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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,  
Presiding Officer

PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS COMMITTEE

VINCENT MUSCARELLA, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York

Monday, May 6, 2013  
1:57 P.M

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2     A P P E A R A N C E S :3     VINCENT MUSCARELLA,  
4             Chairman5     HOWARD KOPEL,  
6         Vice Chairman (Substituted by  
7                             Rose Marie Walker)

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FRANCIS BECKER

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MICHAEL VENDITTO

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DAVID DENENBERG,  
9         Ranking

10    JOSEPH SCANNELL

11    CARRIE SOLAGES (substituted by  
12                             Kevan Abrahams)

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13    WILLIAM J. MULLER, III  
14         Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

SEAN SALLEY, Nassau County,  
Department of Public Works.....5

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2                   CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Public  
3 Works and Parks Committee is hereby called  
4 to order. I am here. Subbing for Vice  
5 Chairman Howard Kopel is Rose Walker.  
6 Francis Becker is here. Michael Venditto is  
7 here. Ranking Member Dave Denenberg is  
8 here. Joseph Scannell is here and for  
9 Carrie Solages is Kevan Abrahams.

10                   Two items. The first item is  
11 Clerk Item 199 of 2013, a resolution  
12 authorizing the county executive to execute  
13 an application for a grant between the  
14 County of Nassau acting on behalf of the  
15 Department Public Work and the New York  
16 State Department of Environmental  
17 Conservation. Motion, please.

18                   LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

19                   LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

20                   CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion by  
21 Rose Walker, seconded by Mr. Becker. Mr.  
22 May.

23                   MR. MAY: We have Mr. Sean Salley  
24 from the Department of Public Works.

25                   CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Mr. Salley,

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2 can you tell us a little bit about this?

3 MR. SALLEY: Sure. This was an  
4 application for round 11 of the New York  
5 State DEC Urban and Forestry Grant. The  
6 applications were due back on June 21st,  
7 2012. The county submitted an application  
8 for tree plantings along West John Street in  
9 conjunction with the street scape project  
10 that was ongoing or was ongoing at the time.

11 The grant program was for a  
12 maximum of a 50 percent match so we asked  
13 for that 50 percent at \$23,115.78.  
14 Subsequently, the state awarded the county  
15 these funds. We were successful in the  
16 grant and we are here before you today for  
17 permission to execute the authorizing  
18 resolution, the resolution we need to  
19 include in our contract package with the  
20 state.

21 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any  
22 questions?

23 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: I have a  
24 question.

25 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Certainly,

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2 Mr. Denenberg.

3           LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Thank you,  
4 Mr. Muscarella. Just a question. I mean,  
5 throughout the day today as in most days we  
6 appropriate a number of grants that we get  
7 from the state or the federal government or  
8 even sometimes outside agencies.

9           This, instead of using -- instead  
10 of coming to us to appropriate this grant, I  
11 don't ever remember having to authorize the  
12 county executive to sign an application for  
13 a grant, so I don't really understand how  
14 this differs.

15           The county executives throughout  
16 the years I know have applied or departments  
17 have applied for the grants. We usually  
18 don't approve the application but we approve  
19 the appropriation of the funds after they  
20 come in.

21           MR. SALLEY: It's my  
22 understanding that the state DEC requires  
23 the -- this authorizing resolution, a  
24 commitment of matching funds from the local  
25 jurisdiction along with the application.

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2 Now, in speaking with the grant official on  
3 the state side, back in June, the  
4 application was not -- it was an item in the  
5 grant submission check list, but the state  
6 was not going to hold the local municipality  
7 to that resolution at that time.

8 If the award were to be granted,  
9 the contract would not be able to be  
10 executed until that authorizing resolution  
11 was submitted.

12 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: I guess I  
13 will try to follow to see if this is just  
14 something about this particular grant, but I  
15 don't ever recall us doing this before.

16 But, on a second note, this is  
17 grant funds that are specifically for trees  
18 at West John Street?

19 MR. SALLEY: That's correct.

20 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Should we  
21 be applying for grant money for trees  
22 throughout Nassau County then?

23 MR. SALLEY: We do keep an eye on  
24 grant or notice of funding that these  
25 projects would be eligible for. This was

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2 the round 11 Urban Forestry Program,  
3 assuming a subsequent round would come  
4 forward, we would look to apply.

5 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Well,  
6 we've found a number of street scape  
7 projects. We are working also working on a  
8 few road projects right now throughout the  
9 county. Maybe we should be, when we do our  
10 street scape or a road project, that's a  
11 complete road rehabilitation project, often  
12 trees have to be removed. So I'm just  
13 wondering if we should be trying to get  
14 grant funds, not just for this project on  
15 West John in Hicksville but for other  
16 projects.

17 MR. SALLEY: Absolutely.

18 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Thanks.

19 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any other  
20 questions?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Hearing none, all those in favor  
23 signify by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Any opposed?



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2 (No verbal response.)

3 The item carries.

4 The next up is Item 203 of 2013,  
5 a resolution authorizing the county  
6 executive to accept on behalf of the County  
7 of Nassau the dedication of two separate  
8 parcels of real property for highway  
9 purposes; one comprises of 138 square feet,  
10 and the other comprising approximately 348  
11 square feet, both located at or near Old  
12 Country Road and Willis Avenue, Incorporated  
13 Village of Mineola, town of North Hempstead,  
14 County of Nassau, State of New York.  
15 Motion, please.

16 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion by  
19 Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Venditto.

20 MR. SALLEY: Sean Salley,  
21 Department of Public Works. This is a  
22 proposed property dedication to the County  
23 of Nassau in the design review of the  
24 adjacent residential development proposed at  
25 the corner, the northwest corner of Old

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2 Country Road and Willis Avenue. The design  
3 review revealed the need for an additional  
4 one foot of travel lane with -- to bring the  
5 line widths up to code. So in negotiations  
6 with the developer, the developer has agreed  
7 to dedicate one foot wide roughly strip of  
8 his property along Willis Avenue to the  
9 county to accommodate the expansion of the  
10 paved roadway.

11 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: And we need  
12 to formally accept it?

13 MR. SALLEY: That's correct.

14 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any  
15 questions from any of the legislators?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Hearing none, all those in favor  
18 signify by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 Any opposed?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 That item carries unanimously.

23 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

24 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion by

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2 Mr. Becker to adjourn, seconded by Ms.  
3 Walker. All those in favor signify by  
4 saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 We're adjourned. Next up is  
9 Health and Social Services.

10 (Whereupon, the Public Works and  
11 Parks Committee adjourned at 2:04 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York, do hereby stated:

THAT I attended at the time and place above mentioned and took stenographic record of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate transcript of the same and the whole thereof, according to the best of my ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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FRANK GRAY