



# Sullivan County

## Public Works Committee

### Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairman Joseph Perrello  
Vice Chairman Brian McPhillips  
Committee Member Amanda Ward  
Committee Member Luis Alvarez  
Committee Member Matt McPhillips  
Committee Member Nicholas Salomone Jr.  
Committee Member Terry Blosser-Bernardo

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**Thursday, November 14, 2024**

**10:30 AM**

**Government Center**

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#### **Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Perrello called the Public Works Committee Meeting to order at 11:04AM.

#### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Joseph Perrello, Brian McPhillips, Amanda Ward, Luis Alvarez, Matt McPhillips, Nicholas Salomone Jr. and Terry Blosser-Bernardo

**Comments:**

Legislator Scott read and presented a Proclamation regarding Transgender Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, Transgender persons are targeted and killed for living authentically and courageously.

WHEREAS, Transgender people are victimized over four times more often than cisgender people according to a 2021 study published by Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law.

WHEREAS, half of all violent victimizations of Transgender people are not reported to police.

WHEREAS, gender identity-based violence is misrepresented due to errors in identifying a victim's gender identity or name.

WHEREAS, 438 Transgender or Gender nonconforming people died violently across the globe in 2023 as reported by The Trans Remembrance Project.

WHEREAS, Transgender and Nonbinary youth are 2 to 2.5 times as likely to experience depressive symptoms, seriously consider suicide, and attempt suicide compared to their cisgender LGBTQ peers.

WHEREAS, half of Transgender and Nonbinary youth are not accepted by their family for their identity.

WHEREAS, Transgender persons are a part of every country, every culture, and every faith tradition today and throughout all of recorded history.

WHEREAS, the Transgender community exceeds more than two million people in the United States.

WHEREAS, Transgender persons should have equal rights and be able to live free from violence and discrimination.

WHEREAS, we commit to creating a more accepting and safer community for our Transgender family, friends, and neighbors.

WHEREAS, We remember Kitty Monroe, 43 years old, who was killed in a fatal hit-and-run after being chased by armed suspects. We remember Sasha Williams, 36 years old, who was stabbed to death in Nevada. We remember Africa Parrilla Garcia, 25 years old, who was shot to death in Puerto Rico. We remember Righteous Torrence Hill, 35 years old, who died after being shot in Georgia. We remember Reyna Hernandez, 54 years old, whose body was dumped in Mexico after she was bound and tortured to death. We remember Diamond Brigman, 36 years old, who died from multiple gunshot wounds in Texas. We remember Alex Taylor Franco, 21 years old, who was shot to death in Utah. We remember

Meraxes Medina, 24 years old, who was shot to death in California. We remember Yella Clark, 45 years old, who died in an altercation in a Louisiana state prison. We remember Tee Arnold, 36 years old, who died as a result of a gunshot wound. We remember Nex Benedict, 16 years old, who took their own life the day after being assaulted by fellow students, who had bullied them for more than a year. We remember them and all other Transgender and Gender nonconforming persons who had their lives cut short due to violence.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Sullivan County Legislature, hereby proclaims November 20th, 2024 TRANSGENDER REMEMBRANCE DAY and urges all residents of Sullivan County to honor those murdered in acts of anti-transgender violence who were not afforded the right to live authentically without fear and violence.

Nadia Rajs, Chair  
Sullivan County Legislature

Catherine Scott, Chair  
Health and Human Services Committee

### Reports:

Nadia Rajs, Catherine Scott

Joshua Potosek, Michelle Huck, Dan Hust, Robert Freehill, Sharon Jankiewicz, Ed McAndrew, Ryan Brown, Mark Witkowski, Bobbie from ACC, John Liddle

Ken Walter, Lise Kennedy, Diane Mestanz, Lou Setren, Star Hesse, Ruby R., Alex K.

1. Division of Public Works Monthly Report

[ID-6912](#)

**Attachments:** [November Monthly Report](#)

Commissioner Ed McAndrew gave an update on the Division of Public Works.

Deputy Commissioner Mark Witkowski gave an update on Solid Waste and Operation within the Division of Public Works

Deputy Commissioner Ryan Brown gave an update on facilities and buildings in the Division of Public Works.

At this point, Luis Alvarez left the meeting at 11:32AM and returned at 11:33AM.

### Discussion:

#### Public Comment

- 1 Ken Walter made a public comment.
2. Lou Setren made a public comment.

**Resolutions:**

Brian McPhillips moved Resolutions #1-#3 in a block, seconded by Matt McPhillips, all in favor 7-0.

1. Resolution to amend Resolution 38-23 which authorized the acceptance of grant funding from New York State Department of Transportation for the New Terminal Building [ID-6910](#)
  
2. Resolution to authorize the County Manager to execute a modification agreement with EMCOR Services Betlem for Full Service Preventative Maintenance for HVAC-R at Sheriff Admin/Jail [ID-6911](#)
  
3. Resolution to authorize the County Manager to execute a modification agreement with EMI Guide Rail, LLC. to complete additional construction services that can be completed with previously allocated funding, as a result of aggressive bid pricing [ID-6921](#)

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, Brian McPhillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Matt McPhillips. The Public Works Committee was adjourned at 11:48am.