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**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

A meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Maxine S. Postal Legislative Auditorium at the Evans K. Griffing Building, 300 Center Drive, Riverhead, New York, on June 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Legislator Steve Flotteron, Chairman
- Legislator Leslie Kennedy, Vice Chair
- Legislator Nicholas Caracappa
- Legislator Samuel Gonzalez
- Legislator Jason Richberg (Absent)
- Legislator Dominick Thorne

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Frank Tassone, Clerk of the Legislature
- Hope Clark, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
- Thomas Corcoran, Budget Review Office
- Janet Heller-Smitelli, Counsel's Office
- Ali Nazir, Aide to the Presiding Officer
- Chris DeLuca, Aide to the Presiding Officer
- Grant Newburger, Nassau Suffolk Building Trades
- All other interested parties

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

- Lucia Braaten, Court Stenographer

**MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:**

- Kim Castiglione, Legislative Secretary

(*\*The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m.\**)

**CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

I'd like to call the Budget and Finance Committee to the horseshoe and we are all here and we'll start the meeting. Please all stand and if Legislator Caracappa can lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(*\*Pledge of Allegiance\**)

Please remain standing for a moment of silence and say a prayer for our military and also our First Responders that they will be safe.

(*\*Moment of Silence\**)

Please sit down. If the Clerk could please take the roll call.

(*\*Roll Call by Hope Clark, Chief Deputy Clerk\**)

**CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

Here.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Here.

**LEG. CARACAPPA:**

Present, Madam Clerk.

**LEG. GONZALEZ:**

Here.

**LEG. RICHBERG:**

(Not Present).

**LEG. THORNE:**

Here.

**CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK CLARK:**

*Five.*

**CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

Okay, thank you. Next, do we have any correspondence?

**CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK CLARK:**

All correspondence have been distributed accordingly.

**CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

Thank you. Okay. Public Portion. I see we have one speaker. We have Grant Newburger.

**GRANT NEWBURGER:**

Good morning, Legislators. How are you? Grant Newburger from the Nassau Suffolk Building Trades. We represent the 36 different unions in the construction industry here on Long Island and we proudly represent 65,000 members. A little piece of random --

(\*Audio Feedback\*)

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3 Sorry.

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5 **LEG. THORNE:**  
6 It's not you, keep going.

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8 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
9 Yeah.

09:37AM 10  
11 **GRANT NEWBURGER:**  
12 Thirty seconds of random commentary not on any bill on the agenda  
13 today. I just want to publicly thank Rosalie Drago for coming to  
14 present at our meeting last week. She gave a wonderful  
15 presentation on all the great things she's doing. What struck me,  
16 and this was just some take away that I had from the presentation,  
17 is that her investigators that are actively investigating  
18 prevailing wage and doing a great job, but their team could most  
19 definitely be strengthened and there seemed to me a need for a  
09:37AM 20 tremendous additional amount of investigators doing that particular  
21 type of investigation. So again, that was just my 30 seconds of  
22 two cents unrelated to the agenda. I hope everyone has a wonderful  
23 day and thank you so much for the time.  
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25 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
26 Thank you. Do we have any other speakers? Okay. May I have a  
27 motion to close the public portion?  
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29 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
09:38AM 30 I don't think you need a motion.  
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32 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
33 Okay, you're right. It's still morning for me way out here in the  
34 country. Okay. Appointment Resolutions, there's none.  
35 Presentations, there's none.  
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37 So we will go to Tabled Resolutions. I.R. 1436 - Adopting Local  
38 Law No. -2023, A Charter Law allotting proceeds from the County  
39 portion of taxes levied upon cannabis sales (Piccirillo). Do I  
09:38AM 40 have a motion?  
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42 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**  
43 Motion to table.  
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45 **LEG. THORNE:**  
46 Second.  
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48 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
49 Motion to table by Legislator Caracappa, second by Legislator  
09:38AM 50 Kennedy.  
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52 **LEG. KENNEDY:**  
53 Tabling for public hearing.  
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55 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**  
56 We're tabling for public hearing. Any discussion? All in favor?

1 Opposed? Abstentions?

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3 **CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK CLARK:**

4 *Five. (5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Richberg)*

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6 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

7 1436 was tabled for a public hearing. Introductory Resolutions.  
8 We go to *I.R. 1527 - Amending the 2023 Adopted Operating Budget and*  
9 *transferring funds to William Floyd Community Summit (Mazzarella).*  
10 Do I have a motion?

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12 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

13 Motion to approve.

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15 **LEG. THORNE:**

16 Second.

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18 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

19 I.R. 1527, motion to approve by Legislator Caracappa, second by  
20 Legislator Thorne. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed?  
21 Abstentions?

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23 **CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK CLARK:**

24 *Five. (5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Richberg)*

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26 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

27 I.R. 1527 was approved. *I.R. 1573 - Adopting Local Law No. -2023,*  
28 *To Adopt a Charter Law pursuant to the Suffolk County Water Quality*  
29 *Restoration Act (Chapter 58 of the New York State Laws of 2023) to*  
30 *amend Article XII of the Suffolk County Charter to extend the*  
31 *Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program and to establish a*  
32 *new Water Quality Restoration Fund supported by an additional one*  
33 *eighth percent (1/8%) sales and use tax (Co. Exec).*

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35 **LEG. KENNEDY:**

36 Motion to table for public hearing.

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38 **LEG. CARACAPPA:**

39 Second.

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41 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

42 Motion to table for a public hearing by Legislator Kennedy, second  
43 by Legislator Caracappa. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed?  
44 Abstentions?

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46 **CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK CLARK:**

47 *Five. (5-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Richberg)*

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49 **CHAIRMAN FLOTTERON:**

50 I.R. 1573 was tabled for a public hearing. That's it on the  
51 Introductory Resolutions. There's no other Procedural Motions or  
52 executive session, so I declare this meeting adjourned.

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54 *(\*The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.\*)*  
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