

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEES MEETING

HOWARD KOPEL
PRESIDING OFFICER

FINANCE COMMITTEE

THOMAS MCKEVITT

CHAIRMAN

County Executive and Legislative Building
1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 8, 2024

4:30 p.m.

TAKEN BY: KAREN LORENZO, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

A P P E A R A N C E S

CHAIRMAN THOMAS MCKEVITT

VICE CHAIRMAN JOHN FERRETTI

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY

LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER

LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES RANKING MEM.

LEGISLATOR SCOTT DAVIS

LEGISLATOR SETH KOSLOW

MICHAEL PULITZER Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: We're now going
3 to go and go back to Finance, which was
4 recessed earlier today. We have about
5 five items on the Addendum. So at this
6 point I'll take a motion to suspend the
7 Rules in order to take those items on the
8 Addendum.

9 I have a motion from Legislator
10 Ferretti, second by Legislator Walker.

11 We have previously items, numbers
12 eight, nine, ten, 11, and 12 of 24, which
13 have already gone through previous
14 committees. So we'll take these up on
15 consent. All those in favor of these
16 items, please say, "Aye".

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

20 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: All against?

21 (Whereupon, no verbal
22 response.)

23 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: The items are
24 passed 7 to 0.

25 We will now go on the regular Agenda

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2 of the Finance Committee.

3 First item we have is 1-24, a
4 resolution to authorize a transfer of
5 appropriations for the budget year 2024.
6 It is moved by a Legislator Ferretti,
7 seconded by Legislator Kennedy.

8 Mr. Persich, please share
9 presentation.

10 MR. PERSICH: Good afternoon. Andy
11 Persich, Office of Management and Budget.

12 Item 1-24 is a board transfer for
13 revenue loss withinside the ARPA funds.
14 It's moving approximately \$247 million
15 that will be transferred to the Sewer
16 District and it to the General Fund. It
17 also will allocate \$15 million for
18 project specific legislative initiatives
19 that are non-capital covered.

20 To date, this Body has obligated
21 about \$86 million of ARPA funds, and
22 we're just taking the revenue loss in.
23 First of all, we're getting close to the
24 end of where this money's has to be
25 obligated before 2024. It also is

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2 requiring us to make an action sooner
3 rather than later. And I think with the
4 some of the turmoil in Washington, I
5 think we've talked about this at length
6 in 2023. I think it's time that we have
7 to pull the trigger to lock up this
8 money, and it will be subject to this
9 Body's approval on how it's spent.

10 I'm here to field any additional
11 questions you may have. It's for monies
12 that was lost. The County lost almost
13 \$455 million as a result of Covid, and
14 this money will solidify us for future
15 expenses that we may have as a result of
16 this revenue loss. I'm here to field any
17 additional questions that you may have.

18 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Yeah, I know
19 we're going probably a full discussion on
20 this at our Full Session meeting on
21 January 22nd. But any members of the
22 Legislature have questions at this time?

23 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I will be
24 abstaining on these proposals.

25 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Okay.

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2 At this point, then we'll just go
3 and take the vote at this point. So all
4 in favor, please say, "Aye".

5 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Aye.

6 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Aye.

8 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: All those
10 against?

11 (Whereupon, no verbal
12 response.)

13 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: All those
14 abstaining.

15 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Aye.

16 LEGISLATOR DAVIS: Aye.

17 LEGISLATOR KOSLOW: Aye.

18 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: So it's going to
19 be four in favor and three abstaining.

20 Thank you very much, Mr. Persich.

21 MR. PERSICH: Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Okay, we will
3 now move on to we have three settlements
4 on the Agenda today, which is number
5 three, four and six of 24. I'll at this
6 point take a motion to take them up.
7 Moved by Legislator Ferretti, second by
8 Legislator Walker.

9 Being these are matters and
10 litigation, we ordinarily take these up
11 in Executive Session to be conducted. So
12 do I have a motion for Executive Session?

13 So moved by Legislator Drucker,
14 second by Legislator Walker. We are now
15 in executive session, and the Rules
16 Committee is free to join us as we debate
17 this in executive session.

18 (Whereupon, off record
19 discussion.)

20 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: That will be
21 second by Mr. Koslow.

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23 (Whereupon, Executive
24 Session, 4:33 p.m.- 4:53 p.m.)
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2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: We will come
3 back to reconvene from Executive Session,
4 the finance committee. Just for the
5 record, the administration asked us not
6 to call Item 7-24. So it may or may not
7 be on a separate calendar, but we're not
8 calling 7-24 today.

9 So we've had our discussion in
10 Executive Committee and Items three, four
11 and six of 24, all in favor of these
12 items, say, "Aye".

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

16 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Against?

17 (Whereupon, no verbal
18 response.)

19 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Being there's
20 none, it passes 7 to 0.

21 I'll have a motion to adjourn.
22 Motion by Legislator Walker, second by
23 Legislator Davis. All in favor of
24 adjourning, say, "Aye".

25 (Whereupon, all members of

the Finance Committee respond
in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: We are now
adjourned. On to rules.

(Whereupon, the Finance
Committee meeting is adjourned,
4:54 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 January, 2024

Karen Lorenzo

Karen Lorenzo

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