLOGLY:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

We also have Elizabeth Eggleton. If you could come forward, Elizabeth. Elizabeth is also a reappointment to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board, and again, I would like to recognize you for the time that you devote to this committee to help our seniors in our County. Again, it is very nice of you that you give of your time so willingly for the people of our County.

MS. EGGLETON:

Again, I appreciate the kind words, but I have to tell you that I actually gain as much as I give, because coming together like that, you share ideas and concepts all over the Island, not just from Suffolk. I do a lot of work and teach in Nassau, and it has given a focus, I think, to some of the things that I would like to share with, you know, the advisory board, and I think it is a wonderful opportunity for us to work closer with the Legislature.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Would anyone on the Legislature like to say anything? Thank you, again, Elizabeth, for showing up.

MS. EGGLETON:

I have one other word, though, I have to add.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Go ahead.

MS. EGGLETON:

I also have to join with Carolyn Gallogly is praising Holly Rhodes-Teague as our Director. She has really done a fabulous job.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Thank you. And Gene Pritz. If you would come forward, Mr. Pritz.

MR. PRITZ:

I really have nothing more to say. I think both Liz and Carolyn said everything, and I just want to confirm my feeling for Holly. I serve with Holly on other boards, and I have got to say that it is really a pleasure working with her. And I like what Carolyn said. I think the idea of getting together with this board is excellent. We have a lot of ideas and I am sure you do, and we would like to coordinate them. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

And I want to share with you the same comments that I made to the two ladies, is that we appreciate you donating your time in community service for our residents of Suffolk County.

MR. PRITZ:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Thank you for coming. Holly, do you want to say anything?

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

First of all, I had nothing to do with any of that. I know you have some legislation today that affects the office, and I just wanted to make a couple of comments. Do you want me to do that now?

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Yes, please.

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

On the vehicles, the Budget Office has allowed me, I believe it is \$152,000, is before you for approval. With that money we assume we could buy approximately six vehicles. Some of them are just for providing transportation for the meals because it is home meal programs and some of them are also for the congregate meal sites so they be made handicapped accessible.

The six vehicles are replacement vehicles. They are not to expand the fleet that we have. We have approximately 60 vehicles in the fleet and this is just six vehicles that will replace vehicles that are very old or in very poor condition.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Holly, maybe you can explain that whole program to us.

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

All right. The Nutrition Program for the Elderly – as you know, there are the two components. There is the home deliver meal program and there is the congregate meal program. Some places have both programs going, some just do home deliver, some just do congregate. But in order to run that program you really need vehicles. You can't get people to sites without a vehicle, and you can't provide a meal to a home deliver person, with the exception of a few volunteer programs in Suffolk County, without having a vehicle to pick up the meals, transport it to a person's house.

So the County, I guess, started in '93 doing capital projects. It is not the only way that some of the sites get vehicles. Some of them have been able to get them through member items through some of the Legislators here, through some of the State Legislators. There are actually some sites that got vehicles through a federal Congressman a couple of years. Some have written grants to other places, but they really look to our commitment, and we have had our fleet pretty much stable at 50 to 60 vehicles for quite a while. So we really try to keep, you know, you keep upgrading – not even upgrading, maintaining the fleet so that these vehicles are there for when they need them, which is every day. Monday through Friday they are using these vehicles for the meals. So we can't do it without the vehicles.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

What type of vehicles are they, are they vans?

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

Hold on. For this one I can't remember if we are doing Taurus's or minivans. Let me look. We are buying three Windstar Minivans, that is for the home deliver program so they can put the meals in the vehicle and drive them to the places that they have to go, and then three 15 passenger Chevy – I think they are 15, my eyes are shot – three 15 Chevy vehicles. And they

are all on State bid, what we are purchasing, and we will make those handicapped accessible.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Legislator Alden.

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

Holly, is it DPW that actually looks after this fleet?

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

No. The way it works is on the capital projects what we have done is we purchased the vehicles on State bid, we lease them back to the contractors, the contractors are responsible for maintaining them. And when the vehicle basically has no more useful life to the contractor, we take them back and they go out to County auction.

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

The contractors are the individual –

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

It would be the township or the non-profit that is providing the meals. Because we don't do any of the congregate meal program or the home deliver meal program directly. They are all contracted out. So, for example, the Town of Islip you have American Red Cross, you have American Center, Catholic Charities. They all have programs that we fund for nutrition.

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

Do we have a requirement as far as what we want to see as preventive maintenance performed on these vehicles?

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

No, but they maintain them, because if they don't, they don't have them. One of the biggest problems we have with the non-profits is when they vehicles get very old they don't have the money to continue to maintain them because the vehicles get harder and harder to maintain. The repairs get more costly. So, you know, they try to maintain them as they go. I haven't seen anybody just neglect them.

The other thing is, these vehicles get very hard mileage because you have different drivers in them. You know, they are not like you drive a vehicle for 100,000 and they might, you know, they last a lot longer. They don't get the TLC, let's put it that way.

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

How many miles do they usually get out of them?

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

The ones that we are replacing – and the mileage isn't the only criteria. Three of them are over 100,000, but them some of them only have 80, but they are from – one of them is from 1981. So you are talking about some of them are very old, and some of them are just terrible vehicles. You know, it is the luck of the draw sometimes.

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

The specific use on them is it is just for the Meals on Wheels or is it –

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

We apply them for the meals program. I do know like sometimes we will use them to do doctor's appointments in between providing meals. It depends on – we request that they use them just for the elderly, though, because that is what the intent is. So if some of them – you know, like I know, and I only know this from working in Islip, when I was in Islip, some of those vehicles they would deliver seniors to the site, they would provide meals to the people in the home program, and if they had time, they could also do doctor's appointments with them. It depends on the use of the vehicle and the availability of drivers.

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

There is one part of this, and I think you brought it to our attention, that if you lived in Islip and your doctor was in Babylon, they can't cross those lines.

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

The east end towns sometimes will cross, the west end towns generally don't. From the perspective as a former director in a town, one of the reasons you don't is because you've got all this kind of thing going on. You don't have the time to use these vehicles to go to a doctor's appointment in Stony Brook. You would never get back to pick up your people at the congregate sites. So these vehicles are bought for the nutrition program, and if they can fit something in, they do. Now, the vehicles that they use for doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, other than these, that is really – the towns get those elsewhere.

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

What I would like to do through the Chair is possibly suggest a couple of points of hearings that we might want to hold. What I am thinking of is just some kind of coordinated effort throughout the County to make sure that people can get to and from their doctor's appointments using possibly some of these vehicles, but also we have a whole network of buses and minivans and things like that that run throughout the County. The other thing that we can throw in on that, and we do it for some of the vets, we do provide the veterans with transportation to and from either Vets Hospital or to and from their doctor's appointments. It might be fruitful for us to try to coordinate with the different groups and try to get a little bit better network as far as transportation for the – mainly for the seniors and the veterans that need to go to the doctors. I know there is this barrier if you are living in Islip and you have your doctor in Babylon, you can't take the van to go to that. So maybe that would be something that we could do to improve the system that we already have in place.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

It sounds like a great idea for the meeting with the advisory board, that maybe we can kick around some strategies.

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

The vehicles that are in this fleet, though, really are predominantly for the nutrition program. Just so we don't lose that, because they are critical to the nutrition program, so I don't want to see that taken away. I understand what you are saying, that it is definitely an issue and I know that groups have met and the Peconic Community Council on the east end has been instrumental in trying to get transportation from the east end let's say to Stony Brook Hospital and they have gotten some private grants and they have done a lot of work out on that end doing it. I thought

Suffolk Community Council was doing something similar on this end, but I haven't heard anything recently.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Legislator Haley.

LEGISLATOR HALEY:

I have been at meetings with Holly where there has been a continuum of effort trying to figure out ways to provide transportation. It is always –

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

The transit system seems to just be very difficult, the County transit system.

LEGISLATOR HALEY:

Every time I go to Leisure Village I get the same lady comes up to me and wants Sunday busing, you know, but transportation in general is a problem, and then transportation for seniors is a problem. And the coordination between – and it is starting to work at the east end a little bit because they started a few years ago where if somebody had to get to the Northport Veterans Center or Stony Brook –

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

Stony Brook seemed to be the big one.

LEGISLATOR HALEY:

You know, maybe they would work something out between town – they bring them to a demarcation point or whatever and try to help out. But it is very difficult.

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

Yeah, the ten towns have the transportation for seniors. They all have their own programs and they all run them slightly differently. Some of them have two week notices, some will do it on an emergency basis. Some just are easier to deal with than others. I am just tell you from experience that they are fragmented at best.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

But the vehicles – although the towns run the programs and, you know, individual organizations or subcontractors run the programs, the vehicles belong to the County.

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

The vehicles in this program, on the nutrition program, are not the ones you are speaking about. You talking about the program for let's say somebody to do the grocery shopping – actually, it is predominantly doctor's appointments, and each town has it, whether they are using a vehicle that we purchase or they are using a vehicle they have gotten elsewhere is a different ballgame. Some of them don't use these vehicles, they are using other ones. It is a fragmented system at best. Legislator Haley knows that because we have sat in meetings with the Suffolk Transit and with Brookhaven Town and some other towns and, you know, I don't know what the answer is to the problem. I really don't.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

We need some coordination.

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

Right. My suggestion is not to take away an asset, but to identify that asset and if there is downtime for any vehicle that the County either controls or owns or in any of those circumstances, if it can be plugged into the providing of a different type of service and if it works, that that is something that I think –

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

I think the towns do the best they can with it. But, you know, a lot of it has to do with the availability of drivers, when the doctor's appointments are. And, again, it just depends on each individual. Brookhaven, for example, has a very difficult problem in the sense that they have got a large geographic area. So even though they have probably many more vehicles than some of the other towns do from a variety of sources, they just have such a big area they have a difficult time going from point (a) to point (b) in any efficient way, for lack of a better way to put it. We can try. We can try to see if there is any more that we can do with that. I would be happy to call a meeting of the ten towns. I don't have jurisdiction over the towns senior transportation program. We are just one small point of how they get funding for their transportation.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Legislator Haley.

LEGISLATOR HALEY:

I understand what Holly is trying to say. It is a tremendous job or task for anybody to attempt. I think what she is saying is there is a lot ahead and she wants to make sure that she maintains the services and doesn't affect – plus, I don't think she wants to, in her position, all of a sudden, and I am putting words in your mouth, but that could be a substantial burden should at some point this County decide that they want to start getting into that transportation coordination business for all of those towns. The task is monumental, unbelievable. Am I characterizing –

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

Well, we are also, because I don't have – like I said, we are a small portion of where they get these vehicles from and how they run their programs for transportation. They each have jurisdiction over it, and then what the County has is the Suffolk County Paratransit and the Suffolk County Transit System. I don't have vehicles within my control, with the exception of these vehicles that go for the nutrition programs, and there is one or two that will be given for other programs.

The towns have ten programs that are working. Is it the best programs in the worlds? No, they are not. Could they coordinate better? Possibly. But can I go and tell them that they have to cross town lines? Not really.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

And I think what we are saying is it is something that is worthwhile discussing and looking at and brainstorming a little bit to see if we can make the system a little better.

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

I meet with the ten town directors. I can discuss it again further with them and see if there has been any changes since we've talked about it about two years ago, but I will let you know what I

come up with on that, if there is anything different going on with it. I know there was a task force on the County level that looked at transportation, I was on that, and the human services end they almost said is a whole different animal compared to roads and highways. It is an ongoing issue, it really is. Anyway, I am asking for your support –

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Holly, do you know the status of the different towns as far as the services they provide?

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

I can get it, you know, the specifics, if you would like me to. We have had in the past. I could do that again.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

It would be a good thing that if we had that for the joint meeting between the advisory board and the Legislature.

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

The guidelines of each town for transportation.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Yeah.

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

Okay. We can do that.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

That will give us an idea where we are.

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

All right.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Legislator Alden.

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

Also, the State just – I think it was almost a two year study that they just conducted as far as all different aspects of public transportation, whether that was to and from doctor's appointments, distribution of meals, things of that nature. So, we might want to tap into some of the resources or some of the things that they just came up with.

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

I am not familiar with that study. Do you know where I could get a hold of it?

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

They held a series of public hearings throughout the County – well, throughout both counties – to identify any types of problems and bottlenecks, things like that, and actually to identify the different assets. And when I say assets, buses, cabs, any type of vehicle that was used to transport people.

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

Okay. All right, that was my first one. The second one we have on here is to create a position within the Office of Aging for a senior citizen program administrator II. It is a position that has not existed before. It really comes about because my office has changed dramatically over the last ten years. There is a person in the position, she is a senior citizen program administrator I. This would abolish that position and create the administrator II position.

The reason why we are asking for it is that in 10 years we used to have 11 appropriations, we now have 20. Our programs have become more complex, the budget has jumped in the last five years from seven million to almost eleven million dollars. This person is the number two person in the office and she maintains the programming and of the office and it has become a more complex job. Part of it is the amount of experience that is involved in the position. For example, in having the position for so long she was able to maintain – actually be very creative in getting County match without having to use County dollars. She has saved the County sufficient money by using the Suffolk County Subsidy Group for senior citizen buses, the difference between the regular cost of a bus fare to the senior bus fare. She was able to use that as a match for programming money, saving the County well over \$100,000 in each of a number of years. That only comes from experience, you know, to be able to do that kind of thing, so that we didn't have to come to you and ask for dollars. We were able to do it with match that was already being provided in-kind by the County.

The position is there. We would like to create that position. I don't know if you have any questions for me on it.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Legislator Alden.

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

But it does abolish the position she currently holds?

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

The senior citizens program I would no longer – that title is still in the office because we have somebody else in that title as well, but that position would be abolished and it would be a program administrator II and then the person would have to take the test once the test comes out. It would be provisional.

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

Is she eligible for early retirement?

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

I don't think so.

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

What is the name of it, senior citizen what?

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

The title is senior citizen program administrator II is the title that we are asking to create. Civil Service has looked at the specs and agreed with them. It is really – the job has changed substantially.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Does anybody have any other questions of Holly? Thank you, Holly.

MS. RHODES-TEAGUE:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Okay. To the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

1243-02 Amending the 2002 Capital Program and Budget and appropriating Funds for the purpose of construction of a War Dog Memorial at the H. Lee Dennison Building.

LEGISLATOR HALEY:

Motion.

LEGISLATOR CRECCA:

Second.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

We have a motion and a second. All in favor? I am going to abstain. **(Vote: 4/0/1/0 Abstain: Legislator Lindsay)**

1296-02 Authorizing conveyance of parcel to Suffolk County United Veterans, Town of Brookhaven (Section 72-h, General Municipal Law).

LEGISLATOR HALEY:

Motion.

LEGISLATOR CRECCA:

Second.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

We have a motion and second. Wait.

MS. DeANGELO:

I spoke to Bill Doyle in Legislator Towle's office, and apparently the town board resolution is locked up in the town attorney's office right now and it is not ready to go.

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

I'll second that. All in favor? **(Vote: 5/0/0/0)**

1599-02 Approving the reappointment of Helen C. Brion as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

I will make a motion.

LEGISLATOR HALEY:

Second.

(Vote: 5/0/0/0)

1600-02 Approving the reappointment of Carolyn M. Gallogly as a member and designating her as Chairwoman of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

Same motion, same second, same vote on 1600. **(Vote: 5/0/0/0)**

1601-02 Approving the reappointment of Elizabeth Eggleton as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

1601 Legislator Crecca makes a motion. I'll second. **(Vote: 5/0/0/0)**

1602-02 Approving the reappointment of Lisa Jusino Calla as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

Motion on 1602.

LEGISLATOR CRECCA:

Second.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

All in favor? **(Vote: 5/0/0/0)**

1603-02 Approving the reappointment of Pauline Morris as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

Anybody want that one? I will make a motion on 1603. **(Vote: 5/0/0/0)**

1604-02 Approving the reappointment of Elisabeth Taibbi as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

Same motion, same second, same vote. **(Vote: 5/0/0/0)**

1605-02 Approving the reappointment of Frank C. Trotta as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

Motion by Legislator Alden. I'll second it. All in favor? **(Vote: 5/0/0/0)**

1606-02 Approving the reappointment of Ed Siegmann as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

I'll make the motion.

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

Second.

(Vote: 5/0/0/0)

1607-02 Approving the reappointment of Gene Pritz as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

Motion by Legislator Alden. I'll second. **(Vote: 5/0/0/0)**

1608-02 Approving the reappointment of Henry Pfeifer as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

Same motion, same second, same vote. **(Vote: 5/0/0/0)**

1609-02 Approving the reappointment of Thomas F. Henry as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

Motion by Legislator Crecca, I'll second. **(Vote: 5/0/0/0)**

1677-02 Amending the Suffolk County Classification and Salary Plan in connection with a new position title in the Office of the County Executive (Senior Citizens Program Administrator II)

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

Motion.

LEGISLATOR HALEY:

Second.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

We have a motion and a second. All in favor? **(Vote: 5/0/0/0)**

1680-02 Amending the 2002 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with the purchase and replacement of nutrition vehicles for the Office of the Aging (CP 1749).

LEGISLATOR CRECCA:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Motion by Legislator Crecca.

LEGISLATOR NOWICK:

Second.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

All in favor? **(Vote: 5/0/0/0)**. And we have one Sense resolution.

Sense 42 Memorializing resolution requesting Federal Government to repeal social security tax on senior citizens.

I will make a motion on that.

LEGISLATOR CRECCA:

Second.

(Vote: 5/0/0/0)

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

That concludes the agenda. A motion –

LEGISLATOR CRECCA:

Do you want to place 1599 through 1609 on the consent calendar? I will make a motion to place resolutions 1599-02 inclusive through 1609-02 on the consent calendar for our next meeting.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

We have a motion and a second. All in favor? **(Vote: 5/0/0/0)**. With that, a motion to adjourn is in order.

LEGISLATOR ALDEN:

Motion to adjourn.

LEGISLATOR NOWICK:

Second.

(The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.)