

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEES MEETING

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JAMES KENNEDY, CHAIRMAN

VETERANS COMMITTEE

County Executive and Legislative Building

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, May 8, 2023

8:25 p.m.

TAKEN BY: KAREN LORENZO, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

A P P E A R A N C E S

LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY Chair

LEG. C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III Vice Chair

LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER

LEGISLATOR MAZI MELESA PILIP

LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE Ranking

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON

LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN (ABSENT)

MICHAEL PULITZER Clerk of the Legislature

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3 CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: At this time, I
4 will call the Veterans Committee to
5 order. I will ask the Clerk to call the
6 roll, please.

7 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.
8 Veterans. Legislator Joshua Lafazan?

9 (Whereupon, no verbal
10 response.)

11 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Delia
12 DeRiggi-Whitton?

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

14 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
15 Debra Mule?

16 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Mazi
18 Pilip?

19 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Rose
21 Marie Walker?

22 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

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

25 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Here.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Chairman James
3 Kennedy?

4 CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Here.

5 CLERK PULITZER: We gave a quorum,
6 sir.

7 CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Okay. There is
8 one item on the agenda today, which is
9 Clerk Item 175-23 a Resolution to waive
10 fees charged by Nassau County to any post
11 or hall owned by a not for profit
12 congressionally chartered veterans
13 organization located in Nassau County.

14 May I have a motion?

15 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

16 CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Move by
17 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
18 Gaylor.

19 Okay. The item is before us.

20 In November 2019, New York State
21 enacted County law 226-C, which
22 authorizes the Nassau County Legislature
23 to waive fees to any post or hall owned
24 by a not for profit congressionally
25 chartered veterans organization located

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2 within its jurisdiction.

3 The proposed resolution implements
4 this fee waiver pursuant to state law.
5 The fees waived are those charged by the
6 County, including but not those charged
7 by the Department of Public Works and the
8 Nassau County Police Department. Fees
9 charged by towns, villages and cities are
10 not waived pursuant to this resolution.

11 Further, the proposed item requires
12 the County to refund all fees received on
13 or after November 11th, 2019, upon
14 application by a veterans organization
15 within 60 days of the application.

16 American Legions and VFW, which
17 qualify for fee waivers, provide integral
18 services to our veterans and their
19 families and they've suffered tremendous
20 financial losses as a result of the COVID
21 19 pandemic.

22 So the goal of this proposed
23 resolution is to provide some relief in
24 the event that qualifying entities wish
25 to improve their properties.

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2 Any debate or discussion?

3 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Can I
4 just ask you one question? Do you have an
5 idea how much it is? I of course fully
6 support this, I'm just curious how much
7 we charge them.

8 CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: All right. I
9 don't know the exact amount. It's not a
10 tremendous amount. There's only a handful
11 across the county. I don't think it
12 amounts to very much.

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Okay.
14 So anything that they paid after November
15 11, 2019 shall be refunded upon
16 application. So are we going to notify
17 them that they're eligible for a refund?

18 CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Yes. We'll try
19 to get the word out to them.

20 (Whereupon, off the record
21 discussion.)

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Thank
23 you.

24 CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Any public
25 comment?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: All right. All
those in favor of passing this item,
please signify by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of
the Veterans Committee respond
in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: All right. Item
passes unanimously. So it's six to
nothing and one absence, I guess.

There is no other business in front
of this Committee.

May I have a motion to adjourn?
Moved by Legislator Walker, seconded by
legislator Pilip.

All in favor?

(Whereupon, all members of
the Veterans Committee respond
in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY: This Committee is
now adjourned. Finance is next.

(Whereupon, the meeting is
adjourned, 8:29 p.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF NEW YORK)

: SS.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public
for and within the State of New York, do
hereby certify:

That the above is a correct
transcription of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 8th day of May, 2023.

Karen Lorenzo

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