



Sullivan County

Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes - Final

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

Thursday, July 21, 2022

9:00 AM

Government Center

Call To Order

Chairman Doherty called the Executive Committee to order at 9:10AM.

It should be noted that Michael Brooks was not present at Roll Call but did arrive late at 9:12AM.

Chairman Doherty then recognized George Conklin III

George Conklin III then called Al Steppich up to the podium to make a comment on the anti gun law that was recently passed.

At this point, Michael Brooks in at 9:12am

Roll Call

Joshua Potosek, Michael McGuire, Tom Cawley, Dan Hust, Ed McAndrew, John Liddle, Heather Brown, Laura Quigley, Brian Scardefield, Angela Chevalier, Russell Reeves, Freda Eisenberg, Nancy Buck, Janet Young
Jay Quintance, Ken Walter, Lise Kennedy, Lou Setren, Martha Scoppa, Chris Stevens
Liam Mayo, Joseph Abraham (Democrat)

INFINITE CARE

Sol Klein and Katie Perez from Infinite Care gave an update on the Care Center at Sunset Lake.

Present: Chairman Robert Doherty, Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, Nadia Rajs, Nicholas Salomone Jr., George Conklin, Luis Alvarez, Joseph Perrello, Ira Steingart and Alan J. Sorensen

Resolutions:

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, seconded by Committee Member Nadia Rajs, that this be carried at Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

1. Request funds from the State University of New York Capital Funds for Construction of an Aquatic and Recreation Facility [ID-4768](#)

Jay Quintance, Laura Quigely and John Liddle spoke regarding the above resolution.

Nadia Rajs out at 9:49am

George Conklin out at 9:53am

George Conklin back in at 9:57am

After a lengthy discussion, Michael Brooks made a motion to amend the resolution to change the dollar amount from \$5 million to \$15 million to replace the \$10 million to \$30 million, seconded by Nadia Rajs,. Chairman Doherty called the question on both the amendment and the resolution as amended, agreed and carried 8-1 with Ira Steingart opposed.

A motion was made by Committee Member Nadia Rajs, seconded by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, that this Resolution be carried at Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello and Committee Member Sorensen

Nay: Committee Member Steingart
Enactment No: 313-22

2. Authorize the submission of an application with NYSDEC [ID-4723](#)

This Resolution was carried at Committee.

Enactment No: 314-22

3. TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF PLANNING, AND COMMUNITY TO APPLY FOR A 2022 PLANNING GRANT THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK PROGRAM (CDBG) [ID-4726](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, seconded by Committee Member Nadia Rajs, that this Resolution be carried at Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

Enactment No: 315-22

4. TO AMEND THE SALARY SCHEDULE OF THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 445 INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS REMOVING THE SECTION THAT REQUIRES STARTING SALARIES FOR ALL EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 SHALL BE NINETY PERCENT (90%) OF THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

[ID-4742](#)

This Resolution was carried at Committee.

Enactment No: 316-22

5. To amend the Social Media Policy.

[ID-4751](#)

Attachments: [Social Media Policy Revision FINAL DRAFT 06-10-22.docx](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, seconded by Committee Member Nadia Rajs, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/21/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

Enactment No: 317-22

6. Set public hearing for 8/11/22 at 11:00AM Amending the Charter regarding redistricting

[ID-4755](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Nadia Rajs, seconded by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, that this Resolution be carried at Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

Nay: Committee Member Alvarez

Enactment No: 318-22

7. Temporarily reduce and cover the cost of the Move Sullivan Transit and Paratransit Services

[ID-4756](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Nadia Rajs, seconded by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 7/21/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen

Nay: Committee Member Conklin

Enactment No: 319-22

8. Authorize contract with Pioneer Pole Buildings, Inc. [ID-4760](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Ira Steingart, seconded by Committee Member Nadia Rajs, that this Resolution be carried at Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen
Enactment No: 320-22

9. To amend the Management/Confidential Employee Salary Schedule. [ID-4761](#)

Attachments: [Final Budget Document July 2022.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Nadia Rajs, seconded by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, that this Resolution be carried at Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen
Enactment No: 321-22

10. To create the position of Director of Food Services at the Care Center at Sunset Lake. [ID-4743](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Alan J. Sorensen, seconded by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, that this Resolution be carried at Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen
Enactment No: 322-22

11. To set Hourly Rate for Student Interns [ID-4762](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Alan J. Sorensen, seconded by Committee Member Nadia Rajs, that this Resolution be carried at Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen
Enactment No: 323-22

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12. Correct 2021 Apportionments for Quarters Two through Four and Apportion 2022 First and second quarter mortgage tax [ID-4764](#)

Attachments: [Mtg Tax Summary 2Q 2021- 2Q2022](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Nadia Rajs, seconded by Committee Member George Conklin, that this Resolution be carried at Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen
Enactment No: 324-22

13. To Authorize Agreements with Various Entities to Conduct Clean-Up and Beautification Initiatives on County Property [ID-4765](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Nadia Rajs, seconded by Committee Member Alan J. Sorensen, that this Resolution be carried at Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen
Enactment No: 325-22

14. Enter into a Data Migration Agreement with Granicus [ID-4766](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, seconded by Committee Member Nadia Rajs, that this Resolution be carried at Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen
Enactment No: 326-22

15. To participate in Google's Chatbot Service [ID-4767](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Brooks, seconded by Committee Member Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be carried at Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen
Enactment No: 327-22

16. Authorize agreement with Flexible Benefit Administration, Inc. for HRA**[ID-4769](#)**

A motion was made by Committee Member Nadia Rajs, seconded by Committee Member Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be carried at Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen
Enactment No: 328-22

Adjourn

Chairman Doherty asked for a motion to adjourn and Joseph Perrello stated not yet. He stated he still didn't get an answer.

Chairman Doherty stated that all Department Heads submit a report. He doesn't have a problem with Department Heads adding to their report, but to come up here and reiterate their report, he thinks is a waste of time. He feels it is incumbent upon legislators to do their work and read the reports so if they did have questions, they could easily ask Josh to have that Department Head here to answer questions on their report. Department Heads can sit here for an hour or hour and a half and is taking them away from their work.

Joseph Perrello stated it is only once a month and he is sure that Chairman Doherty talks to his employees at least every day, so they don't give Chairman Doherty reports on paper and the least they can do is come to our meetings once a month for an hour at a time which isn't so precious. George Conklin, because they have down time and always have breaks etc. So an hour of their time a month is not asking too much to come to a meeting and explain to the Legislature how their month went, so everyone understands what is going on in the county and the department head after that can give a summary of it all. He thinks that they should come and he doesn't know who made that call and he was never asked about that. He doesn't think it is one person's decision. He thinks it is the majority's decision whether or not department heads come to a meeting. He doesn't see a problem for one hour a month. Nicholas Salomone stated it is more than one hour. Michael Brooks stated he doesn't know that if it is a matter of time, he looks at it as-----Joseph Perrello stated he like to be informed----Michael Brooks stated there are ways of being informed. For example, any private board like a private company having a board meeting, they don't entertain unless there is something specific to be discussed. He feels it is the same type of thing here. What typically happens here is that Commissioners give their report and if there is something specific for a department head to add on-----Joseph Perrello asked Michael Brooks if he thought it was important for department heads to come here and explain their month to us. Michael Brooks then stated if a legislator needs to find out something, a legislator can always go to the Commissioner or department head and talk to them. If a legislator is going to a department head, the legislator should let the Commissioner know. Joseph Perrello stated it is hog wash. Luis Alvarez stated that is not the point..

George Conklin out at 10:43am

Luis Alvarez stated that the point here is that you make a decision, the five of you, and don't tell us the other four. Chairman Doherty stated that is not the case. Luis Alvarez stated that is the case. He further stated that he is a legislator here and he feels he is being ignored. Luis Alvarez further stated that he doesn't even get an email to what goes on. That's the point and respect me. Chairman Doherty stated that he feels that the Department Head should be respected and read their report, that would be nice. Luis Alvarez stated he reads the reports and he was never consulted in making a decision. A decision was made without consulting with him.

Joseph Perrello asked County Attorney Michael McGuire if he had the right to ask department heads to come to a meeting even if he is not on the committee? County Attorney McGuire stated that the structure of a committee meeting is up to the committee chair of that committee. Joseph Perrello asked only the chair? County Attorney McGuire stated that the chair runs the meeting, sets the agenda sets what ever reports to be received to deal with the business of that committee. So it is not

a matter if you have the right, but if you have an issue about some matter on a committee, you have every obligation to go to the chair of that committee and request the presence of a department head because you have a concern about an issue. Joseph Perrello stated thank you.

Chairman Doherty moved to adjourn, seconded by Nicholas Salomone. The Executive Committee adjourned at 10:49AM.

A motion was made by Chairman Robert Doherty, seconded by Committee Member Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this be carried at Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Doherty, Vice Chairman Brooks, Committee Member Rajs, Committee Member Salomone, Committee Member Conklin, Committee Member Alvarez, Committee Member Perrello, Committee Member Steingart and Committee Member Sorensen