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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Presiding Officer

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND THE
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

LAURA SCHAEFER, Chairwoman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 11, 2021
2:45 P.M

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

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4 LAURA SCHAEFER ,
 Chairwoman5 THOMAS MCKEVITT ,
 Vice Chairman

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7 STEVEN RHOADS

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9 DENISE FORD

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11 ARNOLD DRUCKER ,
 Ranking

12 CARRIE SOLAGES

13 SIELA BYNOE

14 MICHAEL PULITZER ,
 Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

TORI KASO 5
BRIAN SCHNEIDER 7
JOHN BUDNICK 8

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2 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: At this
3 time I will call the Planning, Development
4 and Environment Committee to order. I will
5 ask the clerk to please call the roll.

6 CLERK PULITZER: Yes, ma'am.
7 Planning, Development and Environment
8 Committee roll call. Legislator Carrie
9 Solages?

10 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

11 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Siela
12 Bynoe?

13 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

14 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
15 Arnold Drucker?

16 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
18 Steven Rhoads?

19 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman
21 Thomas McKevitt?

22 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Chairwoman Laura
24 Schaefer?

25 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Here.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

3 Denise Ford?

4 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

5 CLERK PULITZER: We have a

6 quorum.

7 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Thank you.

8 We have one item on the agenda. The item is

9 Clerk Item 22-21, it's an ordinance

10 supplemental to an appropriation ordinance

11 in connection with Parks, Recreation and

12 Museums.

13 May I have a motion, please?

14 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Second.

16 CLERK PULITZER: So moved by

17 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator

18 Drucker. The item is before us.

19 MS. KASO: Tori Kaso from the

20 Department of Parks.

21 This is a supplemental

22 appropriation in the amount of \$459,000. It

23 is the funds anticipated to be collected

24 from the Port Washington Water District

25 easement which was passed last month I

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2 believe.

3 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Do we have
4 any debate or discussion on this item?
5 Legislator Bynoe.

6 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you,
7 Madam Chairwoman. Hi Tori, how are you?
8 How are you planning to use the money?

9 MS. KASO: As per the New York
10 State legislation, it has to be put in for
11 capital improvements at Christopher Morley
12 Park.

13 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Are there any
14 specific improvements that they are planning
15 there at that park using that money?

16 MS. KASO: I don't believe there
17 is anything tied specifically to this money
18 yet.

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Is there a
20 plan to come back to us and let us know what
21 it specifically will be used for?

22 MS. KASO: We can certainly do
23 that.

24 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I think we
25 would be interested to hear, it's half a

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2 million dollars almost. We would like to
3 see what it is. I see Brian is approaching.

4 MR. SCHNEIDER: Brian Schneider,
5 deputy County Executive for Parks and Public
6 Works.

7 Legislator, the funding that was
8 dedicated for Christopher Morley Park
9 through this easement is going to be
10 dedicated for the capital improvements
11 strictly at Morley. So it's not going to be
12 able to be utilized at any other park
13 facility. Similar to the payment from
14 Roslyn Water District for the stripping
15 tower also at Christopher Morley Park.

16 So that would basically be
17 augmented by the capital funds which were
18 previously approved by the Legislature for
19 capital improvements at Morley.

20 So it's basically going to go
21 into a single pot of money for all capital
22 improvements at Morley.

23 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So from what
24 I'm understanding, previous plans that had
25 improvements for Christopher Morley Park

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2 will have this funding offset those
3 projects?

4 MR. SCHNEIDER: That's correct.

5 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So they have
6 already been approved through a capital
7 plan?

8 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yes.

9 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Excellent.
10 Thank you.

11 MR. SCHNEIDER: You're welcome.

12 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Actually, I
13 have another question for you, Brian, will
14 there be additional funding in the future
15 that comes from the easement?

16 MR. SCHNEIDER: This is a one
17 shot deal strictly for the fair market value
18 of the property that's going to be utilized
19 through the easement.

20 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Thank you.
21 Is there any public comment on this item?
22 Mr. Budnick.

23 MR. BUDNICK: John Budnick, 122
24 Von Huenfeld Street, Massapequa Park. I'm
25 inquiring as to whether with reference to

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2 the system that's being installed at
3 Christopher Morley to stop the toxic waste
4 plume that is under the park?

5 I would just inquire as to
6 whether these funds are for that purpose or
7 some other purpose and note with regards to
8 that particular purpose the recycling of the
9 water to get out the toxic waste, eventually
10 there will probably be a New York State
11 legislative approval of that, under the New
12 York State parks doctrine? Thank you.

13 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Brian, can
14 you answer that for him?

15 MR. SCHNEIDER: So if you recall,
16 last year we came in front of this body
17 after the state Legislature passed an
18 alienation for the approval of an advanced
19 observation treatment system center which we
20 removed 1-4 dioxane, what Mr. Budnick is
21 referring to.

22 This project will be -- actually
23 the funds for this project is for the
24 easement. The project itself which is going
25 to be funded entirely by the Port Washington

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2 Water District is for the installation of
3 the advanced AOP system which would remove
4 the 1-4 dioxane.

5 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Okay.

6 Thank you.

7 All those in favor of passing
8 this item please signify by saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 Those opposed?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 The item passes unanimously.

13 There are no other items before this
14 committee, can I have a motion to adjourn?

15 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Second.

17 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Moved by
18 Legislator McKevitt, seconded by Legislator
19 Drucker.

20 All those in favor signify by
21 saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 Those opposed?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 The committee is now adjourned.

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2 (Whereupon, the Planning,
3 Development and Environment Committee
4 adjourned at 2:50 p.m.)
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I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
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whole thereof, according to the best of my
ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
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FRANK GRAY