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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Presiding Officer

PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS COMMITTEE

VINCENT MUSCARELLA, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 5, 2018
2:58 P.M.

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A P P E A R A N C E S :

VINCENT MUSCARELLA,
Chairman

C. WILLIAM GAYLOR, III
Vice Chairman

LAURA SCHAEFER

JAMES KENNEDY

SIELA BYNOE,
Ranking

ARNOLD DRUCKER

JOSHUA LAFAZAN

MICHAEL PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature

1 Public Works and Parks/1-5-18

2 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: I call the
3 Public Works and Parks Committee to order.
4 I will act as the clerk.

5 Legislator Kennedy?

6 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

7 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Legislator
8 Schaefer?

9 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

10 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Colonel
11 Gaylor?

12 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

13 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Legislator
14 Ranking Member Bynoe?

15 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

16 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Legislator
17 Drucker?

18 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

19 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Legislator
20 Lafazan?

21 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

22 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: We have a
23 quorum.

24 We have two items on the agenda.
25 They are Procedural Resolutions Number 1 and

1 Public Works and Parks/1-5-18
2 Number 2. Procedural Resolution 1 of 2018
3 is a resolution to adopt a proposed
4 statement of purpose for the Public Works
5 and Parks Committee pursuant to the rules
6 and procedure of the Nassau County
7 Legislature.

8 May I have a motion?

9 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

10 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved by
12 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Legislator
13 Kennedy. The item is before us. Do we have
14 any public comment or discussion?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Ms. Mereday.

17 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday,
18 Baldwin resident. Unfortunately I'd hoped
19 there would be more residents here but
20 unfortunately day meetings are not very
21 convenient, so Public Works is something
22 that is very significant for all of us when
23 we talk about our roads and contracts and
24 things of that nature.

25 Again, I cannot restate it enough

1 Public Works and Parks/1-5-18
2 that the policies and procedures that have
3 been in place, I'm hoping that they get a
4 review and an update as it pertains to the
5 changes that the body voted on particularly
6 with the incoming Inspector General, that
7 the contracting as well as the outreach and
8 inclusion, the model that was broken that
9 was ineffective in the past, it will not be
10 just used because that's the way it's always
11 been done.

12 We have to start looking at how
13 we are more inclusive and more engaging in
14 how we can about being more aggressive and
15 assertive in making that happen. So that's
16 why I am stressing emphatically for those
17 who are on this committee that we do engage
18 that a little bit more, that we don't see
19 the rubber stamping, and just asking the
20 questions because you all are representing
21 our interests.

22 So we are in these public
23 settings we need to hear from you. We don't
24 know what happens in your caucus meetings
25 behind closed doors. We need to hear what

1 Public Works and Parks/1-5-18
2 you're saying and we need to make sure it is
3 heard and on the record because too many
4 people are getting their news about our tax
5 dollars from Newsday, and that's your
6 designated publication. That's all well and
7 good, but we didn't elect Newsday. We
8 elected all of you.

9 So we are looking to you to speak
10 to our interests when we are here for those
11 of us who have to be here and still have to
12 go about our daily routines. We pay the
13 second highest taxes in the country.

14 So, again, this is for those who
15 may not know who I am, that's not important.
16 But I'm just hoping that you hear what it is
17 I'm saying because I'm not speaking in a
18 vacuum.

19 There are those businesses that
20 are out here are hurting, all of our
21 businesses, majority, minority, the veteran
22 owned businesses. We need to have the
23 representation that's been elected to speak
24 to our needs and we need to hear what our
25 representatives are saying on the record.

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2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Before I
4 call for a vote, I'm also going to call for
5 Procedural Resolution 2-2018, a resolution
6 to adopt the proposed rules of procedure of
7 the Public Works and Parks Committee
8 pursuant to the rules of procedure of the
9 Nassau County Legislature.

10 Any other discussion on that?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 Is there any public comment?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 All those in favor of adopting
15 these rules signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Those opposed say no.

18 (No verbal response.)

19 The ayes are above the nos. The
20 items pass unanimously. There being no
21 other business, a motion to adjourn.

22 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved by
25 Legislator Schaefer, seconded by Colonel

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2 Gaylor. All those in favor of adjourning
3 please say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Any opposed?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 We are adjourned.

8 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Next
9 committee is Finance which is chaired by
10 Legislator Howard Kopel.

11 (Whereupon, the Public Works and
12 Parks Committee adjourned at 3:02 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the State of New
York, do hereby stated:

THAT I attended at the time and place
above mentioned and took stenographic record
of the proceedings in the above-entitled
matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true
and accurate transcript of the same and the
whole thereof, according to the best of my
ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this 19th day of January, 2018.

FRANK GRAY