

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEES MEETING

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

HOWARD KOPEL

CHAIRMAN

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A P P E A R A N C E S

LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL CHAIRMAN

LEGISLATOR JOHN FERRETTI VICE CHAIRMAN

LEGISLATOR THOMAS MCKEVITT (RECUSED 404)

LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER

LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER RANKING MEM.

LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES

LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN (Absent)

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MICHAEL PULITZER Clerk of the Legislature

A L S O    A P P E A R E D

LISA LOCURTO, DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY

COMMISSIONER BELYEA, PARKS DEPARTMENT

ANDY PERSICH, OMB

WILLIAM FIELD, POLICE DEPARTMENT

ALYSSA ZOHRABIAN, HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ADA MCDERMOTT, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

COMMISSIONER KEN ARNOLD, PUBLIC WORKS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MR. SCHNEIDER

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Mike, will you,  
please, call the roll?

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, sir.  
Finance Committee roll call Finance.

Legislator Joshua Lafazan is absent.

Legislator Carrie A. Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member  
Arnold Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Rose  
Marie Walker?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Thomas  
McKevitt?

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman John  
Ferretti?

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Chairman Howard  
Kopel?

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: I am here.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,  
3 sir.

4 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you.

5 Okay. First we will start with a  
6 motion to suspend the Rules. Motion is  
7 made by Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr.  
8 Drucker. All those in favor of  
9 suspending the Rules, say "Aye".

10 (Whereupon, all members of  
11 the Finance Committee respond  
12 in favor with, "Aye".)

13 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

14 (Whereupon, no verbal  
15 response.)

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: The Rules are  
17 suspended.

18 We have a few Consent Items which  
19 have gone through previous Committees,  
20 and it has been agreed by the Majority  
21 and Minority that the require no further  
22 debate or discussion. Those items are:

23 396; 397; 401; and on the Addendum  
24 410 and 414.

25 Motion by Ms. Solages, seconded by

Mr. McKevitt.

All those in favor of those items,  
please so indicate by saying, "Aye".

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

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal  
response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those items pass  
unanimously.

Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. I am going to  
3 now call a bunch of items together. All  
4 of these items refer to regulating the  
5 assessment rolls for various  
6 municipalities. And those are items  
7 numbers: 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366,  
8 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 373, 374, 375,  
9 376, 377, 378, 379, 383, 381, 382, 383,  
10 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, and 389.

11 Motion by Mr. McKevitt, seconded by  
12 Ms. Walker.

13 All those in favor of those items,  
14 please so indicate by saying, "Aye".

15 (Whereupon, all members of  
16 the Finance Committee respond  
17 in favor with, "Aye".)

18 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

19 (Whereupon, no verbal  
20 response.)

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those items pass  
22 unanimously.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Number 351. Is a  
3 resolution to authorize execution of a  
4 tax exemption extension agreement between  
5 the County of Nassau and Sunny Lane of  
6 Bethpage Development Company.

7 Motion by Mr. Drucker, seconded by  
8 Mr. Ferretti.

9 Do we have someone on that item? And  
10 Mr. Schneider, you just one moment till  
11 the Administration presents. And I should  
12 tell you, Mr. Schneider, I don't think  
13 there's going to be a lot of worry about  
14 it. So. You can feel free to come up and  
15 speak anyway, but that's up to you.

16 Lisa?

17 MS. LOCURTO: Thank you, Legislator.  
18 Lisa Locurto, Deputy County Attorney,  
19 County Attorney's Office.

20 This item, which is before you,  
21 legislators, is for a tax exemption  
22 agreement for affordable senior housing  
23 cooperative apartments. 351 is Sunny Lane  
24 within the Town of Oyster Bay. I know it  
25 wasn't cold, but 352 is also a Central



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2 Park estate is another --

3 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Why don't I go  
4 ahead and I can call all of those, and  
5 then you can talk to all of them.

6 So I've already called 351, 352,  
7 353, 354 relate to tax exemption  
8 extension agreements between,  
9 respectively, Central Park Estates  
10 Redevelopment Company, Oceanside Cove  
11 Redevelopment and the Meadows  
12 Redevelopment Company. And motion on that  
13 is Mr. McKevitt, seconded by Ms. Walker.  
14 Now please go ahead and all of them.

15 Thank you.

16 MS. LOCURTO: Thank you. These tax  
17 abatement agreements which we are  
18 extending are created under the Public  
19 Housing Finance Law Section 125. Their  
20 purpose is to encourage and enable  
21 private developers to create affordable  
22 housing. The statute dictates the  
23 percentages of abatement that are to be  
24 applied to the assessed values of the  
25 properties. The current exemptions are

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2           expiring. What we're attempting to do  
3           here is to continue to make the senior  
4           cooperatives that exist in the Town of  
5           Hempstead and the Town of Oyster Bay to  
6           continue to be affordable. And under the  
7           statute, it permits up to a one time  
8           extension. When you exercise that  
9           extension, you can extend it to a maximum  
10          of 25 years. We're extending it for 25  
11          years. All these resolutions, actually  
12          the County is the pass through providing  
13          because we're the taxing authority on  
14          behalf of the towns and the special  
15          districts and the schools. All of these  
16          abatements were approved by town  
17          resolutions and are authorized by the  
18          towns. This will put them on the roll and  
19          enable the abatements to continue.

20               The goal here is to continue to  
21               provide affordable housing for our  
22               seniors. I know counsel is going to come  
23               up and speak to see if there could be a  
24               greater type of exemption. We can't do  
25               that because we're constrained by what

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2 the state law does. But we did put into  
3 the agreements that should there be a  
4 change in state law, that the County  
5 would be happy to go back and amend these  
6 agreements. So those are the four that  
7 are before you and we recommend  
8 approving.

9 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you. Any  
10 questions, any debate?

11 (Whereupon, no verbal  
12 response.)

13 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Mr. Schneider,  
14 would you care to add something?

15 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yes.

16 Thank you. Thank you very much.  
17 Appreciate the opportunity to speak with  
18 all of you today. And Ms. Locurto hit on  
19 some of the important issues. I'm not  
20 here today to -- I understand that you  
21 are likely to approve these, but I want  
22 all of you to understand the greater  
23 issue that's before you.

24 Sunny Lane at Bethpage Redevelopment  
25 Company Owners Corp. is a senior housing

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2 community that was formed under the Town  
3 of Oyster Bay program, the S2 program for  
4 seniors 62 years in age and older. There  
5 are many similar co-ops within the Town  
6 of Oyster Bay, and as you can see, many  
7 others within the county.

8 When these co-ops were created, they  
9 were afforded this PILOT so that they  
10 could be affordable. The key word here is  
11 affordability. And you heard Ms. Locurto  
12 say that the PILOT provided a significant  
13 exemption on the payment of certain  
14 property taxes. This made sense since  
15 these seniors don't use the school  
16 systems, amongst other resources.

17 Enter the problem. The PILOT  
18 agreements were granted pursuant to the  
19 Private Housing Finance law. Because  
20 Sunny Lane is a mutual redevelopment  
21 company, as are many of the other ones  
22 that you are going to be faced with and  
23 have here today, as well as many others  
24 that are going to continue to expire  
25 pursuant to the following private Housing

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2 Finance Law provision, the agreement can  
3 only be renewed once for a 25 year  
4 period, and even worse, it cannot be  
5 renewed on the exact same terms as  
6 presently exist. And that's what I think  
7 you did not hear yet today.

8 Instead, the agreement is limited to  
9 two years at the same rate of exemption  
10 that the expiring agreement provided,  
11 which I believe was a 94% exemption. And  
12 then the benefits sharply slides down  
13 until these thousands of seniors lose  
14 their benefit completely. The present  
15 Private Housing Finance Law section  
16 provides that the rate of exemption shall  
17 not exceed an average of 50% during the  
18 extended term, and the first two years of  
19 the extended term shall continue at a  
20 rate of existence immediately preceding  
21 the expiration of the initial 25 year  
22 term, and thereafter shall be decreased  
23 in equal biennial decrements.

24 What does that mean? It means there  
25 will be no more affordability to these

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2 co-ops, where the shareholders and owners  
3 are limited in what they can sell their  
4 units for, and whose purchasers have  
5 restrictions based on their income  
6 eligibility.

7 Well, for these seniors, clearly  
8 this would not have been the intent when  
9 the PILOT agreements were entered into.  
10 And like many laws which provide benefits  
11 of this length of time, it's often not  
12 contemplated what will happen when that  
13 time comes.

14 Well, for these seniors, that time  
15 is now. My firm represents many of these  
16 communities. I'm imploring all of you to  
17 act now. A new law needs to be adopted so  
18 that these benefits are not lost and  
19 Nassau County does not wind up with a  
20 crisis as a result of the increased cost  
21 that these senior citizens will have to  
22 pay for taxes that are not contemplated  
23 by the County. This would be a windfall  
24 to the County at the expense of senior  
25 citizens who paid Nassau County taxes for

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2 years, and need the affordable housing to  
3 remain in Nassau County. Remember, the  
4 applicants and purchasers had to reside  
5 in the Town of Oyster Bay to be able to  
6 apply for and qualify for one of these  
7 units.

8 In that regard, in the interim, I  
9 requested the County consider the  
10 following language to the proposed  
11 agreement, which you are considering here  
12 today. While the legislator hopefully  
13 considers the necessary amendment to the  
14 private housing finance law, once a new  
15 law comes in place, it can be changed.  
16 You heard, Ms. Locurto (buzzer) -- if I  
17 could have just a few more seconds, that  
18 would be appreciated.

19 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Yeah, sure.

20 MR. SCHNEIDER: Because it's a very  
21 important issue. Thank you.

22 You heard Ms. Locurto say that they  
23 put language into the agreement that says  
24 that the County would be happy to amend  
25 them. That's not exactly what's in the

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2 agreement. What's in the agreement is a  
3 section that says this agreement may be  
4 modified only by written instrument, duly  
5 executed by the parties hereto, and shall  
6 be construed and interpreted, and may be  
7 modified in accordance with the laws of  
8 the State of New York. Now it will be. We  
9 know that a law needs to be passed.

10 There's been back and forth over whether  
11 it's a State Law or it's a Home Rule Law.  
12 We'll get to that in a second. I  
13 requested that the language that be added  
14 would state in that regard to the extent  
15 the law is amended, modified or repealed  
16 so as to eliminate or modify the  
17 requirement of Article Five, Section 120  
18 51A to limit the extension of the tax  
19 agreement to be only for one 25-year  
20 period and at a rate of tax exemption,  
21 not to exceed an average of 50% of the  
22 tax exemption originally afforded to  
23 Sunny Lane during such additional  
24 period--

25 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Mr. Schneider, it



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2 seems to me that that your primary issue  
3 is, of course, is the state law because  
4 this goes as far as the state is going to  
5 allow. I am not sure, and I'd have to get  
6 advice of counsel, but I'm not sure that  
7 that we're even able to, the County, we  
8 being the County that were able to do a  
9 contract now that prospectively will go  
10 ahead and change this the commitment of  
11 the County based upon something that the  
12 State may or may not do in the future. I  
13 don't think that's doable. I could be  
14 wrong, but I believe counsel is nodding.  
15 So I think that that is the case.

16 And I'll also say that as you can  
17 see, there is there is an appetite here  
18 to make sure that the seniors do get the  
19 maximum that is due that is possible. And  
20 so therefore, I would feel rather  
21 sanguine about the likelihood that once  
22 the State, if and when the State does  
23 amend the law, that we will go ahead and  
24 do the same here.

25 So right now -- and I'll say one

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2 last thing. If we don't pass this now,  
3 it's going to go over till next year  
4 because. Because it's not going to happen  
5 this minute --

6 MR. SCHNEIDER: I'm not suggesting  
7 that you're not passing. I think I  
8 started out by saying I expect you to and  
9 I I'm fine with that. And I will tell you  
10 that I have had discussion with the  
11 County Attorney's Office regarding that  
12 exact language. We could differ on what  
13 can be done if a law is passed and the  
14 law is the law, why wouldn't the  
15 agreement automatically? Why wouldn't the  
16 Legislature comply with the law?

17 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: You know, we can go  
18 around and round with that, but it's not  
19 going to really accomplish anything right  
20 here.

21 I think what we have before us is  
22 good. Hopefully, we'll get better going  
23 in the future. But meanwhile, let's not  
24 be let not have the better be the enemy  
25 of the good. And let's get this done.

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2 MR. SCHNEIDER: I'm with you. My  
3 only closing point, my point of  
4 presenting today, was so that everybody  
5 is aware of the issue, because we've got  
6 legislators here, right, who have the  
7 ability and the power to make sure that  
8 this happens so that the seniors do not  
9 suffer, because I think, as we just heard  
10 from Ms. Locurto and from yourself, that  
11 certainly that is not the intent is to  
12 hurt seniors. We can prevent that. Right.  
13 And I think we need to put this as a high  
14 priority and make sure that it gets done,  
15 because this is not an issue that came up  
16 yesterday. I've been working on this  
17 issue now for a while, and so I implore  
18 all of you to please do what's necessary  
19 and make sure that our seniors are  
20 protected.

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you, Mr.  
22 Schneider.

23 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Mr. Schneider,  
24 listen, I agree with you 100%, but I just  
25 want to make sure you're very clear is

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2 that it's not the ability of the people  
3 in this panel to change this. You know,  
4 you have to work with the Senate and the  
5 Assembly. I've already spoken to some of  
6 them regarding it. We need to have a lot  
7 of conversations. And with the State in  
8 general, and my understanding is there  
9 may be some reluctance on the State not  
10 to do this again, not from our  
11 representatives, but we're having a  
12 change of state laws. This is something  
13 we need to move on as soon as possible.  
14 Get this moving, because if this doesn't  
15 get done, the ramifications can be quite  
16 drastic. I live literally one block away  
17 from the Meadows in East Meadow, and this  
18 will have devastating consequences on  
19 those people, so I'm very well aware of  
20 that. But again, we have a much more  
21 challenging battle with the State right  
22 now. We need to be united in that battle  
23 and move it through as quickly as  
24 possible.

25 MR. SCHNEIDER: I appreciate that.

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2 And what I'll say to you is that what I'm  
3 being told by at least one assembly  
4 person is that it's actually probably a  
5 local law that has to be enacted first.

6 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Might be. The  
7 problem is, is that right now it is the  
8 Private Housing Finance Law which one of  
9 the most, as an attorney worked with  
10 years ago, is one of the most convoluted  
11 written statutes there is. I mean, my  
12 head spins around going through it, and  
13 we would prefer it be considered local  
14 law because that's easier to be done than  
15 a State law. But at the end of the day,  
16 it's up to the Speaker's Office and the  
17 Majority Leaders Office how that's done.  
18 So we'll give that first shot. I agree  
19 it's the best strategy to go, but it may  
20 not work. Just saying.

21 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

22 I'm with you and I'm appreciative of  
23 the fact that that you appear to be  
24 working along behind the scenes with this  
25 as well, because it is going to have a

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2           drastic consequence.

3           And just, you know, I participate in  
4           a group of board members of the  
5           communities, the co-ops that are part of  
6           the Town of Oyster Bay housing units. And  
7           they are gravely, gravely concerned. And,  
8           you know, this is one here. We have  
9           another one that's coming up right behind  
10          it and a whole bunch more, because the 25  
11          years is coming due. And, you know, look,  
12          the private housing finance law section  
13          that it applies to, I agree with what Ms.  
14          Locurto said. It's normally typically for  
15          developer incentives, but developer  
16          incentives then turn into like a rental  
17          owner. Here we've got shareholders,  
18          their co-op shareholders. And this is not  
19          a situation where we want to say to them,  
20          well, you got your benefit. It's over.  
21          There are new people purchasing every day  
22          here, and of course, people that are  
23          living on fixed incomes in many of these  
24          communities. So I appreciate that and  
25          thank you very much.

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2                   LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: We are very  
3 aware.

4                   LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you,  
5 Chair. I appreciate that. And to echo  
6 Legislator McKeivitt's comments. I have  
7 recently spoken to directors and  
8 residents of two at least two other  
9 senior housing complexes in the Town of  
10 Oyster Bay in Woodbury. They're not the  
11 four that are here. Right. But I will  
12 tell you that the residents that I spoke  
13 to were panic stricken. And they  
14 reiterated to me that they were speaking  
15 to their state representatives, imploring  
16 them to act on this. And I, of course, am  
17 sympathetic and very interested, as all  
18 of us are. And, Tom, you've certainly  
19 expressed that. So am I to assume that  
20 because you're here today on Sunny Lane  
21 and Central Park Estates and the other  
22 two, that there are others in the Town of  
23 Oyster Bay that I know of that are not  
24 here. So that means they're going to be  
25 coming down the pike soon.

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MR. SCHNEIDER: You're 100% correct.

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There are many others. We're talking

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about thousands of seniors that are going

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to be impacted by this.

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LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Yeah, they were

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panic stricken. They basically, as we can

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all possibly imagine, someone who's,

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let's say in their 70s or 80s. Now, faced

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with the prospect of not being able to

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afford where they live is very scary.

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MR. SCHNEIDER: The housing was put

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in place for affordability. It's kind of

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totally contradictory, right? That's why

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I say this is one of those, I think,

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unintended consequences that needs to be

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fixed. I would be surprised if any

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assemblyman or senator would would think

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this was something that doesn't need to

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be done.

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LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I think you're

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preaching to the choir on both sides

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here, so that's not an issue.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: You may be

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surprised.



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2                   LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I'm hopeful.

3                   And I'm hoping that our state  
4                   representatives are very sympathetic to  
5                   and we should certainly monitor their  
6                   progress up in Albany. But this is a  
7                   worthy endeavor for all of us to get  
8                   behind.

9                   CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Ms. Walker.

10                  LEGISLATOR WALKER: Mr. Schneider, I  
11                  want to thank you, too. When this came to  
12                  me a good while back -- I don't live in  
13                  one of those developments, but I  
14                  represent the residents who do. And as  
15                  Legislator Drucker said, and Legislator  
16                  McKevitt, they were panic stricken and  
17                  their boards were panic stricken as to,  
18                  what are we doing here? And so right  
19                  away we got on it. We had our counsel  
20                  working with them too, and speaking with  
21                  them and getting all the information. And  
22                  it is something we can tell you that we  
23                  will be continuously working on here and  
24                  working with our state representatives,  
25                  who also represent those residents here.

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2 I just hope the rest of the state is  
3 equally willing to work with us and do  
4 the right thing for our seniors.

5 I wasn't on the Town Board when  
6 these first came to fruition, later, as  
7 additional ones were built. You know, I  
8 was a part of it and then moved on to the  
9 Legislature, but this was to make sure  
10 our residents could stay in their home  
11 communities and close by, be by their  
12 families and be able to live here. And we  
13 don't want to see them, especially now,  
14 as many of them have gotten older, we  
15 have enough issues to face with them as  
16 they've gotten older, because for some of  
17 them, it's hard for them to live by  
18 themselves anymore. So they have  
19 additional things to have to face. But  
20 it's something that we will all be  
21 working on together. And I'm sure the  
22 rest of us here, I know there's many more  
23 in the Town of Oyster Bay, but I'm sure  
24 there's others in Town of Hempstead in  
25 other places where they're going to be

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2           faced with the same issue.

3           MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah. No, you're  
4           100% correct. And I do want to thank you.  
5           I know you've been very helpful in the  
6           past to the Housing Board members and  
7           residents of the Town of Oyster Bay is  
8           program. The Town of Oyster Bay has also  
9           been very, very helpful. I know that  
10          they're fighting in the background too as  
11          well. But obviously anything that each of  
12          you can do to assist, obviously, with  
13          regard to the State would be certainly  
14          greatly appreciated, because it's a  
15          problem that I think none of us wanted on  
16          our doorstep when it comes.

17          LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I have one  
18          final question.

19          Just procedurally, if we pass these  
20          four resolutions and there's no state law  
21          in effect, what happens?

22          CHAIRMAN KOPEL: The state law does  
23          work now.

24          MR. SCHNEIDER: No, no. He's  
25          correct. What happens is, you're allowed

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2 a two year -- it's two years at the same  
3 rate. So most of the co-ops have a 94%  
4 exemption I think it is. And they're  
5 going to get two years of that. Now Sunny  
6 Lane, which is before you was already one  
7 year into it. So they're into their  
8 second year. So they're about to be in a  
9 situation. If you look at the schedules  
10 behind the agreements they decline  
11 rapidly after that. So they're going to  
12 wind up paying higher tax to the County  
13 very quickly.

14 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: If the  
15 resolutions are not passed?

16 MR. SCHNEIDER: No, no, no. If the  
17 resolutions are not passed, they lose  
18 their exemption completely. So passing  
19 the resolutions, I think everybody  
20 probably agrees --

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We're doing the  
22 maximum that we can do right now in state  
23 law --

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: We need to make sure  
25 that we don't just pass the resolutions

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2 and then do nothing. I've spoken to some  
3 people who don't even realize what these  
4 schedules are, they think their PILOTS  
5 are getting suspended.

6 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We need to all of  
7 us work towards getting the State to do  
8 what it needs to do, and then we can do  
9 what we need to do.

10 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I'm just trying  
11 to understand the ramifications of it  
12 now; right now.

13 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: It declines  
14 rapidly.

15 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Okay.

16 MR. SCHNEIDER: I've been told that  
17 that if we don't get these passed, that  
18 the Assessor's Office will then reassess  
19 them basically at their full value.  
20 They'll pay 100% tax.

21 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Immediately?

22 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, that's what  
23 I've been told.

24 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: That's what I  
25 wanted to know.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Lisa, did you have something to add?

MS. LOCURTO: That's what I was going to speak on.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Schneider.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor of numbers 351; 352; 353 and 354, please so indicated by saying, "Aye".

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

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those items pass unanimously.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Next item is number  
3 390. Which is a resolution authorizing  
4 the County Executive to execute a grant  
5 agreement. On behalf of Parks and the  
6 Community Healing and Caring Center, Inc.  
7 And there's a motion by Mr. McKeivitt,  
8 seconded by Mr. Solages.

9 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Good  
10 afternoon. Darcy Belyea, Parks  
11 Commissioner.

12 Presenting Hotel/Motel Tax Agreement  
13 again between the County and Community  
14 Healing and Caring Center Inc. A  
15 nonprofit organization based in Valley  
16 Stream. The requested amount of funding  
17 is \$6,757. The purpose of the agreement  
18 is to provide the organization to allow  
19 them to provide a program to youth to  
20 address issues of worthiness,  
21 accountability, and identity through  
22 dance and music.

23 Term of this agreement is April 1st,  
24 2023 through March 31st, 2024. The  
25 funding source is the Hotel/Motel Tax

1  
2 Grant Fund.

3 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay, you know  
4 what? They've got a few more I see. So  
5 let me call all of them and then we can  
6 go through all of them.

7 Numbers 391 is between Parks and  
8 North Shore Historical Museum; 392 is  
9 with East Meadow Public Library; 393 is  
10 with Cornell Cooperative Extension; And  
11 394 is with Elmont Cultural Center, DBA,  
12 Cultural Center.

13 Motion by Ms. Walker, seconded by  
14 Mr. Ferretti.

15 All right. Why don't you go through  
16 all of them, please?

17 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: So 391-23 is a  
18 Hotel/Motel tax credit agreement between  
19 the county and the North Shore Historical  
20 Museum in Glen Cove. The requested amount  
21 of funding is \$6,500. The purpose is for  
22 them to continue the restoration of the  
23 buildings storm windows 38 of 60 have  
24 been completed to historic preservation  
25 standards so far. This funding will allow



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2           them to do 5 or 6 more.

3           The term of this agreement is for  
4           one year from May 1st, 2023 to April  
5           30th, 2024. The funding source again is  
6           the Hotel/Motel Tax Grant fund.

7           392-23 again, Hotel/Motel Tax Grant  
8           agreement between the County and the East  
9           Meadow Public Library. The requested  
10          amount for this funding is \$10,000. The  
11          purpose of the agreement is for the  
12          library to provide two cultural programs  
13          a swing time big band concert for  
14          military veterans, and A Christmas Carol  
15          -- which I thought this was kind of  
16          cool-- performed by the great great  
17          grandson of the author, Charles Dickens.  
18          The term of this agreement is for one  
19          year commencing on October 1st, 2023 and  
20          ending on September 30th, 2024. Again  
21          funded by Hotel/Motel tax.

22                 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Does that great  
23                 grandson live here in Nassau County?

24                 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: I don't know,  
25                 I'm going to find out further. I'll let

1  
2 you know. I was I was prepping and I was  
3 like, oh, that's kind of cool.

4 393-23 is an agreement between the  
5 County Hotel/Motel Tax Grant Agreement  
6 and Cornell Cooperative Extension of  
7 Nassau County. As you all know, Cornell  
8 is housed in Eisenhower Park, where they  
9 hold a wonderful farmer's market each  
10 year. They also operate the East Meadow  
11 Farm and the Sleepaway Camp in  
12 partnership with the County. The  
13 requested amount is \$65,000. This funding  
14 will be used to continue programs for  
15 children and adults through the East  
16 Meadow Farm, and allow them to operate  
17 the farm stand there.

18 The term of this agreement is from  
19 June 1st, 2023 through May 31st, 2024,  
20 funded through the Hotel/Motel Tax Grant  
21 fund.

22 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

23 (Whereupon, no verbal  
24 response.)

25 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Finally --

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Sorry. I didn't  
3 realize you weren't finished. Go on,  
4 please.

5 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Item 394-23.  
6 Again, another Hotel/Motel Tax Grant  
7 Agreement between the County and the  
8 Elmont Cultural Center. The requested  
9 amount of this funding is \$6,757. The  
10 purpose is to support the annual  
11 Juneteenth cultural celebration held in  
12 the Argo neighborhood in Elmont, on  
13 Elmont Road and Village Avenue.

14 The term of this agreement is  
15 between April 11th, 2023 and March 31st,  
16 2024. Funding again, Hotel/Motel Tax  
17 Grant Fund.

18 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Now any  
19 questions?

20 Ms. Miss Walker.

21 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Quick question.  
22 Back on 393. How are they doing with the  
23 camp out east?

24 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: I'm told it  
25 needs a lot of work and that they want to

1  
2 encourage a meeting with the  
3 Administration. But right now, they are  
4 making that education center near the  
5 farm. So I think the focus will be on  
6 that. And then we're going to return to  
7 looking at that. I actually was out there  
8 early October and I drove through and it  
9 looks aged, but they have children coming  
10 and we just need to support them with  
11 some upkeep, possibly.

12 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Okay. I  
13 remember bringing my kids there.

14 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Probably  
15 hasn't changed since your kids were  
16 there.

17 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Probably not.  
18 And it probably needed some work back  
19 then.

20 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Yeah, and I'm  
21 not being funny. I'm serious.

22 LEGISLATOR WALKER: No, but it was a  
23 great place so you like to see it move  
24 forward and whatever upkeep they might  
25 need to refurbish it somehow and bring it

up to today's standards a little bit.

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Exactly.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Great. Thank  
you.

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: You're  
welcome.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any more?

(Whereupon, no verbal  
response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Hearing none. All  
those in favor of those items, please so  
indicate by saying, "Aye".

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

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal  
response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those items pass  
unanimously. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Number 398. Is  
3 appropriations ordinance in connection  
4 with Office of Management and Budget.

5 And that motion is made by Mr.  
6 McKevitt, seconded by Mr. Drucker.

7 Andy?

8 MR. PERSICH: Good afternoon. Andy  
9 Persich. Office of Management and Budget  
10 3.98 is five supplementals for Legal Aid  
11 and the 18B. The first one is for fourth  
12 counsel. They do these in distributions.  
13 So every year we have to redo them. So  
14 I'm going to go through them just go over  
15 the amounts.

16 Fourth counsel year one at first  
17 appearance is \$250,990.50. The second one  
18 is for year two, which is for the same  
19 amount. The third one is for distribution  
20 13 year one, which is again, this is for  
21 Legal Aid, and 18B. This money that gets  
22 distributed from New York State legal aid  
23 for \$640,854. Then there's year two for  
24 distribution 13, which is 480,076. And  
25 the last one is for distribution, 12 for

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2 698,604. These are recurring grants that  
3 come through from the State Legal Aid.  
4 And we have to redistribute them  
5 annually. So if there's any questions,  
6 I'm here to answer them.

7 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

8 (Whereupon, no verbal  
9 response.)

10 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor  
11 of those items, please so indicate by  
12 saying, "Aye".

13 (Whereupon, all members of  
14 the Finance Committee respond  
15 in favor with, "Aye".)

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

17 (Whereupon, no verbal  
18 response.)

19 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That item is  
20 unanimous.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: 399 and 400 are  
both transfers of appropriations.

Motion by Mr. Drucker, seconded by  
Mr. McKevitt.

Are you on? Both of them, Inspector?

INSPECTOR FIELD: I have 399.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Yes. Go ahead  
please.

INSPECTOR FIELD: Good afternoon.  
William Field, Inspector, Police  
Department.

Item 399-23 is two board transfers.  
The first board transfers The Motor  
Carrier 21 Grant. This will transfer  
funds from the salary to our general  
expense lines.

The second is the GIVE grant. This  
will transfer. Funding as well in order  
to maximize reimbursement for the County.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Thank you.  
400.

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2 MS. ZOHRABIAN: Good afternoon  
3 again. Alyssa Zohrabian, Health  
4 Department.

5 Item 423 contains two board  
6 transfers to maximize grant funding. The  
7 first one is in the amount of \$132, and  
8 that is for the early intervention grant.  
9 Savings and pension will be utilized to  
10 cover salary. The second one is in the  
11 amount of \$20,000, and it is for the Ryan  
12 White Part A grant fund saved in salary  
13 will be used to cover an increase in  
14 contractual services. Both programs are  
15 100% grant funded.

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you. Any  
17 questions?

18 (Whereupon, no verbal  
19 response.)

20 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor  
21 of those items, please so indicate by  
22 saying, "Aye".

23 (Whereupon, all members of  
24 the Finance Committee respond  
25 in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal  
response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those two items are  
unanimous.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Now, on to the  
3 Addendum. Numbers 402 and 403 are also  
4 transfers of appropriations. Motion by  
5 Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Ferretti.

6 MR. PERSICH: Andy Persich Office of  
7 Management and Budget.

8 Item 402 is just redistributing  
9 funds withinside the litigation fund as a  
10 result of an arbitration award for the  
11 Covid time during Covid for the CSEA  
12 employees, it's approximately \$28  
13 million. The distribution is to  
14 approximately 4200 individuals. And they  
15 vary in size based on the number of hours  
16 they worked. And basically it just  
17 settles an old claim. And this was part  
18 of the contract negotiations with CSEA.  
19 So it's been long out there. The  
20 liability was in excess of \$100 million.  
21 And the arbitration award came in at  
22 about 24 in total. But with fringe  
23 benefits it's another \$4 million making  
24 it almost \$28 million.

25 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: So any questions on

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2 this?

3 (Whereupon, no verbal  
4 response.)

5 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. Do you  
6 have 403 as well?

7 MR. PERSICH: Yes, I have 403.

8 Item 403 is a transfer of  
9 appropriations in the ARPA funds of \$10  
10 million. We had appropriated money into  
11 '23 budget into a General Reserve. We're  
12 now moving it out into a tourism line. As  
13 we all recall that the County lost  
14 approximately \$270 million, which I think  
15 is part of the grand scheme of we're  
16 going to take as revenue loss. As the  
17 clock is ticking on this money. We plan,  
18 once we have finalization between us and  
19 the Legislature, to move this money into  
20 a somewhat of a Tax Stabilization  
21 Reserve. Not sure how we're going to do  
22 that yet, but that's part of the plan  
23 that we have.

24 Economic headwinds haven't hit yet.  
25 But I do believe that we're headed down

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2 there, that we're going to be hitting a  
3 recession. And I keep saying that. But  
4 when that is, I don't know. And  
5 considering that inflation this year has  
6 been astronomical, it's going to be a  
7 little challenging for future budgets, as  
8 I can tell you, as the margins get  
9 thinner as we go along.

10 In addition, there will funds made  
11 available to this Legislative Body for  
12 special projects, along with the County  
13 Executive to give to the Legislature for  
14 special projects. But they have to be  
15 very project specific, meaning the  
16 non-recurring items that are in the  
17 budget, meaning that we want to give  
18 equipment, technology to whatever the  
19 legislature would like to do, and the  
20 Administration will work hand in hand  
21 with the Legislature on how we can  
22 disburse those funds.

23 The \$10 million item before you  
24 right now is monies to be spent for the  
25 what we're going to call the "125th

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2 Anniversary of the County", that the plan  
3 is to get some advertising out there and  
4 have a big event, because this is a thing  
5 that promotes tourism and fits with  
6 conformity of the ARPA funds. And we  
7 believe that this based on what we spent  
8 the previous money on, it's been very  
9 successful with the concert series that  
10 we have with the park, with Joan Jett and  
11 all the other things that we did. We  
12 believe this will be a big success.

13 The County Executive is going to be  
14 putting a plan together in January, going  
15 to be soliciting the Legislature to  
16 figure out what's the best way to handle  
17 this money. And any of these monies that  
18 will be spent will have to go through you  
19 with contracts and everything else, but  
20 we need to get the ball rolling in order  
21 to make the plan in order to effectuate  
22 this.

23 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: This is just to  
24 make the funding available, but it's not  
25 for a specific item.

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2 MR. PERSICH: We're just moving it  
3 so that we can get the plan rolling,  
4 because it's going to take us time to  
5 develop this plan.

6 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: And it doesn't  
7 preclude us moving ahead with other ARPA  
8 money projects?

9 MR. PERSICH: Nope.

10 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay, fine.

11 MR. PERSICH: We haven't touched it.  
12 We had money set aside. We just  
13 appropriated all the money and now we're  
14 just starting to spend it. But sooner or  
15 later we're going to have to move the  
16 rest of the money because the clock is  
17 ticking. It needs to be obligated by  
18 2024. So we're getting we're getting  
19 close to that time frame.

20 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

21 Mr. Solages?

22 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.

23 Thank you very much, Chair.

24 I'm just trying to understand this  
25 better. What do you mean by galas? I

1  
2 mean, is my constituent, Tyrone Jones,  
3 invited to this gala?

4 MR. PERSICH: It's going to be open  
5 to all county residents. I think there's  
6 a plan. I don't have specifics.

7 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Do they have to  
8 wear a bow tie? What do you mean?

9 MR. PERSICH: I think there's a plan  
10 to celebrate the County's 125th  
11 anniversary that will benefit all  
12 residents if they choose to attend these  
13 events. I don't think it's just going to  
14 be one event. I think it's going to be  
15 several things. I don't have a formulated  
16 plan yet, so I can't give you the  
17 specifics, but it's going to be open to  
18 all county residents because that's the  
19 only way we could do this.

20 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Really. Who's  
21 doing the invitation list?

22 MR. PERSICH: I can't answer that. I  
23 don't think it'll be an invitation list.  
24 I think there'll be a lot of advertising  
25 telling people that we're going to have



1  
2 these events at different locations.

3 Again, I can't speak to the specifics  
4 because we don't have a defined plan yet,  
5 but we need to have the money in place in  
6 order to effectuate that plan.

7 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I don't  
8 understand, I'm sorry. A gala? I need  
9 more details here. I mean, is this  
10 celebrate the anniversary of the County  
11 or someone's --

12 MR. PERSICH: If I said gala, I  
13 misspoke. It's for the 125th anniversary  
14 of the county. So I would imagine  
15 there'll be several events specifically  
16 what they are. I do not know. There'll be  
17 a lot of advertising to bring people out,  
18 like we did with the previous concert  
19 series, to get things out there so that  
20 people know that this is what we're  
21 doing. But again, I don't have a specific  
22 plan in place. We're going to develop  
23 that plan, but we need the money in place  
24 so that we know.

25 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Yeah, but I

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2 want to provide the money where there's a  
3 plan. I mean, failing to plan is like  
4 planning to fail.

5 MR. PERSICH: You will have control  
6 over that, because all I'm doing is  
7 putting money into this budget. And then  
8 when the contracts come before you, you  
9 will have the ability to say yay or nay  
10 to those programs.

11 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: What do we put  
12 on the invitation for these galas? Will  
13 it have just Bruce Blakeman, his name  
14 only? I mean, we'll have his name on it  
15 for his reelection. I mean, what is the  
16 purpose of this gala?

17 MR. PERSICH: I believe that this is  
18 going to be at 125th anniversary  
19 celebration for all county residents. I  
20 don't know invitations or anything else  
21 or specifics other than that.

22 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Social Services  
23 or Mental Health. Why don't have this  
24 money put in those lines?

25 MR. PERSICH: Well, let me just say

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2 that in the 2024 budget, we increased  
3 Social Service Programs by almost \$35-40  
4 million. So I think there's ample  
5 coverage in there. And what I will say is  
6 that the revenue loss which I spoke of  
7 earlier, future budgets are going to be  
8 challenged because of state and federal  
9 budgets are going to get stretched thin,  
10 which we're going to need to fund those  
11 programs, because despite what we think,  
12 we get some federal aid for these  
13 programs. But that's not going to be  
14 funded in future years. So that would be  
15 part of the plan to use that 270 million  
16 revenue loss in the future, when we start  
17 to see diminished funding in federal and  
18 state programs that are not going to be  
19 given to us.

20 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Will it be a  
21 black tie gala? I need to know,  
22 honestly.

23 MR. PERSICH: I understand, but I --

24 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: After the  
25 pandemic, you know, we've been kind of

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2           lax with rules of attire. I mean, looking  
3           at the US Senate, some senators are  
4           wearing hoods. But, really, what is what  
5           is the dress code for this gala? I would  
6           like to know, please.

7           MR. PERSICH: I cannot answer that.

8           LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I need to get  
9           ready.

10          Thank you very much.

11          MR. PERSICH: Understood.

12          LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Andy, what were  
13          your alternatives or other options  
14          besides appropriating the money towards  
15          tourism. Before you formulated this idea,  
16          you said you had to move the money. It  
17          was a little sense of urgency here. Why  
18          tourism? Why not Department of Social  
19          Services? Why not Mental Health? Why not  
20          homelessness? Why not veterans?

21          MR. PERSICH: Again, the operating  
22          budget has covered those issues.

23          LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: But you can  
24          always use more, 10 million is 10  
25          million.

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2 MR. PERSICH: There is an economic  
3 benefit to the tourism piece of this. And  
4 we saw that our Hotel/Motel tax because  
5 we're recovering from the pandemic, it is  
6 a marketing to get the County back on its  
7 feet. And we never really had a program  
8 for that.

9 And it's twofold. As as things  
10 increase in costs, we will have the  
11 ability as a result of this additional  
12 revenues to spend on those things from  
13 this revenue coming in from sales tax and  
14 Hotel/Motel tax. So there is an economic  
15 benefit to this. And I believe that you  
16 attract people to this county. And I  
17 think it's the first time we're actually  
18 saying that please come to Nassau County,  
19 please come to the concert series has  
20 been very successful. And look, we  
21 haven't we're just planning to get the  
22 money spent. We haven't spent it yet. If  
23 we don't spend it, we'll put it back into  
24 the coffers and do something with it.

25 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: But once you

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2 come back to us for a contract regarding  
3 something with tourism and we say, no, it  
4 still stays in tourism. And that's a  
5 problem. The people who are living under  
6 a bridge somewhere, I think they'd rather  
7 have something to say about that \$10  
8 million then a gala. Or the veterans or  
9 people who are on substance abuse or all  
10 kinds of -- it's a matter of priority.  
11 You're telling me the priority is  
12 tourism. I'm telling you, the priority  
13 could be something a lot different.

14 MR. PERSICH: Respectfully  
15 understood. But we have coverage in the  
16 '24 budget for those initiatives. So, you  
17 know, I don't think that we want people  
18 living homeless here in this county. I  
19 don't think it's part of this  
20 Administration to harm anybody.

21 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: No one says you  
22 are.

23 MR. PERSICH: I just believe that  
24 this is part of what we need to do to  
25 promote this county. And I think this is

1  
2 a good mechanism to do it.

3 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So promoting  
4 the county for tourism is always a good  
5 thing. But there are things way up on top  
6 of the list before tourism, in my  
7 opinion. Nothing further.

8 MR. PERSICH: Understood.

9 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We can do them  
10 both, right?

11 MR. PERSICH: Right. This is not  
12 precluding doing all those other things.  
13 There's more ARPA money still available.

14 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: This is now  
15 that we're deciding on.

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We can decide on  
17 \$10 million now and we can decide on all  
18 those other things later.

19 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor  
20 of this item, please say, "Aye."

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Aye.

22 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Aye.

23 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Aye.

24 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Aye.

25 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Nay.

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: I'm sorry?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I'm opposed.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay, so this item  
passes four to two. Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Next is 404. And  
3 that's between District Attorney and  
4 Interfaith Nutrition Network.

5 Legislator McKevitt is recusing  
6 himself. Let the records show that he's  
7 left the chamber and will not be taking  
8 part in any debate or discussion.

9 (Whereupon, Legislator  
10 McKevitt leaves the Chambers.)

11 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: One second. So  
12 number 404. That's a motion on that is  
13 made by Mr. Ferretti and seconded by Ms.  
14 Walker.

15 ADA MCDERMOTT: Good afternoon.  
16 Chairman. Legislators Dennis McDermott,  
17 Assistant District Attorney. Item 404 is  
18 a grant to the Interfaith Nutrition  
19 Network or the In to assist in their  
20 programs, which mostly consists of the  
21 center for Transformative Change and The  
22 Mary Brennan Inn to help address the  
23 issues of mental health, drug abuse,  
24 homelessness, poverty, all driving forces  
25 of criminal activity. The term of this

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2 agreement is one year with two one year  
3 options, and each year will they will  
4 receive \$50,000.

5 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

6 (Whereupon, no verbal  
7 response.)

8 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor,  
9 please so indicate by saying, "Aye".

10 (Whereupon, all members of  
11 the Finance Committee respond  
12 in favor with, "Aye".)

13 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

14 (Whereupon, no verbal  
15 response.)

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That item is  
17 unanimous.

18 Please invite Legislator McKevitt  
19 back.

20 (Whereupon, Legislator  
21 McKevitt returns to Chambers.)

22 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: He's back.

23 Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We have a number of  
3 settlements, and those are numbers 405;  
4 406; 408; 409 and 414. Those are  
5 settlements with respectively, J Anthony  
6 Enterprise; CBW Family Trust; Retail  
7 property trust; Corporate property  
8 investors; United Artists Theater  
9 Circuit.

10 We're going to add to those 358; 359  
11 and 360, which are also settlements.  
12 Respectively, with Fairfield Jericho  
13 Townhomes; Jericho Atrium; and Kohls Inc.

14 Motion on all those is made by Mr.  
15 McKevitt, seconded by Mr. Drucker.

16 Now I'll take a motion to go into  
17 Executive Session made by Mr. Ferretti,  
18 seconded by Mr. McKevitt.

19 All those in favor of going into  
20 Executive Session, please so indicate by  
21 saying, "Aye".

22 (Whereupon, all members of  
23 the Finance Committee respond  
24 in favor with, "Aye".)

25 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal  
response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We're in Executive  
Session to which members of the Rules  
Committee are invited.

(Whereupon, Executive  
Session, 4:05-4:39 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We're back from  
Executive Session and we're going to vote  
on numbers 358; 359; 360. And on the  
Addendum 405; 406; 408; 409 and 414.

All those in favor of those items,  
please say, "Aye".

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

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal  
response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those items pass  
unanimously.

Mr. Ferretti moves to adjourn, Ms.  
Walker seconds that motion.

All those in favor of adjourning,

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2           please say, "Aye".

3                   (Whereupon, all members of  
4           the Finance Committee respond  
5           in favor with, "Aye".)

6           CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

7                   (Whereupon, no verbal  
8           response.)

9           CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We're adjourned and  
10          we're back to Rules.

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12                   (Whereupon, the Finance  
13          Committee meeting is adjourned,  
14          4:39 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 4th day of December, 2023.

Karen Lorenzo

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