



Public Works & Transportation BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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Monday, March 1, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with the Committees on Budget & Appropriations and Environment & Health.

With a quorum present, Chair Gashi called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

Pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.1, "Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency," which temporarily suspends portions of the New York State Open Meetings Law.

A section of the order, "Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar services," provides for the suspension of "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed."

Others in Attendance: BOL: Catherine Borgia, James Silverberg, Jason Chervokas, Alessandra Restiano Remote: Margaret Cunzio, Alfreda Williams, Damon Maher DES Remote: Richard Wishnie, Susan Spear, Neil Caputo, William Dingee DEF Remote: Nat Federici, CJ Gelardo DOH Remote: Delroy Taylor, Heather McVeigh WPLB Remote: Tom Carey, Jen Puja

Present: Legislator Covill, Legislator Boykin and Legislator Tubiolo

Remote: Legislator Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Parker, Legislator Shimsky, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2021-32](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-SPC38-Port Chester WRRF Primary Settling Tank Rehab.**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,500,000) DOLLARS in additional bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SPC38 - Port Chester Water Resource Recovery Facility - Primary Settling Tank Rehab. and Misc. Improvements.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with B&A.

Guest: Deputy Commissioner Federici and CJ Gelardo, Capital Program Coordinator - DEF
Deputy Commissioner Federici and Capital Program Coordinator Gelardo came before the joint committees to discuss item # 2021-185 Bond Act (Amended) - SPC38-Port Chester WRRF Primary Settling Tank Rehabilitation. This is a Bond Act in the amount of \$7,400,000, which includes \$5,900,000 in previously authorized bonds to finance additional construction funding for the rehabilitation of the Primary Settling Tank at the Port Chester Water Resource Recovery Facility. The additional \$1,500,000 will fund the replacement of the influent channel concrete roof slabs and the primary sludge piping system influent channel span beams, repair of the masonry walls and coping stones, replacement of the fire protections system and the installation of a new fire pump system, influent wet well rehabilitation, replacement of effluent pump piping and valves and upgrading of all chemical containment areas plant wide. Design has been completed and construction will take 18 months. Legislator Borgia has asked if we had any other detail on the tanks. She noted that the tanks were built in 1962 and acquired by the County in 1975 when was the last time we did work on them. Deputy Commissioner Federici stated that work has not done any work on the tanks since 1975. Legislator Shimsky asked if an explanation of why the work is needed could be added to the committee report. The following paragraph was revised and reads;

"The Department of Environmental Facilities ("Department") has advised that the structures and equipment to be improved by SPC38 are part of the original facility which was built by the Village of Port Chester in approximately 1962 and were acquired by the County in 1975. Those structures and pieces of equipment have exceed their useful lives and require replacement. The Department has further advised that the additional construction funding is necessary for escalation costs associated with the project being bid a year later than originally anticipated due to COVID delays and to ensure there is enough funding to award the bid alternates."

On motion of Legislator Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

[ACT-2021-29](#) IMA-Watershed Delegation-NYCDEP

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to renew an intermunicipal agreement with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection for the delegation to the County of Westchester the administration and enforcement of Section 18-38 of Subchapter G of New York City's "Rules and Regulations for the Protection from Contamination, Degradation and Pollution of the New York City Water Supply and Its Sources", whereby the County will review and issue written determinations for all new, altered, modified, or remediated subsurface sewage treatment systems located in the portion of the watershed of the New York City water supply situated within Westchester County.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH

Joint with B&A and E&H.

Guests: Delroy Taylor, P.E & Heather McVeigh, Senior Engineer - DOH

Legislator Borgia introduced Heather McVeigh and Delroy Taylor and discussed item # 2021-165 the IMA Watershed Delegation NYCDEP to authorize the County of Westchester to renew an intermunicipal agreement with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (the "NYCDEP"), pursuant to which the NYCDEP will delegate to the County, acting through its Department of Health (DOH). The DOH will continue to review and issue written determinations for all new, altered, modified, or remediated subsurface sewage treatment systems located in the portion of the watershed of the New York City water supply situated within Westchester County. The renewal will be for a five year period effective January 1, 2021 and terminating on December 30, 2025. Legislator Borgia of the Budget & Appropriations Committee asked if there were any changes, in which there are none. Legislator Walter of the Environment & Health Committee asked where are the water ways? The County Planning Department has maps showing where the watersheds are. Legislator Covill asked if part of this agreement gives administrative reimbursements. Mr. Grande confirmed there are no reimbursements.

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

[2021-186](#)

CLERK OF THE BOARD - Peekskill Sanitary Sewer Inclusion - Hill and Dale Rd.

Forwarding a Resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt requesting an inclusion to the Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District for a parcel located at Hill and Dale Road, Cortlandt Manor.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH

On motion of, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Parker, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the Committee adjourned at 11:00 AM.