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**WAYS AND MEANS**

**COMMITTEE**

**of the**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Ways and Means 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 Thursday, February 4, 2016.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Legislator Bridget Fleming - Chairperson  
Legislator William Spencer - Vice-Chairman  
Legislator Kate Browning  
Legislator Robert Calarco  
Legislator Robert Trotta  
Legislator Monica Martinez  
Legislator Tom Cilmi

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

George Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature  
Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel to the Legislature  
Jason Richberg - Clerk of the Legislature  
Amy Ellis - Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature  
Greg Moran - Aide to Leg. Trotta  
Lisa Santeramo - County Executive's Office  
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 2:47 PM)**

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Okay. Good afternoon, everyone. This is a general -- sorry, this is a regular meeting of the Ways and Means Committee. We're starting a little bit late because of the committee meeting that came before us, it was just about a quarter-to-three, we usually start at one o'clock, apologies for the delay. We'll get started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Spencer.

***(Salutation)***

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Thank you. So this is my very first Committee meeting that I'm chairing so I'd appreciate any support from my Vice Chair, Legislator Spencer, and patience from the rest of you.

Just moving into the regular agenda then. We have no correspondence so we'll move right to public portion. I don't have any cards. Is there anyone in the audience who'd like to be heard? You have three minutes at that podium. What did nobody hear? All right, I don't know what nobody heard, but we have no presentations today. First meeting of the year so we have no tabled resolutions so we'll move right into the introductory resolutions.

***Introductory Resolutions***

**Resolution 1003 - Authorizing the reconveyance of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 215, New York State County Law to Marie A. Gasrel. (Calarco)**

**LEG. CALARCO:**

Motion.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Motion and a second. All in favor? Any abstentions? Any opposed? The motion carries.

***Approved (VOTE: 7-0)***

**Resolution 1005 - Establishing a committee to maximize use of County property in Yaphank. (Browning)** Legislator Browning do you have a --

**LEG. BROWNING:**

I'm making a motion to table at this moment but I would like the administration to know -- I know Joe Schroeder has made some requests, I believe, of SolarCity and also of Mike Monaghan from DPW. I think the earliest one was at the end of December and one request was made January 19th and he has still not received information. So I'm willing to table it one cycle and have some further discussion but I certainly would appreciate that he would be getting the information he needs.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

I see Lisa Santeramo.

**MS. SANTERAMO:**

We'll look into that and work to help you get the information that you were requesting or he was requesting.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Thank you, Ms. Santeramo. So we have a motion by Legislator Browning, seconded by Legislator Spencer. All in favor? Abstentions? All opposed? The motion to table carries. **Tabled (VOTE: 7-0)**

**Resolution 1010 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act to Home Sweet Realty, LTD (SCTM No. 0200-473.00-02.00-023.000). (Co. Exec.)**

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Motion.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Do I have a second?

**LEG. CALARCO:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

All in favor? All opposed? No abstentions. So that's approved to the consent calendar. **Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0)**

**Resolution 1011 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act to Michael Perez (SCTM No. 0400-149.00-02.00-018.000). (Co. Exec.)** You have the same motion, same second. Thank you. All in favor? All opposed? Any abstentions? Motion carries and also on the consent calendar. **Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0)**

**1012 - Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act to Jose Paulino (SCTM No. 0100-172.00-03.00-032.000). (Co. Exec.)** Same motion, same second, and the same vote. We're in the expedited structure today. Carries again to the consent calendar. **Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0)**

**Resolution 1024 - Authorizing certain technical corrections to Adopted Resolution No. 176-2015. (Co. Exec.)** Do I have a motion? Thank you. A motion from Legislator Spencer, second from Legislator Martinez. Thank you. All in favor? All opposed? Abstentions? That carries to the consent calendar. **Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0)**

Now we have a number of resolutions here that are all for the transfer of surplus County laptops so we'll move them fairly quickly.

**Resolution 1028 - Authorizing transfer of surplus laptop computer to RSVP. (Kennedy)** Do I have a motion?

**LEG. CILMI:**

Motion.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Second?

**LEG. MARTINEZ:**

Second.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Do you want to?

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Why don't we?

**LEG. CILMI:**

Sure. Motion to approve and place on the consent calendar.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Let's do it.

**LEG. SPENCER:**

On the motion, on the discussion of placing them all on the consent calendar, and I'll ask for Counsel's opinion on this, they're going to different places and I think that once we are in the General meeting that if there is a concern perhaps with the organization, the place where it's going, that a Legislator may have, as far as the resolution if they're all on the consent calendar, they will be able to be looked at independently. And, again, maybe these are all worthy places where they're going but there is -- it is County property that we're transferring and they're different organizations with different backgrounds and if there was a concern with a particular organization that a Legislator may want to just ask a question about, if it's on the consent calendar I don't think that process would be able to --

**LEG. CILMI:**

Yeah, I don't -- I don't feel compelled, excuse me, George, I'm sorry, I don't feel compelled to continue in that direction so if you just want to do it, just approve it without putting it on the consent calendar, that's fine with me as well.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Why don't we just hear what --

**MR. NOLAN:**

I was just going to say that under our rules, Legislator Spencer, if after this meeting we put something on the consent calendar, if the Legislator contacted me or the Clerk's Office and said they objected to it being on the consent calendar, it would come off. And so it's -- but it's up to the Committee.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

So, Legislator Spencer, are you -- feel like you would be objecting? Do you want to go ahead this way or?

**LEG. SPENCER:**

Since I've been advised that if a Legislator did have a concern that it could be taken off and addressed, that's reasonable, and so I'm fine with it being placed on the consent calendar.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Okay, thank you. So we have a motion to approve to the consent calendar by Legislator Cilmi, seconded by Legislator Browning.

**LEG. MARTINEZ:**

I seconded.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

Oh, I'm sorry, Legislator Martinez. Thank you. All in favor? All opposed? Any abstentions? The motion carries. ***Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0)***

**1029 - Authorizing transfer of surplus laptop computer to Smithtown High School East Robotics Team No. 810. (Kennedy)** Does that's mean they have 809 other robotics teams? *(Laughter)* Same motion, same second. That motion carries and same vote. Thank you. ***Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0)***

**Resolution 1030 - Authorizing transfer of surplus laptop computer to Sunshine Prevention Center. (Hahn)** Same motion, same second, same vote. Motion carries. ***Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0)***

**1031 - Authorizing transfer of surplus laptop computer to United Beacon House. (Stern)** Same motion, same second, same vote. ***Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0)***

**1032 - Authorizing transfer of surplus laptop computer to Bellport Hagerman East Patchogue Alliance. (Browning)** Same motion, same second, same vote. ***Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0)***

**1033 - Authorizing transfer of surplus laptop computer to Family Life Center. (Gregory)** Same motion, same second, same vote. ***Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0)***

**1034 - Authorizing transfer of surplus laptop computer to Tri-CYA. (Spencer)** Same motion, same second, same vote. ***Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0).***

Are you okay over there, Amy? Am I going too fast?

**MS. ELLIS:**

I'm fine. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON FLEMING:**

That was George looking out for you.

**1035 - Authorizing transfer of surplus laptop computer to the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation. (Fleming)** Same motion, same second, same vote. ***Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0)***

**1036 - Authorizing transfer of surplus laptop computers to the Sayville High School Robotics Team. (Lindsay)** Same motion, same second, same vote. ***Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0)***

**1037 - Authorizing transfer of surplus laptop computer to Holy Church of Christ. (Martinez)** Same motion, same second, same vote. ***Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0)***

**1038 - Authorizing transfer of surplus laptop computer to the Brentwood Bay Shore Breast Cancer Coalition. (Martinez)** Same motion, same second, same vote. ***Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0)***

**1039 - Authorizing transfer of surplus laptop computer to Norfolk Spanish Apostolate. (Krupski)** Same motion, same second, same vote. ***Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0)***

**1040 - Authorizing transfer of surplus laptop computer to Sachem Teen Center, Inc. (Muratore)** Same motion, same second, same vote. ***Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0)***

**1041 - Authorizing transfer of surplus laptop computer to the North Shore Youth Council. (Anker)** Same motion, same second, same vote. ***Approved and Placed on the Consent Calendar (VOTE: 7-0)*** I hope all these great organizations make great use of these surplus laptops.

Next item on the agenda: Procedural Motions. We have none. We have no matters for executive session, so we're done. We stand adjourned. Thank you.

**(THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 2:58 PM)**