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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ROSE MARIE WALKER,
Chairwoman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, June 5, 2017
3:13 P.M

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S :3 ROSE MARIE WALKER,
4 Chairwoman5 C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III,
6 Vice Chairman

7 LAURA SCHAEFER

8 JAMES KENNEDY

9 DELIA DeRIGGI-WHITTON,
10 Ranking

11 SIELA A. BYNOE

12 ARNOLD DRUCKER

13 MICHAEL PULITZER,
14 Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: At this time
3 I'll call the Health and Social Services
4 Committee to order. I would ask the clerk
5 to please take the roll.

6 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
7 Arnold Drucker?

8 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

9 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Siela
10 Bynoe?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
13 Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
15 Here.

16 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James
17 Kennedy?

18 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura
20 Schaefer?

21 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

22 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman C.
23 William Gaylor III?

24 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

25 CLERK PULITZER: Chairwoman Rose

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2 Marie Walker?

3 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Here.

4 CLERK PULITZER: We have a
5 quorum, ma'am.

6 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Thank you.
7 There is six items on the regular agenda
8 today. I would like to call the first four
9 of the items together.

10 Clerk Item 213-17 is an ordinance
11 supplemental to the annual appropriation
12 ordinance in connection with the Department
13 of Health.

14 Clerk Item 214-17 is an ordinance
15 supplemental to the annual appropriation
16 ordinance in connection with the Department
17 of Health.

18 Clerk Item 231-17 is an ordinance
19 supplemental to the annual appropriation
20 ordinance in connection with the Department
21 of Health.

22 Clerk Item 234-17 is an ordinance
23 supplemental to the annual appropriation
24 ordinance in connection with the Department
25 of Health. May I have a motion, please?

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2 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

3 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

4 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by
5 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Legislator
6 Gaylor. We have MaryEllen Laurain.

7 MS. LAURAIN: Good afternoon.

8 MaryEllen Laurain, Department of Health.

9 Item 213-17 is a supplemental appropriation
10 in the amount of \$297,453. This is for the
11 Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act. This
12 is funded through the New York State
13 Department of Health.

14 The purpose of the grant is to
15 conduct certification checks to tobacco
16 retailers and make sure they are complying
17 with the state law.

18 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions
19 for Ms. Laurain?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Any public comment?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 MS. LAURAIN: Item 214-17 is a
24 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
25 \$20,360. This is for our rabies program.

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2 This is funded through the New York State
3 Department of Health and it's to protect the
4 residents of the county against rabies.

5 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions
6 from the legislators?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Any public comment?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 And also to let the clerk know
11 Legislator Bynoe is here. 231-17.

12 MS. LAURAIN: Item 231-17 is a
13 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
14 \$654,813. This is for the Public Health
15 Emergency Preparedness Grant. This is
16 federal pass through money funded through
17 New York State Department of Health and it
18 is to provide local public health
19 infrastructure in emergency response and
20 preparedness.

21 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions
22 from the legislators?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Any public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 234-17.

3 MS. LAURAIN: Item 234-17 is a
4 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
5 \$31,649. This is for the Drinking Water
6 Enhancement Program. This is also funded
7 through New York State Department of Health
8 and the mission is to protect and enhance
9 the public water supply.

10 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any
11 questions? Legislator Bynoe.

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you,
13 Chairwoman. Hi, how are you?

14 MS. LAURAIN: Good. How are you?

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Could you tell
16 me specifically how we will be able to
17 improve the drinking water using this grant?

18 MS. LAURAIN: Well, we've had
19 this grant for a long time. This is
20 mandatory, this program, and the county
21 adheres to part five of the New York State
22 Sanitary Code. What that means is we make
23 sure all the 46 water districts are adhering
24 to the code.

25 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: This is

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2 through the random testing that you go out
3 and --

4 MS. LAURAIN: The water districts
5 are required to conduct testing. We also
6 conduct what we call surveillance samples
7 throughout all of the water districts. The
8 state and the EPA set the standards.

9 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: This money
10 will be used to go out and collect the
11 samples and test them.

12 MS. LAURAIN: And also look at
13 what the -- they are required to send their
14 results to us so that we probably look at I
15 don't know 3,000 samples a year.

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Very good.

17 MS. LAURAIN: And that's all
18 entered into a database and we look at that.

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you.

20 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Just to add
21 to that, I know the water districts that
22 happen to be in Legislator Schaefer and
23 Legislator Kennedy and my district, we are
24 in constant contact with our water districts
25 because there's a tremendous amount of

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2 testing that goes on there due to issues
3 that we are dealing with constantly.

4 So I know they are not only
5 testing, what they are doing, but certainly
6 the Health Department too. So it's a
7 constant back and forth with them which is
8 good for us to know what they are doing on a
9 steady basis.

10 Any public comment?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 All those in favor of Clerk Items
13 213, 214, 231 and 234-17 signify by saying
14 aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 Any opposed?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Abstained?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 They will go on to Finance.

21 Just want to thank you. I know
22 the summer season will be coming up so I
23 know you are extra busy with our beaches and
24 making sure those are all safe. So thanks
25 ahead of time.

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2 Next is Clerk Items 230-17 and
3 Clerk Item 233-17; they are ordinances
4 supplemental to the annual appropriation in
5 connection with the Department of Human
6 Services. May I have a motion, please?

7 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: So moved.

8 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by
10 Legislator Kennedy, seconded by Legislator
11 Schaefer.

12 MR. HALL: Hi. Brian Hall, Human
13 Services. The first one is a grant for
14 \$294,543. It's from the New York State
15 Oasis Department for Chemical Dependency
16 Programs and it's 100 percent funded.

17 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions
18 from the legislators?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Any public comment?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 233-17.

23 MR. HALL: That's an
24 appropriation for \$350,000 from the New York
25 State Office of Children and Family

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2 Services. It's 100 percent funded. What
3 this one does is it funds the local
4 municipalities, three towns and the two
5 cities programs.

6 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any questions
7 from the legislators?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 Any public comment?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Hearing none, all those in favor
12 of 230-17 and 233-17 signify by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 Any opposed?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Any abstain?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 They will go on to Finance also.

19 We do have one addendum item.

20 Can I have a motion to suspend the rules?

21 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So moved.

22 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

23 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by
24 Legislator Gaylor, seconded by Legislator
25 Schaefer. All in favor of suspending the

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2 rules signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 There is one item on the agenda,
5 Clerk Item 243-17, which is an Ordinance
6 supplemental to the annual appropriation
7 ordinance in connection with the Department
8 of Social Services.

9 Can I have a motion, please?

10 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by
13 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Legislator
14 Gaylor.

15 MR. BRODERICK: Good afternoon.
16 Paul Broderick, Deputy Commissioner,
17 Department of Social Services.

18 The item before you is a
19 supplemental appropriation for \$275,000 from
20 New York State Department of Education to
21 the Department of Social Services for the
22 summer lunch food program. Do you have any
23 questions?

24 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Can I ask
25 about how many lunches do you provide over

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2 the summer.

3 MR. BRODERICK: Approximately
4 60,000 at 30 different sites, 30 scattered
5 sites. It's a good program. Essentially
6 it's an extension of our food program that's
7 run during the course of the school year.

8 Over the past number of months,
9 we've been working with Island Care and Long
10 Island Harvest to try to identify some new
11 opportunities. So this year we are just
12 really solidifying where we are and the next
13 year trying to enhance the program.

14 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Legislator
15 Bynoe.

16 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you,
17 Chairwoman. Hi, Paul. So, are these meals
18 going to camps, or --

19 MR. BRODERICK: Yes, exactly,
20 going to community based organizations.

21 The way that the state
22 government, the way they identify it,
23 children in need it varies by zip codes.
24 Then the organization, not for profit, they
25 say, hey, we would like to open up the

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2 program.

3 It's saying that the site is
4 eligible and anyone that goes to that site
5 is covered by that umbrella statement of
6 eligibility. So the programs they can elect
7 to be opened as a four day or five day
8 program, and that's based on the provider's
9 request.

10 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: There was an
11 outreach that was undertaken by your
12 department?

13 MR. BRODERICK: We have done that
14 but it wasn't -- I think it could have been
15 more successful and we work with Long Island
16 Harvest and Island Care Food Pantries, we
17 have been working with them to identify some
18 new opportunities for next year because even
19 in the interim working with our homeless,
20 population, educating homeless population
21 that we serve, how to purchase nutritious
22 food items on a SNAP budget, how to prepare
23 healthy meals on a SNAP budget.

24 It's really expanding our
25 programs beyond this summer program. So we

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2 hope to have a more vital program next year
3 after working closely with them in the
4 coming months.

5 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Okay. Let me
6 know if I can be of help with the outreach.

7 MR. BRODERICK: Absolutely. If
8 there's opportunities, if anyone thinks of
9 anything, by all means, we're always open to
10 it.

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Very good.
12 I'll keep that in mind. Could you send me a
13 little blurb about the program? I suspect
14 maybe the whole body might want to receive
15 it.

16 MR. BRODERICK: I will send it to
17 the Presiding Officer and Kevan's office as
18 well.

19 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: The sites
20 that the lunches are sent to, I'm just going
21 to make up a number, say you have 250 young
22 people at a particular site, and 200 are
23 eligible, so 200 lunches are sent and the 50
24 that are not eligible don't get lunch?

25 MR. BRODERICK: Well, I wouldn't

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2 say that because it's all based on the state
3 requirements. So if they have to estimate
4 up front, beginning of the year to say how
5 many days they're open, that's pretty much a
6 given.

7 Then they come up with a number
8 and estimate how many kids are attending and
9 then just do the math. How many days a week
10 they're open, six weeks is the length of the
11 program, we'll come up with an estimate.

12 If they say that a child is going
13 away on vacation, they notice the first day
14 they have an extra meal, they have a
15 requirement on them to advise us as to the
16 kid is not going to be around, we don't want
17 to waste meals.

18 Some of the food is like fruit
19 and stuff, so they can give it to other
20 kids, so many different complicated rules
21 associated with the program.

22 So as part of this program here,
23 we have monitors that go out and assist them
24 with making sure that they adhere to state
25 regulations.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: But the state
3 regulation only gives them the food for the
4 students that are eligible?

5 MR. BRODERICK: No, no. Actually
6 whoever is attending. So if a child signs
7 up, they don't ask the family. If the site
8 is designated as -- it doesn't transcend
9 further from that. It's just saying that if
10 the site is eligible, whatever child is
11 attending is good to go.

12 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Okay. Even
13 though during the school year that child
14 might not get a lunch from them but in the
15 summer they still could?

16 MR. BRODERICK: That's correct.

17 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Any other
18 questions from the legislators?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Any public comment?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 All those in favor of Clerk Item
23 243-17 signify by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Any opposed?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Any abstentions?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 That will move on to Finance.

6 Thank you very much,

7 Mr. Broderick. Seeing no more business, a
8 motion to adjourn, please.

9 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

11 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Motion by
12 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Legislator
13 Kennedy. All in favor signify by saying
14 aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 Any opposed?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 The committee is adjourned and we
19 move on to Finance.

20 (Whereupon, the Health and Social
21 Services Committee adjourned at 3:26 p.m.)

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