

Suffolk P.O. Lindsay seeks to put Sawicki on bond-authority board

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Suffolk Comptroller Joseph Sawicki has been nominated to become a member of the Judicial Finance Authority, the body which the county hopes to use this year to do a sale-leaseback of up to \$60 million of the H. Lee Dennison Building in Hauppauge.

Sawicki said that Presiding Officer William Lindsay (D-Holbrook) asked him to serve, and a resolution making the appointment was filed with the county legislature Wednesday. Sawicki said he sees no problem since the authority is officially a state agency and his office has no authority to audit its operations. But Sawicki also asked that the authority's counsel, as well as the county attorney and bond counsel, "double-check" to assure that his authority role would not conflict with his job as comptroller.

Lindsay said he wants Sawicki on the board because of his experience on bonding issues. The authority did a similar sale-leaseback on the Cohalan court complex, but the county needs state legislative approval to do similar deals on other county buildings.