



# Sullivan County

## County Legislature

### Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairman Robert Doherty  
Vice Chairman Michael Brooks  
Legislator Nadia Rajsz  
Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr.  
Legislator George Conklin  
Legislator Luis Alvarez  
Legislator Joseph Perrello  
Legislator Ira Steingart  
Legislator Alan J. Sorensen

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Thursday, June 15, 2023

11:00 AM

Government Center

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#### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Doherty called the June 15th Full Board Meeting to order at 11:01AM.

#### Roll Call of Legislators

**Present:** District 1 Legislator - Chairman Robert Doherty  
District 3 Legislator - Vice Chairman Michael Brooks  
District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz  
District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr.  
District 5 Legislator George Conklin  
District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen

**Absent:** District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez  
District 7 Legislator Joseph Perrello  
District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart

#### Others Present:

Joshua Potosek, Michelle Huck, Michael McGuire, Dan Hust, Tom Cawley, Robert Freehill, Ed McAndrew  
Ken Walter, Martha Scoppa, Lise Kennedy, Dr. Larysa Dyrszka, Lou Setren, Catherine Scott

**Communications**

Clerk to the Legislature AnnMarie Martin read the communications as follows:

**COMMUNICATIONS****JUNE 15, 2023**

1. State of Emergency Declaration and Local State of Emergency Order declared by Joshua Potossek dated May 18, 2023.
2. Local State of Emergency Order signed by Joshua Potossek dated May 23, 2023
3. Local State of Emergency Order signed by Joshua Potossek dated May 28, 2023
4. Local State of Emergency Order signed by Joshua Potossek dated June 1, 2023
5. Local State of Emergency Order signed by Joshua Potossek dated June 10, 2023
6. Local State of Emergency Order signed by Joshua Potossek dated June 15, 2023
7. The County Historian's 2022 Annual Report was filed by John Conway, County Historian.
8. Records Destruction Notifications in Accordance with LGS-01 filed by the following departments:
  - Sullivan County DSS Child Care Unit dated January 6, 2023 and received June 8th
  - Office for the Aging dated January 23, 2023 and received June 8, 2023
  - Center for Workforce Development dated March 28, 2023 and received June 8, 2023
  - Public Health Services/Healthy Families dated May 18, 2023
  - Division of Public Works dated May 30, 2023
  - DFS Accounting/SIU/Contracts dated March 2023 received June 8, 2023
  - DSS CPS/APS/HEAP dated June 2, 2023
  - DSS Temporary Assistance/SNAP and Medicare Units dated June 8, 2023

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Resolutions**

1. Set three (3) Public Hearings for a proposed local law to Authorize a new Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel [ID-5367](#)

Nadia Rajsz moved resolutions #1-22 in a block, seconded by Alan Sorensen, agreed and carried 6-0.

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajsz, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 242-23

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2. Resolution Introduced by the Planning, Real Property and Economic Development Committee to authorize an Agreement between the Center for Workforce Development and the Sullivan County Land Bank for the use of the Land Banks Mobile Tool Trailer for the Summer Youth Employment Program [ID-5539](#)
- A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajs, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen
- Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart
- Enactment No: 243-23
3. Resolution introduced by the Planning, Real Property and Economic Development Committee to authorize a Contract agreement with Bold Gold Media Group to provide services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act [ID-5553](#)
- A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajs, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen
- Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart
- Enactment No: 244-23
4. To authorize a Contract Agreement with Hudson Valley Patterns for Progress to provide a Senior Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis for the Sullivan County Office for the Aging. [ID-5554](#)
- Sponsors:** Office for the Aging and Deoul
- A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajs, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen
- Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart
- Enactment No: 245-23
5. TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2023 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT (PSAP) OPERATIONS GRANT PROGRAM WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (NYS DHSES) [ID-5556](#)
- A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajs, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen
- Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart
- Enactment No: 246-23
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6. TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2023 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS FORMULA-BASED GRANT (SICFBG) PROGRAM WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (NYS DHSES) [ID-5557](#)

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajs, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 247-23

7. To accept funding from Friends of the Upper Delaware to support improvements made at the Highland River Access project site. [ID-5559](#)

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajs, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 248-23

8. To authorize funding for professional services with Fisher Associates. [ID-5560](#)

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajs, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 249-23

9. TO CORRECT THE 2021 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSON FOR TAX MAP #122.-1-1.2 [ID-5563](#)

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajs, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 250-23

10. TO CORRECT THE 2022 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSON FOR TAX MAP #122.-1-1.2 [ID-5564](#)

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajs, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 251-23

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11. TO CORRECT THE 2023 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSON FOR TAX MAP #122.-1-1.2 [ID-5565](#)

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajsz, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 252-23

12. Resolution to authorize the County Manger to execute an agreement with NYSDOT for providing 80% Federal and 15% State funding for the design of a Project to replace joints on County Bridge #5. [ID-5573](#)

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajsz, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 253-23

13. Resolution to authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement for painting services for the repainting of Runway 15-33 edge stripes with Hi-lite Airfield Services, LLC. [ID-5574](#)

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajsz, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 254-23

14. Resolution to authorize the County Manager to submit a Pre-Grant application for acquiring standalone input-based Aqueous Film Forming (AFFF) testing equipment and accept such award if offered. [ID-5575](#)

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajsz, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 255-23

15. Resolution to authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement for the demolition of three steel tanks that are no longer in use. The project will open up useful space for other uses and help to keep the areas safe and clean. [ID-5578](#)

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajsz, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 256-23

16. Abolish one County Clerk Worker Trainee position and Create one County Clerk Financial Worker position [ID-5585](#)

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajsz, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 257-23

17. To Modify the 2023 Budget [ID-5588](#)

**Attachments:** [May 31 2023 Resolution Needed.pdf](#)

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajsz, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 258-23

18. Resolution to approve third round of repurchases for 2023 [ID-5581](#)

**Attachments:** [Repurchase 3 2023](#)

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajsz, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 259-23

19. To authorize 2023 Legislative Discretionary Funding. [ID-5582](#)

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajsz, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 260-23

20. Convey parcels to the Town of Bethel for highway use [ID-5583](#)

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajsz, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 261-23

21. Allocate Sullivan County appropriations from 2023 Youth Services budget line "Contract Other," A7310.40.4013, to County youth programs. [ID-5586](#)

**Sponsors:** Office for the Aging and Deoul

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajs, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart  
Enactment No: 262-23

22. Allocate 2023 State Aid to county youth programs. Youth Bureau receives funding from NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Youth Bureau Administration and Youth Development Programs. [ID-5587](#)

**Sponsors:** Office for the Aging and Deoul

A motion was made by District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs, seconded by District 9 Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajs, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart  
Enactment No: 263-23

23. To amend the Management Confidential Employee Salary Schedule. [ID-5589](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator - Vice C Michael Brooks, seconded by District 5 Legislator George Conklin, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Nay:** Rajs

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart  
Enactment No: 264-23

24. Authorize an Additional Detective Assignment within the Sheriff's Office [ID-5606](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator George Conklin, seconded by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajs, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart  
Enactment No: 265-23

25. To authorize the County Manager to execute a Partnership Agreement for Employees of Sullivan County. [ID-5594](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator George Conklin, seconded by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajs, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 266-23

26. Terminate contract between County of Sullivan and Sullivan 180 dated [ID-5599](#)  
November 30, 2022

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator George Conklin, seconded by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajs, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 267-23

27. To authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Sullivan 180 [ID-5600](#)  
for use of funds not expended after termination of the November 30, 2022  
contract.

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator George Conklin, seconded by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajs, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 268-23

28. Support of Product Stewardship and Urging the Establishment of a [ID-5601](#)  
Stewardship Program for Packaging and Printed Paper

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator George Conklin, seconded by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajs, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 269-23

29. TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 235-23 AND AUTHORIZE THE AWARD [ID-5607](#)  
AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH NEOPLANTA  
RESTORATION, INC.

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator George Conklin, seconded by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Doherty, Brooks, Rajs, Salomone, Conklin, and Sorensen

**Absent:** Alvarez, Perrello, and Steingart

Enactment No: 270-23



**Old Business**

30. Authorize Lease Agreement with Hughes Energy for Recycling Technology Project [ID-5019](#)
31. To Confirm the appointments of two (2) new members to the Sullivan County Board of Ethics [ID-5043](#)

**Recognition of Legislators**

Nadia Rajasz wished everyone a Happy Father's Day!

County Attorney Michael McGuire indicated that a consultation with Legal is necessary to discuss litigation.

**Announcements from Chair****Adjournment or Close**

There being no further business, Alan Sorensen moved to adjourn, seconded by Michael Brooks agreed and carried. The June 15, 2023 Full Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:27AM.