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4 **WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**
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6 **OF THE**
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8 **SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**
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10 **MINUTES**
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14 A meeting of the Ways & Means Committee of the Suffolk County
15 Legislature was held in the Maxine S. Postal Auditorium of the
16 Evans K. Griffing Building, 300 Center Drive, Riverhead, New York
17 on March 2, 2023.
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22 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

23 Leg. Robert Trotta, Chairman
24 Leg. Leslie Kennedy, Vice Chair
25 Leg. Bridget Fleming (excused absence)
26 Leg. Tom Donnelly
27 Leg. Manuel Esteban
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31 **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

32 Janet Heller-Smitelli, Assistant Counsel to the Legislature
33 Frank Tassone, Clerk of the Legislature
34 Hope Clark, Acting Clerk/Legislature
35 Craig Freas, Budget Review Office
36 Joseph Brown, Deputy Commissioner/DPW
37 Greg Moran, Aide to Leg. Trotta
38 Ali Nazir, Aide to PO
39 Olivia Dioguardi, Clerk's Office
40 Maria Abbatiello-Farley, Aide to Leg. Thorne
41 Angel Rivera, Aide to Leg. Esteban
42 Brendan Sweeney, Aide to PO
43 Jonathan Price, Real Property
44 And all other interested parties
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46 **MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

47 Alison Mahoney, Court Stenographer
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50 **MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:**

51 Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer
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THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:30 PM

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3 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**

4 Okay, let's start the March 2nd Ways & Means Committee, pledge led
5 by Legislator Donnelly.

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7 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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9 Please remain standing for a moment of silence for all those armed
10 forces and first responders.

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12 **MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED**

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14 Thank you. Mr. Clerk, we have a roll call, please.

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16 *(*Roll Called by Clerk Tassone, - Clerk of the Legislature*)*

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18 **LEG. TROTТА:**

19 Here.

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21 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

22 Here.

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24 **LEG. FLEMING:**

25 *(Absent)*

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27 **LEG. ESTEBAN:**

28 Here.

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30 **LEG. DONNELLY:**

31 Here.

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33 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**

34 Present.

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36 **LEG. FLEMING:**

37 *(Absent)*

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39 **P.O. CALARCO:**

40 Legislator Fleming has excused absence, Mr. Clerk.

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42 **CLERK TASSONE:**

43 Five.

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45 **LEG. TROTТА:**

46 Any correspondence?

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48 **CLERK TASSONE:**

49 All correspondence has been distributed accordingly, Mr. Chairman.

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51 **CHAIRPERSON TROTТА:**

52 Do we have any speakers for the public portion?

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54 **MR. DeLUCA:**

55 There are no speakers, Mr. Chairman.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

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3 **LEG. TROTТА:**

4 No speakers for the public portion. We have no appointment
5 resolutions, no presentations. We'll start off with Tabled
6 Resolutions. **IR 1136, Adopting (Local Law No. -2022, A) Local Law**
7 **to amend the membership of the RFP Waiver Committee. (Trotta).**
8 I'll make a motion to table; second by Legislator Bontempi. All
9 those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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11 **CLERK TASSONE:**

12 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)

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14 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**

15 It's tabled. **IR 1732, Adopting (Local Law No. -2022,) A Local Law**
16 **to amend Chapter 77 of the Suffolk County Code to prohibit police**
17 **officers from engaging in political activity. (Trotta).** This has
18 to be tabled for a public hearing; second by Legislator Esteban.
19 All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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21 **CLERK TASSONE:**

22 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)

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24 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**

25 1732 is tabled for public hearing. **IR 1777, Adopting (Local Law**
26 **No. -2022,) A Local Law to restrict the use of exotic animals in**
27 **traveling performances. (Bergin).** At the request of the sponsor,
28 this will also be tabled. Motion by Legislator Bontempi; second by
29 Legislator Esteban. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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31 **CLERK TASSONE:**

32 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)

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34 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**

35 IR 1777 is tabled. **IR 1967, Authorizing the conveyance of a**
36 **County-owned parking lot having Suffolk County Tax Map No's. Of**
37 **District 0600 Section 128.00 Block 05.00 Lots 001.000 and 002.000**
38 **for municipal purposes pursuant to Section 72-h of the General**
39 **Municipal Law. (Co. Exec.).** At the request of the County Executive
40 they'd like this tabled. I'll make a motion to table; second by
41 Legislator Kennedy. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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43 **CLERK TASSONE:**

44 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)

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46 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**

47 1967 is tabled.

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49 **INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS**

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51 **Introductory Resolutions. (1006 Adopting Local Law No. -2023,)**
52 **authorizing A Local Law to authorize conveyance of property**
53 **previously taken for delinquent taxes 1 Speaker Street in Commack,**
54 **(S.C.T.M. No. 0800-089.00-01.00-025.000). (Trotta).** That's my
55 district. I'll make a motion to table for public hearing; second
56 by Legislator Bontempi. All those in favor? Opposed?

1 Abstentions?
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3 **CLERK TASSONE:**

4 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)
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6 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**

7 1006 is tabled for a public hearing. IR 1017, To correct a
8 clerical error on the 2022-2023 tax roll in connection with a
9 certain parcel bearing Suffolk County Tax Map Number
10 0600-0101.00-01.00-006.001-226 Foxwood Unit 226. (Co. Exec.).
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12 **LEG. BONTEMPI:**

13 I'll make a motion.
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15 **CHAIRPERSON TROTТА:**

16 Make a motion to approve and place on the consent calendar by
17 Legislator Esteban; second by Legislator Bontempi.
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19 **LEG. THORNE:**

20 Can you repeat that?
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22 (*Laughter*)
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24 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**

25 All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
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27 **CLERK TASSONE:**

28 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)
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30 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**

31 I think I'm going to skip the number next time. So 17 -- excuse me
32 -- 1017 is approved and placed on the consent calendar. 1018,
33 **Authorizing certain technical corrections to Adopted Resolution No.**
34 **959-2022. (Co. Exec.).** Motion by Legislator Donnelly; second by
35 Legislator Esteban to place on the consent calendar. All those in
36 favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
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38 **CLERK TASSONE:**

39 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)
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41 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**

42 1018 is approved and placed on consent calendar. 1019, **Authorizing**
43 **certain technical corrections to Adopted Resolution No. 735-2022.**
44 **(Co. Exec.).** I'll do the same motion, same second and placed on
45 the consent calendar.
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47 **CLERK TASSONE:**

48 Five.
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50 **CHAIRPERSON TROTТА:**

51 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
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53 **CLERK TASSONE:**

54 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)
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1 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**

2 1019 is approved and placed on the consent calendar. IR 1021,
3 **Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real**
4 **property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act**
5 **Danette Cauchi (SCTM No. 0100-028.00-01.00-053.000). (Co. Exec.).**
6 I'll make a motion to approve; second by Legislator Bontempi. All
7 those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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9 **CLERK TASSONE:**

10 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)

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12 **CHAIRPERSON TROTТА:**

13 That's approved and placed on the consent calendar. IR 1039,
14 **Authorizing the reconveyance of County-owned real estate pursuant**
15 **to Section 215, New York State County Law to Keith Delucia and Dawn**
16 **Delucia, his wife (SCTM Nos. 0200-699.00-04.00-007.002 and**
17 **0200-699.00-02.00-008.000). (Thorne). Motion by Legislator**
18 **Bontempi; second by Legislator Esteban to be placed on the consent**
19 **calendar. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?**

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21 **CLERK TASSONE:**

22 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)

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24 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**

25 IR 1039 is approved and placed on the consent calendar. IR 1040,
26 **Authorizing the reconveyance of County-owned real estate pursuant**
27 **to Section 215, New York State County Law to Norma Caggiano (SCTM**
28 **No. 0500-129.00-02.00-037.000). (Piccirillo). I'll make a motion**
29 **to approve; second by Legislator Esteban. All those in favor?**
30 **Opposed? Abstentions? That will be approved and placed on the**
31 **consent calendar.**

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33 **CLERK TASSONE:**

34 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)

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36 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**

37 Thank you. IR 1041, **Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law**
38 **No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the**
39 **Suffolk County Tax Act Vivian Russo McCuen (SCTM No.**
40 **0900-260.00-04.00-008.000). (Co. Exec.). Motion to approve by**
41 **Legislator Kennedy; second by Legislator Bontempi. All those in**
42 **favor? Opposed? Abstentions? And we can also place that on**
43 **consent calendar.**

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45 **CLERK TASSONE:**

46 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)

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48 **CHAIRPERSON TROTТА:**

49 IR 1042, **Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976,**
50 **of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County**
51 **Tax Act Timothy K. Smith and Mary Maggio Smith, husband and wife**
52 **(SCTM No. 0203-013.00-01.00-001.014). (Co. Exec.). I'll make a**
53 **motion to approve; second by Legislator Esteban. All those in**
54 **favor? Opposed? Abstentions? And we'll also place that on the**
55 **consent calendar.**

1 **CLERK TASSONE:**

2 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)

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4 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**

5 IR 1043, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976,
6 of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County
7 Tax Act Singh and Sarwar Property Development, Inc. (SCTM No.
8 0600-124.00-04.00-011.004). (Co. Exec.). Motion by Legislator
9 Bontempi; second by Legislator Kennedy. All those in favor?
10 Opposed? Abstentions?

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12 **CLERK TASSONE:**

13 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)

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15 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**

16 It's approved and also placed on the consent calendar. IR 1044,
17 Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real
18 property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act 92
19 Red Creek LLC (SCTM No. 0900-152.00-01.00-036.000). (Co. Exec.).
20 Motion by Legislator Esteban; second by Legislator Bontempi. All
21 those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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23 **CLERK TASSONE:**

24 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)

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26 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**

27 1044 will be approved and placed on the consent calendar. IR 1060,
28 Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real
29 property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act
30 Luis Tierra and Ruth Tierra Castilla, husband and wife (SCTM No.
31 0200-657.00-02.00-024.000). (Co. Exec.). Motion by Legislator
32 Esteban; second by Legislator Donnelly. All those in favor?
33 Opposed? Abstentions?

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35 **CLERK TASSONE:**

36 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)

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38 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**

39 Approved and placed on the consent calendar. IR 1061, Authorizing
40 the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property
41 acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Cirino
42 Sesto (SCTM No. 0100-205.00-02.00-021.000). (Co. Exec.). Motion by
43 Legislator Esteban; second by Legislator Bontempi. All those in
44 favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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46 **CLERK TASSONE:**

47 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)

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49 **CHAIRPERSON TROTТА:**

50 We'll approve that and we'll place that on the consent calendar
51 also. IR 1061 (sic), Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law
52 No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the
53 Suffolk County Tax Act Fidel Velasquez (SCTM No.
54 0500-052.00-04.00-034.000). (Co. Exec.).

1 **CLERK TASSONE:**
2 Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry, this is IR 1062.

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4 **CHAIRPERSON TROTТА:**
5 What did I say? 1062.

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7 **CLERK TASSONE:**
8 Yep.

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10 **CHAIRPERSON TROTТА:**
11 Oh, I meant 1062.

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13 **CLERK TASSONE:**
14 I'm sure you did.

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16 **CHAIRPERSON TROTТА:**
17 So I'll make the motion to approve; second by Legislator Kennedy
18 and IR 1062 is approved and placed on consent calendar.

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20 **CLERK TASSONE:**
21 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)

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23 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**
24 IR 1093, Authorizing the reconveyance of County-owned real estate
25 pursuant to Section 215, New York State County Law to Tasso Schien
26 (SCTM No. 0500-318.00-01.00-009.000). (Flotteron). I'll make a
27 motion to approve; second by Legislator Esteban. All those in
28 favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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30 **CLERK TASSONE:**
31 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT)

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33 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**
34 We'll approve that and place on the consent calendar.

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36 I see no Procedural Motions; we have no Home Rule Message. We do
37 have a executive session. So if we could clear the auditorium and
38 we'll get that done. And we'll make a motion to recess to go into
39 executive session.

12:38PM

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41 **CLERK TASSONE:**
42 Can you tell me who seconds that?

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44 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**
45 Second by Legislator Kennedy. All those in favor? Opposed?
46 Abstentions?

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48 **CLERK TASSONE:**
49 Five. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0/LEG. FLEMING NOT PRESENT). Thank you.

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51 **CHAIRMAN TROTТА:**
52 Okay. We're going to be in executive session. Thank you.

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54 (Executive Session 12:38 PM - 1:03 PM)

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CHAIRMAN TROTTA:

Okay, we're out of executive session. During executive session we settled a lawsuit with Lance Newkirk versus Frances Pierre, the Commissioner of Social Services for a sum of \$800,000. And in the case of James and Linda Hogan versus the County of Suffolk, we settled that case for the sum of \$400,000.

I see no further business in front of this Committee; we are deemed adjourned. Thank you.

THE COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 1:04 PM