



Public Safety

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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Monday, March 1, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with the Committee on Budget & Appropriations.

With a quorum present, Chair Smith 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, David Tubiolo, James Silverberg, Jason Chervokas, Alessandra Restiano Remote: Vedat Gashi, Catherine Parker, Ruth Walter, 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: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Boykin and Legislator Covill

Remote: Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Shimsky and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[ACT-2021-30](#) IMA-Fire Suppression Services-Hawthorne Fire District

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Hawthorne Fire District to provide specialized training and fire suppression services for a two (2) year term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2022 in an aggregate amount not to exceed TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND (\$26,000) DOLLARS.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Joint with B&A.

Guests: Commissioner Wishnie, Deputy Commissioner Spear, Chief Dingee and Chief Caputo- DES

Commissioner Wishnie, Deputy Commissioner Spear, Chief Caputo and Chief Dingee joined the joint committees to discuss item # 2021-166 IMA Fire Suppression Services- Hawthorne Fire District. This is an Act that would authorize the County by acting through its Department of Emergency Services, to enter into an agreement with the Hawthorne Fire District for a two year term, commencing on January 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2022. The District will pay \$26,000 for services provided. The District will participate in specialized training and activities at the Grasslands Fire Brigade. Mr. Wishnie discussed both of these item together, IMA with the Valhalla Fire District and the IMA with the Hawthorne Fire District. The agreement requires the District to respond to the call at the complex, they are trained by their professionals, the District must provide their own equipment at their cost and they are trained on specialized equipment. He explained that the Hawthorne District is in the amount of \$26,000, and that is because it only has 2.5 buildings located with in the Grasslands Campus. The Valhalla Districts in the amount of \$90,000 has a majority of the Grasslands Campus within their District. Legislator Borgia also noted that the Hawthorne agreement states that 3 people are required to train and to respond and the Valhalla agreement states their are 6 people required to be trained and respond. Mr. Wishnie added that each of them are required to have 24 fire fighters able to respond. Chief Dingee and Chief Caputo explained the details of the training.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Covill, Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Shimsky and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

[ACT-2021-31](#) **IMA-Fire Suppression Services-Valhalla Fire District**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Valhalla Fire District to provide specialized training and fire suppression services for a two (2) year term commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2022 in an aggregate amount not to exceed NINETY THOUSAND (\$90,000) DOLLARS.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Joint with B&A.

Guests: Commissioner Wishnie, Deputy Commissioner Spear, Chief Dingee and Chief Caputo- DES

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

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Covill, Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Shimsky and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Smith, seconded by Legislator Covill, the Committee adjourned at 10:24 AM.