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A P P E A R A N C E S:

RICHARD NICOLELLO  
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VINCENT MUSCARELLA (Not Present)  
Vice-Chair

DENISE FORD (Sitting in for Vincent Muscarella)

ROSE MARIE WALKER (Not Present)

DENNIS DUNNE (Sitting in for Rose Marie Walker)

MICHAEL VENDITTO

DAVID DENENBERG  
Ranking

JUDI BOSWORTH (Not Present)

CARRIE SOLAGES (Sitting in for Judi Bosworth)

DELIA DeRIGGI-WHITTON

LIST OF SPEAKERS

GREG MAY. . . . . 5  
ROSEANNE D'ALLEVA . . . . . 6  
KEITH SATHER. . . . . 10  
KEN ARNOLD. . . . . 22  
GREG STEPHANOFF . . . . . 32  
EDMOND HORACE . . . . . 32

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2 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: I call the Finance  
3 Committee to order.

4 Mr. Muller, could you call the roll  
5 please?

6 CLERK MULLER: Yes.

7 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton?

8 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

9 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Bosworth, is  
10 somebody substituting for her?

11 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Yes.

12 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Solages for  
13 Legislator Bosworth.

14 Ranking Member Denenberg is here.

15 Legislator Venditto?

16 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Here.

17 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Dunne  
18 substituting for Legislator Walker?

19 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Here.

20 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Ford  
21 substituting for Vice Chairman Muscarella?

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

23 CLERK MULLER: Chairman Nicoletto?

24 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Here.

25 CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.

2 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you.

3 Items 530 and 532-2013 are resolutions to  
4 authorize the transfer of appropriations  
5 heretofore made within the budget for the year  
6 2013.

7 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

8 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator  
10 Dunne, seconded by Legislator Ford.

11 Any questions?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Any public comment?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 All in favor signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Those items carry unanimously.

18 530 and 531.

19 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: We had some  
20 questions on that. Sorry.

21 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Go ahead. Mr. May.

22 MR. MAY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'm sorry.  
23 Which items do we have questions on?

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: 530 --

25 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Can you explain

2 these transfers, please?

3 MR. MAY: We're referring to Clerk Item  
4 530-13?

5 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Yes.

6 MR. MAY: We have Ms. Roseanne D'Allewa  
7 from the Office of Management and Budget to  
8 answer questions on that item.

9 MS. D'ALLEVA: Hello. This was a  
10 consolidated board transfer for several  
11 departments. What in particular do you have a  
12 question on?

13 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Why is it such a  
14 large transfer for corrections and for worker's  
15 comp settlements?

16 MS. D'ALLEVA: What we're experiencing  
17 this year is not -- we're experiencing the same  
18 number of claims, approximately, it's just that  
19 the loss amounts for the claims are much higher  
20 because the indemnity payments have risen so  
21 rapidly.

22 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Why have the  
23 indemnity claims risen so rapidly?

24 MS. D'ALLEVA: New York State Law  
25 Worker's Compensation Board. What we used to pay

2 at \$400 for an indemnity payment per week, we now  
3 pay \$804.

4 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So if someone is  
5 out for a work because of worker's comp it went  
6 from 400 to 804 because of a change in state law?

7 MS. D'ALLEVA: Yes. Yes. There has  
8 been an uptick since 2007 'til now. Most of this  
9 overage was really due to the fact that our loss  
10 claims have -- we are experiencing the same  
11 amount of loss claims but the worker's comp board  
12 is settling them more rapidly and therefore if  
13 they are awarded 20 weeks, it's 20 weeks times  
14 the indemnity rate of 804.

15 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So in the past  
16 what happened?

17 MS. D'ALLEVA: The worker's comp board  
18 wasn't settling them as rapidly, so therefore we  
19 -- and it's been happening the past, like, 18  
20 months.

21 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: But if it's the  
22 same number of claims, regardless of whether they  
23 settle them, it would just be a backlog and it  
24 would be like a continuity at some point.

25 MS. D'ALLEVA: But they are actually

2 awarding the -- the schedule, in terms of rate of  
3 reward for specific body parts is actually  
4 increasing as well. So a rotator cuff was worth  
5 probably 20 weeks and now it's worth 30 weeks.

6 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: For police  
7 district the transfer is being taken out of  
8 contingency reserves and out of suits and  
9 damages, right?

10 MS. D'ALLEVA: That's correct.

11 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Suits and damages  
12 makes sense because it's worker's comp, it's a  
13 suit and damage anyway. Contingency reserve  
14 makes sense because if we don't have enough money  
15 in worker's comp or in suits and damages, I can  
16 understand coming out of contingency reserve.  
17 But for correction center it doesn't -- it's not  
18 coming out of contingency or suits and damages.  
19 Why?

20 MS. D'ALLEVA: It's coming out of  
21 salaries because that's where they have a  
22 surplus. They have appropriation there and they  
23 have to self fund it.

24 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: We don't have  
25 suits and damages within corrections? We don't



2 have a --

3 MS. D'ALLEVA: No.

4 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: contingency  
5 reserve?

6 MS. D'ALLEVA: No. There is not  
7 appropriation for suits and damages in  
8 corrections.

9 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Why would there  
10 be enough money in salaries in correctional  
11 center? Is that because we're down correction  
12 officers? Did we expect to hire more this year?

13 MS. D'ALLEVA: I believe we have  
14 vacancies, yes. And I believe we do expect to  
15 have -- on average, we're expecting to hire about  
16 30.

17 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: How many did we  
18 hire this year?

19 MS. D'ALLEVA: I think it was 14.  
20 Seventeen.

21 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So we were  
22 supposed to -- or we thought we would hire 30, we  
23 only hired 17 so now we have extra money in the  
24 correctional center salary line?

25 MS. D'ALLEVA: Yes. Overtime is

1 slightly under projected currently. There is  
2 some room in their overtime budget as well but  
3 not much.

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5 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Is there a reason  
6 why we hired less than projected?

7 MS. D'ALLEVA: You would have to speak  
8 to the Sheriff Sposato.

9 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: We have someone  
10 here. Could you answer?

11 CAPTAIN SATHER: Captain Keith Sather.  
12 Although I'm not really here today to answer  
13 questions as far as hiring, the correctional  
14 center, through lower inmate headcount,  
15 consolidation, management has been able to stay  
16 within its budget, its overtime budget, which  
17 it's projecting out at 15.2 this year, so there  
18 hasn't been the need.

19 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So we're able to  
20 take the money for worker's comp here?

21 CAPTAIN SATHER: We were able to take  
22 the money from a surplus within our budget.

23 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Are we increasing  
24 the amount in worker's comp in future years now  
25 based on the fact that, as you said, the state

law has increased or doubled indemnity claims?

MS. D'ALLEVA: The 2014 budget did account for an increase in indemnity payment, yes.

LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: This high an increase, 400 to 804, as you called it?

MS. D'ALLEVA: I believe the 2014 budget was somewhere in the neighborhood of 25 million in total. I'm not really sure particularly what it was in corrections. But in 2014 I think it tops out at 28 million. So it was accommodated for in the 2014 budget.

LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Why within police do we have a suits and damages line but we don't have that in corrections?

MS. D'ALLEVA: There are some settlements that they do in-house. They also have their own attorneys.

LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: I don't really understand how that answers the question. I'm saying that police has their own attorneys too. There's a suits and damages --

MS. D'ALLEVA: Corrections doesn't have their own attorney group. They use the county

attorney's office.

LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Yeah. But there's a suits and damages line in police, there isn't in corrections. There's suits and damages in both departments, so I don't understand why one department, police, has suits and damages and corrections does not.

MS. D'ALLEVA: I could try to get you the information, in terms of what their litigating and what they're not and what they're settling. I'm not really 100 percent sure.

LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: What does that have to do with having a line in the budget for suits and damages? We have suits and damages under corrections and suits and damages under police, but under police we have a line in the budget and under corrections --

MS. D'ALLEVA: We don't have suits and damages under corrections. We don't have a suits and damages line under corrections.

LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: That's what I'm saying. Why don't we?

MS. D'ALLEVA: Because they're --

LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: We have the

suits, we have the damages, but we don't have a budget line. In police we have the suits, we have the damages, we have a budget line.

MS. D'ALLEVA: Because in PDD it's a separate funding source. It's a separate fund. So it's the district fund versus the general fund countywide.

LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Okay. All right. I have no other questions.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Okay. Any other questions?

(No verbal response.)

Thank you, Roseanne.

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Those items carry unanimously.

Item 532-2013, a resolution authorizing the county executive to execute a grant agreement between the County of Nassau acting on behalf of the County Department of Parks and Mineola

2 Historical Society.

3 I'll move that, seconded by Legislator  
4 Dunne.

5 Any questions on this item?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Any public comment?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 All in favor signify by saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 It carries unanimously.

12 Items 537 and 538-2013. 537 is an  
13 ordinance certifying base and adjusted base  
14 proportions for county, town, and special  
15 districts for each class property set forth in  
16 §1802 of the Real Property Tax Law.

17 Item 538 is a resolution to fix the time  
18 and date on which consolidated tax warrants shall  
19 be issued to the town and city receiver of taxes  
20 for the collection of taxes and assessments  
21 levied by the Nassau County Legislature.

22 Moved by Legislator Dunne, seconded by  
23 Legislator Ford.

24 Do we have any questions on these items?

25 (No verbal response.)

2 Any public comment?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 All in favor signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Those opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Carries unanimously.

9 I'm now going to call 539, 540, 541, 542,  
10 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 549, 550, 551, and 552.

11 These are resolutions authorizing the assessor of  
12 the County of Nassau to extend on the annual  
13 assessment roll of the County of Nassau for the  
14 year 2014 for the Town of Hempstead, amounts  
15 assessed by the Town Board for survey and  
16 demolition or securing unsafe premises, also for  
17 the construction or reconstruction of sidewalks  
18 pursuant to Town Law and County Government Law;  
19 we're doing the same thing in Oyster Bay with  
20 respect to construction or reconstruction of  
21 sidewalks; same thing in North Hempstead for the  
22 demolition and/or securing of unsafe premises.

23 549 is a resolution authorizing the  
24 county assessor and/or county treasurer and/or  
25 receiver of taxes of the Town of North Hempstead

to exempt from real property taxation certain real properties situated in various school districts; same with 550; 551 is the same with respect to Oyster Bay and is partially exempting from real property taxation certain properties. 552 is for the Town of Oyster Bay to correct erroneous assessments.

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator Ford.

Any questions on these items?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Items carry unanimously.

Item 553 is a resolution to authorize the county assessor and/or the county treasurer and/or the receiver of taxes of the City of Long Beach, it should be Glen Cove, to exempt from



2 real property taxation certain real properties  
3 appearing on the assessment rolls for the  
4 specified school and/or county years.

5 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator  
8 Dunne, seconded by Legislator Ford.

9 We have to amend this item to refer to  
10 Glen Cove instead of Long Beach.

11 I'll take a motion to amend.

12 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

13 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator  
15 Dunne, seconded by Legislator Ford.

16 Any questions on the amendment?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Any public comment?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 All in favor of the amendment signify by  
21 saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 Those opposed?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Amendment passes unanimously.

Now as to the amended item. Any questions on the amended item?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

That item carries unanimously.

Items 554 and 555 are resolutions to authorize the county assessor and/or the county treasurer and/or the receiver of taxes of the Town of Hempstead to partially exempt from real property taxation certain properties and also the Town of Hempstead to exempt from real property taxation certain properties.

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator Ford.

Any questions on these two items?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

2 (No verbal response.)

3 All in favor signify by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Those opposed?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Those two items carry unanimously.

8 Items 560, 561, 562, 563, and 564 are  
9 ordinances supplemental to the annual  
10 appropriation ordinance in connection with the  
11 Health Department, Department of Human Services,  
12 Department of Social Services -- Item 561 should  
13 be the Health Department -- 562 is Social  
14 Services, 563 is Department of Forensic Genetics  
15 Medical Examiner, and 564 which is the Health  
16 Department, Police Department, Office of  
17 Emergency Management and the Fire Commission.

18 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator  
21 Dunne, seconded by Legislator Ford.

22 Any questions on these items?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Any public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

2 All in favor signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 Those opposed?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Those items carry unanimously.

7 Items 556 -- I'm sorry. Items 565-2013  
8 and 566-2013 are resolutions to authorize the  
9 transfer of appropriations heretofore made within  
10 the budget for the year 2013.

11 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator  
14 Dunne, seconded by Legislator Ford.

15 Any questions on these items?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Public comment?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 All in favor signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 All opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 They carry unanimously.

24 Item 568-2013 is an ordinance  
25 supplemental to the annual appropriation

2 ordinance in connection with the Office of  
3 Emergency Management, Department of Public Works,  
4 Medical Examiner, and Correctional Center.

5 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator  
8 Dunne, seconded by Legislator Ford.

9 Any questions?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Public comment?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 All in favor signify by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Those opposed?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 That item passes unanimously.

18 Item 569-2103 is a resolution amending  
19 the boundary descriptions of the sewer and storm  
20 water resources district zones of assessment.

21 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator  
24 Dunne, seconded by Legislator Ford.

25 Any questions?

2 (No verbal response.)

3 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: I have a  
4 question.

5 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator DeRiggi-  
6 Whitton.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Mr. May, do we have  
8 a speaker?

9 MR. MAY: Yes. We have Mr. Ken Arnold  
10 and Connell Denion and maybe even Ms. Jane  
11 Houdek.

12 MR. ARNOLD: Ken Arnold.

13 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Hi, Ken.  
14 Can you just explain what this entails?

15 MR. ARNOLD: Excuse me? I didn't hear  
16 you.

17 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Can you  
18 explain what this resolution entails?

19 MR. ARNOLD: The resolution combines the  
20 Sewer and Storm Water Authority into the three  
21 zones as required by state law. In addition, it  
22 takes some orphan properties in Lido and Glen  
23 Cove and puts them in the appropriate zone of  
24 assessment.

25 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Can you

1 explain -- what is that term that you just used,  
2 orphan?  
3

4 MR. ARNOLD: Orphan. Up in Glen Cove  
5 when the County took the Glen Cove Sewage Plant,  
6 there are certain properties outside the village  
7 city boundaries. These properties currently are  
8 receiving a bill from the Department of Public  
9 Works for their sanitary sewer services. This  
10 will put these properties inside the zone of  
11 assessment for disposals and collection and they  
12 will no longer receive a bill from the department  
13 but will receive something on their taxes.

14 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: With the  
15 backup it stated that attached hereto was a list  
16 of the properties intended for the addition; I  
17 don't have a copy of the properties.

18 MR. ARNOLD: We can provide that for  
19 you.

20 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: I think  
21 that's pretty important before we vote on this  
22 because this is --

23 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: This is for  
24 committees. We have 11 days until the Full  
25 Legislature.

2 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: I know.

3 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: So if they can get  
4 you the information by that time.

5 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: I think  
6 it's pretty significant, Rich. Just before we  
7 vote on it, I would just like to know who and  
8 what we're talking about and what areas. I have  
9 no idea what you're talking about. You're going  
10 to be billing them through their taxes because  
11 there is no sewage tax, basically, in Glen Cove.

12 MR. ARNOLD: No. Currently these  
13 properties, when the IMA was finalized with the  
14 City of Glen Cove these properties were outside  
15 the City.

16 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Correct.

17 MR. ARNOLD: So they were not included  
18 as part of the IMA.

19 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: So where  
20 are they?

21 MR. ARNOLD: They're in the Village of  
22 Sea Cliff, Lattintown, surrounding communities  
23 around the City. The City had worked out over  
24 time sewer collection and disposal for these  
25 properties, because it was in the best interest



2 of the environment to accept them into the Glen  
3 Cove Sewage Plant.

4 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Right. I  
5 still think it's just important to know what  
6 areas you're talking about. I understand there  
7 is partial, maybe in Sea Cliff, but Lattintown,  
8 I'm not even aware of what area you're speaking  
9 of.

10 MR. ARNOLD: We can get that list for  
11 you.

12 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: But they currently  
13 are being billed. Now they charges will appear  
14 as taxes on their tax bill.

15 MR. ARNOLD: Correct. Currently they are  
16 receiving a bill from the department based on the  
17 --

18 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Even though  
19 -- I was, you know, I was actually just elected  
20 when that all happened. I was not in office yet.  
21 There was supposed to be a 15 year grace period -  
22 -

23 MR. ARNOLD: That's for City residents.

24 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: It wasn't  
25 anyone who would be paying taxes --

1 MR. ARNOLD: No. Only for City residents.

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3 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: So now

4 they've been paying taxes all this time.

5 MR. ARNOLD: They haven't been paying

6 taxes. They've been paying a fee to the

7 department.

8 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: So are we

9 going to have to reimburse them in any way?

10 MR. ARNOLD: No. They are not exempt

11 from -- the IMA did not contemplate the outside

12 city residents not paying.

13 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: What about

14 the IMA?

15 MR. ARNOLD: What about the IMA?

16 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Could we

17 have a copy of that, just like a description of

18 what --

19 MR. ARNOLD: Yes. We can get you a copy

20 of the IMA.

21 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: So we

22 definitely need who is going to be affected by

23 this. And when you're saying it's going to

24 appear on their taxes not -- I just would like a

25 clear description.

2 MR. ARNOLD: Currently, they receive a  
3 bill. The average bill is \$600 per year, per  
4 home. Now they will receive a tax based on the  
5 assessed value of their house.

6 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: So a tax  
7 increase for?

8 MR. ARNOLD: No. In most cases this  
9 will be extremely - much lower than what they're  
10 paying us currently. Now they're going to be  
11 paid based on the standardized collection and  
12 disposal fee that the county has, they apply that  
13 to their assessed tax on their property. So  
14 their fee, in most cases, will be below \$600.

15 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Based on  
16 the assessment value of their home?

17 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

18 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Not on the  
19 use of water anymore?

20 MR. ARNOLD: They never paid by how much  
21 water.

22 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: So it's  
23 based on the assessment not usage?

24 MR. ARNOLD: Right.

25 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Again, just

1 before I'm going to vote for this I would just  
2 like to have some idea of what areas are  
3 affected, especially since it's not included in  
4 the backup.  
5

6 MR. ARNOLD: We'll get you that.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: It has another  
8 benefit for the homeowners. Since it's going to  
9 be appearing on their tax bills it becomes  
10 deductible, right?

11 MR. ARNOLD: I believe so, yes. Because  
12 right now it's just strictly a fee.

13 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: So if it shows up  
14 as part of their taxes it becomes something they  
15 can deduct on their income taxes.

16 Legislator Ford.

17 LEGISLATOR FORD: I just have a question  
18 in regard to this because I know even up in Lido  
19 -- is this going to help us -- because I know  
20 that that we had an issue up at Lido because we  
21 have certain blocks, you know, where the people  
22 have basically been paying or not paying sewer  
23 fees and yet when they had a problem with their  
24 sewer system, nobody knew which jurisdiction they  
25 fell under.

2 MR. ARNOLD: These properties will become  
3 part of the Authority now. And the county will  
4 maintain the collection system.

5 LEGISLATOR FORD: So if they do have a  
6 problem with their sewer system, now we know that  
7 the county will be responsible for going to make  
8 sure that the system will work and everything.

9 MR. ARNOLD: Correct.

10 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you very much.

11 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Any further  
12 questions?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Thank you, Ken.

15 Any public comment?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 All in favor signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 Those opposed?

20 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: I'm  
21 opposed.

22 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: I'm opposed too.

23 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Carrie?

24 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I'm opposed as  
25 well.

2 So it passes four to three.

3 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: And that's  
4 pending the information that you're going to  
5 provide, which should have been in the backup.

6 The item passes four to three.

7 Item 572-2013, a resolution authorizing  
8 the assessor of the County of Nassau to extend on  
9 the annual assessment roll of the County for the  
10 year 2014 for the Town of Oyster Bay, amounts  
11 assessed by the town board for survey and/or  
12 demotion and/or securing unsafe premises.

13 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator  
16 Venditto, seconded by Legislator Dunne.

17 Any questions on this item?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 Any public comment?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 All in favor signify by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 Those opposed?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 That item carries unanimously.

2           Legislator Dunne makes a motion to  
3 suspend the rules, seconded by Legislator Ford.

4           All in favor of suspending the rules  
5 signify by saying aye.

6           (Aye.)

7           Those opposed?

8           (No verbal response.)

9           The rules are suspended for the addendum.

10          We have three items.

11          Item 458, 575, and 575.

12          458-2013 is a bond ordinance providing  
13 for a capital expenditure to finance the capital  
14 project specified herein within the County of  
15 Nassau authorizing \$1 million of bonds of the  
16 County of Nassau to finance said expenditure.

17          574 is a bond ordinance providing for a  
18 capital expenditure to finance the capital  
19 project specified herein within the County of  
20 Nassau authorizing \$11,245,000 million of bonds  
21 of the County of Nassau to finance said  
22 expenditure.

23          And Item 575 is an ordinance to amend  
24 Ordinance Number 86-2013 adopting the capital  
25 budget for the year 2013.

2 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

3 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Moved by Legislator  
5 Dunne, seconded by Legislator Ford.

6 Do we have someone who will explain what  
7 we're doing here?

8 MR. MAY: Yes. We have Sergeant Gregory  
9 Stephanoff and Detective Sergeant Tara Kaminsky.  
10 I'm sorry. Ed Horace.

11 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Good afternoon.  
12 Sergeant Greg Stephanoff from the Police.

13 For Item 458, this is to add -- this item  
14 will add \$1 million towards our capital project  
15 50617, which is the police department bullet  
16 proof vests. This money will be used for vests.  
17 Manufacturers only guarantee vests that are  
18 bullet proof for a certain amount of years, and  
19 then they have to be replaced. So this money  
20 will replace the vests on the current members and  
21 also the new hires.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: The next item?

23 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: The next item I  
24 have Chief Horace.

25 CHIEF HORACE: Deputy Chief Edmond



Horace, Deputy Chief, Nassau County Police Department.

The next item is to amend the capital plan for new radio systems, an 800 megahertz radio system, to upgrade the 800 megahertz radio system. It is over 20 years old, almost 25 years old. It needed to be replaced. And the money for that is \$11.25 million, bonded to get that system replaced. That will include replacing all six radio sites, as well as over 4,000 subscriber units, portables and mobiles. It also includes the ability to interface with the current 500 megahertz system, so there will be a direct interoperability between the 800 megahertz system and 500 megahertz system. It will also provide a lot other enhancements, such as integrated voice and data over both systems as well as over the air reprogramming. It will give us the ability to program radios and subscribers remotely instead of having to go out and touch radios, which we currently have to do.

CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Does this effectuate a complete overhaul of the radio system?

1 CHIEF HORACE: Of the 800 megahertz  
2 system, yes, it will.

3 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Will it integrate  
4 with the fire departments and other emergency  
5 responders?  
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7 CHIEF HORACE: Any user currently on an  
8 800 megahertz system, it will provide them with  
9 the voice capabilities on the 800 megahertz  
10 system. It will also provide direct voice  
11 integration between the 800 and 500 megahertz  
12 system, which we currently do not have.

13 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you, Chief.  
14 Any questions of either the Sergeant or  
15 the Chief? Legislator Ford.

16 LEGISLATOR FORD: Will this - also, I  
17 know a lot of times, like, you know, during these  
18 emergency situations, you know, like, if the  
19 radios don't work properly, have these been used  
20 elsewhere so that you can certify that they will  
21 work regardless of the condition?

22 CHIEF HORACE: Yes. AS a matter of  
23 fact, the current 500 megahertz system which the  
24 police department has and a lot of fire  
25 departments, most fire department do have

1 subscribers for that. During the last hurricane,  
2 that hurricane we had last year, the 500  
3 megahertz system worked without fail. The  
4 problem is that this 800 megahertz system,  
5 because it was old, there were problems with  
6 that. What you want to do is you want to rehaul  
7 the 800 megahertz system so that it will work  
8 during emergency situations such as hurricanes  
9 and major disasters. And this system will work  
10 in that situation.

12           LEGISLATOR FORD: My question too would  
13 be why wouldn't this fall under, like, a homeland  
14 security grant?

15           CHIEF HORACE: We have applied for  
16 grants in the past, some grants we've gotten. We  
17 got a cop's grant for the current radio system,  
18 500 megahertz. We've applied for some homeland  
19 security grants. Last year we got denied a  
20 grant. We were not able to get grant money for  
21 this current project.

22           LEGISLATOR FORD: Okay. Thank you very  
23 much.

24           CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Thank you.

25           Any other questions?

2 (No verbal response.)

3 Thank you.

4 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Can I just  
5 say --

6 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Legislator DeRiggi-  
7 Whitton.

8 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: I think  
9 it's money well spent. I'm glad that you're  
10 keeping on top of -- I know there's wear and tear  
11 with the vests, everyone wearing them every day.  
12 I understand that it really can make a  
13 difference. I'm happy that you're doing this.

14 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Thank you.

15 CHIEF HORACE: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: I think we all  
17 agree on that.

18 Thank you.

19 Any public comment?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Hearing no public comment.

22 All in favor signify by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 Those opposed?

25 (No verbal response.)

2 Those items carry unanimously.

3 Can I have a motion to adjourn?

4 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Motion to adjourn  
7 by Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator Ford.

8 All in favor of adjourning signify by  
9 saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 Those opposed?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 The committee is adjourned.

14 (Whereupon, the Finance Committee  
15 adjourned at 3:42 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 state:

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FRANK GRAY