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

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7 LEGISLATOR STEVEN RHOADS

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15 Ranking member

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19 LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE

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2 LEGISLATOR FORD: At this time I
3 will call the Public Safety Committee to order
4 and ask the clerk to call the roll. I guess I
5 will call the roll. Ranking Member Legislator
6 DeRiggi-Whitton.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
8 Here.

9 LEGISLATOR FORD: Legislator
10 Siela Bynoe.

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

12 LEGISLATOR FORD: Legislator
13 Debra Mule.

14 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

15 LEGISLATOR FORD: Legislator John
16 Ferretti.

17 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

18 LEGISLATOR FORD: Howard Kopel is
19 sitting in for Vincent Muscarella. He is
20 here. Vice Chairman Steve Rhoads.

21 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

22 LEGISLATOR FORD: I am here. We
23 have a quorum.

24 There are three items on the agenda
25 today which are clerk items 55-20, 63-20 and

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2 64-20.

3 Clerk item 55-20 is an ordinance
4 supplemental to the annual appropriation
5 ordinance in connection with the police
6 department.

7 Item number 63-20 is a resolution
8 to confirm the county executive's appointment
9 of Jeanine Diehl to the position of executive
10 director of the Office of Crime Victim
11 Advocate.

12 And item 64-20 is a resolution to
13 confirm the county executive's appointment of
14 James E. Dzurenda to the position of sheriff
15 of Nassau County.

16 May I have a motion. Moved by
17 Legislator Kopel. Seconded by Legislator
18 Rhoads. These items are before us. Good
19 afternoon. We are going to talk about item
20 55-20.

21 MR. STEPHANOFF: Good afternoon.
22 Deputy Inspector Greg Stephanoff from the
23 police department. Item 55 of '20 is a
24 supplemental appropriation for the amount of
25 \$637,500. This is our port security grant

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2 program. This is a recurring grant we get for
3 our port security program. There's a match of
4 \$212,500. We are going to use this to buy a
5 helicopter engine and it's going to be used
6 when -- for FAA guidelines -- we have to
7 repair or service the engine in the helicopter
8 this engine will swap out into the helicopter
9 and allow it not to go out of service.

10 LEGISLATOR FORD: Perfect. Any
11 debate or discussion? Thank you very much.
12 On items actually 63-20 and 64-20, as they are
13 appointments, we are going to vote to pass
14 them through so that the full legislature will
15 have an opportunity to discuss and to meet the
16 candidates. So, no debate or discussion,
17 right? No public comment? All those in favor
18 of passing these items please signify by
19 saying aye. Opposed? These item pass
20 unanimously.

21 Now we're going to suspend the
22 rules as we have some items on an addendum.
23 Moved by Legislator Kopel and seconded by
24 Legislator Ferretti. All those in favor of
25 suspending the rules? Any opposed? Thank

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2 you.

3 Ordinance number 72-20, 73-20 and
4 74-20 are all ordinances supplemental to the
5 annual appropriation ordinances in connection
6 with the Traffic Safety Board.

7 May I have a motion to move these
8 items. Legislator Kopel and seconded by
9 Legislator Rhoads. The items are now before
10 us. Good afternoon Mr. Mistron.

11 MR. MISTRON: Christopher
12 Mistron, traffic safety, Stop DWI
13 coordinator.

14 Item 72-20 is for the appropriation
15 for the annual stop DWI program. The program
16 itself is divided into several aspects,
17 enforcement, prosecution, probation, education
18 and public administration. The budget already
19 has been to the state and approved in form for
20 the distributions of these monies. It is a
21 self-sufficient program in that fine monies
22 are collected and by law are dedicated for
23 use. Our fine monies for DWI as well as bail
24 forfeitures are only allowed to be used for
25 the DWI program and for DWI has maintained in

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2 a separate account administered by the DWI
3 coordinator.

4 73-20 is a grant budget for the
5 handicapped surcharge. Handicap surcharge, as
6 by law, all fines collected for handicap
7 violations is divided between the Office of
8 Handicapped and Physically Challenged as well
9 as Traffic Safety for use for special programs
10 within the two departments. In our particular
11 case we utilize them for transportation,
12 education, as well as we have included our
13 child safety seat program for special needs
14 children. We have a person that, although
15 many people think I know everything about it,
16 is specialized in child safety seats for
17 special needs. The money is used for that.

18 Primarily the money is given under
19 contract to the New York Coalition for
20 Transportation Safety, who helps administer
21 the program.

22 And then 74-20 is a special grant
23 that we were able to receive from the Stop DWI
24 Coordinators Association by way of National
25 Highway Traffic Safety Administration and it

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2 is for special holiday enforcement of DWI
3 patrols. It's being split between our police
4 department and six villages. The use of the
5 money will be for instance for Saint Patrick's
6 Day. For special high profile enforcements.
7 We utilized both media releases as to the
8 special programs. It will also be used for
9 Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day.

10 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you very
11 much. Any debate or discussion? Yes,
12 Legislator Mule.

13 LEGISLATOR MULE: Hi. I do have
14 a question. What are the six villages?

15 MR. MISTRON: I'll have to go by
16 memory. It is the city of Glen Cove. It is
17 Long Beach. It is Garden City. It is -- can
18 I email that to you? Forgive me.

19 LEGISLATOR FORD: Any public
20 comment? Mr. Budnick. Thank you Chris. And
21 you will get the information about the
22 villages. Thank you.

23 MR. BUDNICK: I want to strongly
24 support especially the funds that are going to
25 the DWI program. We need to keep in mind that

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2 currently our governor in his current unvoted
3 upon status of his proposed budget anticipates
4 legalizing marijuana, and based upon the
5 experience of Colorado and a number of other
6 states, we can anticipate a large jump in the
7 DWI problem in our county. They may need more
8 resources. And the police may need more
9 resources. And the probation department. And
10 the courts may need more resources. This is a
11 very, very frightening thing that our governor
12 and our current state legislative leadership
13 seem to be, pardon my language, going for.
14 Thank you very much.

15 LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you very
16 much Mr. Budnick. All those in favor of
17 passing 72-20, 73-20 and 74-20 please signify
18 by saying aye. Any opposed? The items pass
19 unanimously.

20 Since there is no other business
21 before us, I will now adjourn the meeting.
22 Moved by Legislator Kopel. Seconded by
23 Legislator Rhoads. All those in favor? The
24 committee is now adjourned.

25 (Committee was adjourned at 3:23)

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4 CERTIFICATION

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8 I, FRANK GRAY, a Notary
9 Public in and for the State of New
10 York, do hereby certify:

11 THAT the foregoing is a true and
12 accurate transcript of my stenographic
13 notes.

14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
15 hereunto set my hand this 18th day of
16 March 2020

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20 FRANK GRAY
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