

1

2

3

4

5

6 NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

7

8 RICHARD NICOLELLO

9 PRESIDING OFFICER

10

11 TOWNS, VILLAGES AND CITIES

12 COMMITTEE

13

14 LEGISLATOR C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III

15 CHAIR

16

17

18 Theodore Roosevelt Building

19 1550 Franklin Avenue

20 Mineola, New York

21

22

23 June 14, 2021

24 2:52 P.M.

25

1

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

3

4 LEGISLATOR C. WILLIAM GAYLOR

5 Chair

6

7 LEGISLATOR LAURA SCHAEFER

8 Vice Chair

9

10 LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY

11

12 LEGISLATOR VINCENT MUSCARELLA

13

14 LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN

15 Ranking member

16

17 LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

18

19 LEGISLATOR ELLEN BIRNBAUM

20

21

22

23

24

25

1 Towns Villages - 6-14-21

2 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: At this time
3 I would like to call the Towns, Villages and
4 Cities Committee to order. I'll ask the clerk
5 to call the roll.

6 MR. PULITZER: Thank you. Town,
7 Villages and Cities Committees roll call.
8 Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton.

9 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
10 Here.

11 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Ellen
12 Birnbaum.

13 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

14 MR. PULITZER: Ranking Member
15 Joshua Lafazan.

16 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

17 MR. PULITZER: Thank you.
18 Legislator Vincent Muscarella.

19 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: I'm here.

20 MR. PULITZER: Legislator James
21 Kennedy.

22 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

23 MR. PULITZER: Vice Chairwoman
24 Laura Schaefer.

25 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

1 Towns Villages - 6-14-21

2 MR. PULITZER: Chairman C.

3 William Gaylor III.

4 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

5 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum
6 sir.

7 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Thank you
8 very much. There's one item on the agenda
9 today which is clerk item 190-21. Clerk item
10 190-21 is an ordinance to implement the local
11 government assistance program in Nassau
12 County.

13 May I have a motion. Moved by
14 Legislator Muscarella. Seconded by Legislator
15 Lafazan. Thank you. The item is before us.
16 Do we have someone from the administration?

17 MR. PERSICH: Andy Persich,
18 Office of Management and Budget. This is the
19 annual renewal of the legislation for the
20 local government assistance award to both
21 towns and villages. We're still waiting for
22 census data. But, to be prudent, we're trying
23 to get the monies out to the towns first. The
24 village numbers may change slightly based on
25 when we get the census data which is being

1 Towns Villages - 6-14-21

2 delayed.

3 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Is there a
4 means for you to amend this if the 2020 census
5 data comes in before the end of the year?

6 MR. PERSICH: We will be back to
7 you because the villages' rates are set at a
8 fix amount that we have to come back to you
9 and tell you that the numbers might have
10 changed slightly. But to be prudent to the
11 towns, we pay them quarterly, village payment
12 is made once. So what we're going to have to
13 do is true it up with the fourth payment once
14 we have the census data.

15 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: That one-time
16 payment to the villages that will come after
17 December 31st?

18 MR. PERSICH: Once the census
19 data comes out we will come back to you and
20 amend what the village piece is. This way we
21 can get the payments out to the towns first.

22 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So we don't
23 forecast a number to the village until we know
24 for sure? Because I don't want to say we
25 forecasted a higher number, it changes with

1 Towns Villages - 6-14-21

2 the census and you've to come back and ask for
3 a refund.

4 MR. PERSICH: We're not planning
5 on paying the villages as of yet. That's the
6 reason -- because the towns at least I have a
7 clawback on it. With the villages I don't.
8 It's a set amount. It's not based on like a
9 percentage.

10 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Understood.
11 Do we have any other debate or discussion?
12 Legislator Birnbaum.

13 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: I just have
14 a question. Could you tell us how COVID
15 impacted the amounts that we have to pay out
16 this year versus last year or the year
17 before?

18 MR. PERSICH: The village piece
19 is a set amount. It's a function of sales
20 tax. So if sales tax goes up they get more.
21 If sales tax goes down they get -- it's a
22 proportional ratio of what it is.

23 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Right. So
24 how would you say the '21 numbers were
25 compared to the '20 numbers?

1 Towns Villages - 6-14-21

2 MR. PERSICH: They're higher than
3 last year.

4 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Do you know
5 what percent?

6 MR. PERSICH: I don't have the
7 percentage off the top of my head.

8 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Any other
9 legislators? Any public comment? All those
10 in favor of passing this item please signify
11 by saying aye. Any opposed? The item passes
12 unanimously.

13 There being no other business
14 before the committee may I have a motion to
15 adjourn. So moved by Legislator
16 DeRiggi-Whitton. Seconded by Legislator
17 Schaefer. Thank you.

18 There being no other business
19 before the committee may I have a motion to
20 adjourn. Did that already. Sorry about
21 that. The committee is now adjourned.

22 (Committee adjourned at 2:55 p.m.)

23

24

25

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

CERTIFICATION

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

THAT the foregoing is a true and
accurate transcript of my stenographic
notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of
June 2021

FRANK GRAY