



Public Works & Transportation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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Monday, August 9, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committee on Budget & Appropriations

Chair Vedat Gashi will be joining the meeting remotely. His address will be: 345 Kear Street, Suite 200 Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

With a quorum present, Chair Gashi called the meeting to order at 10:16 AM.

Guests: BOL: Catherine Borgia, Margaret Cunzio, Nancy Barr, Alessandra Restiano, James Silverberg BOL Remote: Melanie Montalto BUDGET Remote: Gideon Grande DEF Remote: Nat Federici, CJ Gelardo

Present: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Johnson, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Parker and Legislator Boykin

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, July 26, 2021 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2021-453](#) **BOND ACT (Amended)-SW010-Asset Management Program for DEF Facilities**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of an additional THREE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND (\$360,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SW010 - Asset Management Program for DEF Facilities.

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

Joint with B&A.

Guests: Commissioner Kopicki-Department of Environmental Facilities

Deputy Commissioner Federici and Capital Program Coordinator CJ Gelardo appeared before the committees to discuss SW010- Bond Act (Amended) - SW010- Asset Management

Program for DEF Facilities. This is an amended bond act in the amount of \$560,000, which includes \$200,000 in previously authorized bonds to finance the cost of development of asset management programs for the Water Resource Recovery Facilities (WRRF) in the County's Sanitary Sewer Districts for the County's Department of Environmental Facilities to better plan future capital improvements for the Districts. This program will allow for effective asset replacement, planning and prioritizing to enable the Department to sustain its assets and meet service expectations for its seven WRRFs, 42 pumping stations, two overflow retention facilities, 194 miles of interceptor sewers and two water districts. The current request is a continuation of a pilot program that was conducted at the Port Chester WRRF in 2016. It is anticipated that the work will be completed by a consultant and will take approximately 12 months. After the evaluation is complete, it is estimated that implementation will take approximately 12 month. Deputy Commissioner Federici explained that \$200,000 has been bonded already and today they are asking for \$360,000. Chairwoman Borgia asked what the previous \$200,000 was used for? Deputy Commissioner Federici explained that was bonded last year and was for the Mamaroneck facility. Legislator Borgia asked which facility was completed already? Deputy Commissioner Federici stated the Port Chester facility had been completes several years ago. Legislator Barr asked the Department to explain what the study will entail. Deputy Commissioner Federici went through the process and purpose of the program.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Covill, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Johnson, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Parker and Legislator Boykin

WO Prejudice:

2. [2021-454](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-SPC11-Port Chester WWTP-Roof Replacements**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of an additional ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$1,250,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SPC11 - Port Chester Wastewater Treatment Plant - Roof Replacements.

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

Joint with B&A.

Guests: Commissioner Kopicki-Department of Environmental Facilities

Deputy Commissioner Federici and Capital Program Coordinator CJ Gelardo appeared before the committees to discuss SPC11- Port Chester Wastewater Treatment Plant- Roof Replacements. This is an amended bond act in the amount of \$3,675,000 which includes \$2,425,000 in previously authorized bonds will finance the cost of additional design, construction management and construction costs for the replacement of the roofs of various buildings at the County's Port Chester Wastewater Treatment Plant, including the Administration/Sludge Processing Building and the Sludge Thickening Building. This financing is due to the latest consultant construction cost estimate, which takes into account

the updated number of roof penetrations and roof curbs required for the electrical HVAC equipment upgrade project which will be performed under the same construction contract as the roof replacement. Design is underway and will be completed by the third quarter of 2021. Construction will be combined with the previously approved work under capital project SPC03 and SPC09 to replace the electrical and HVAC equipment. Work is estimated to take 24 months.

Legislator Borgia asked the department to go over the financing and why they are requesting the amendment. Deputy Commissioner Federici explained that the design is 90% complete and that was included in the original cost. Mr. Gelardo discussed that not too long ago we spoke about electrical increases at Port Chester, this is a continuation of that project and there are also construction cost escalation. Legislator Walter asked about solar included, Mr. Federici discussed that they did look at solar at different facilities. Mr. Gelardo discussed that they looked at it for Port Chester, and as a part of the design process the consultant prepares a report at 30% of design. With this project the consultants also gave a solar analysis along with the design report, and the analysis showed that because of the rate we pay NYPA, which is significantly less than ConEd, it did not make financial sense to put in solar at this time. Legislator Shimsky noted that although fiscal responsibility is equally important, it should not be the only factor in making decisions. Legislator Shimsky asked to see the report on the solar panels.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Johnson, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Parker and Legislator Boykin

WO Prejudice:

3. [2021-455](#) **BOND ACT-SNY20-Relocation of Hastings Forcemain, No. Yonkers SD**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE MILLION (\$3,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SNY20 - Relocation of Hastings Forcemain, North Yonkers Sewer District.

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

Joint with B&A.

Guests: Commissioner Kopicki-Department of Environmental Facilities

Deputy Commissioner Federici and Capital Program Coordinator CJ Gelardo appeared before the committees to discuss SNY20- Relocation of the Forcemain, North Yonkers Sewer District. This is a bond act in the amount of \$3,000,000 that would finance the cost of construction associated with the relocation of approximately 270 LF of 8" sewer force main that needs to be relocated west of its existing location near the Metro North train station in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, due to expansion of the train station platform over the existing forcemain. Metro North has expanded their station platform adjacent to the forcemain and, as a result, the Department cannot reach this pipe in its present location to perform repairs, maintenance, or rehabilitation. The existing forcemain will remain in place and be used as a

temporary bypass, if needed. The work will include excavation and trenching milling and paving, backfilling and installation of new piping and valves. Design is underway and expected to be complete in the 3rd quarter. Construction is estimated to take 6 months to complete. Work will be done by a consultant.

Legislator Shimsky asked if DEF has been in contact with the Village of Hastings? Deputy Commissioner Federici said yes, they have and always contact to make sure so they can coordinate any work being done by the Village. They also discuss the best plan of actions that will have the least impact on the residents and commuters.

On motion of Legislator Johnson, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Johnson, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Parker and Legislator Boykin

WO Prejudice:

4. [2021-475](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-SSM74-Pump Station Rehab. Prgm.-Saw Mill SSD**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of an additional FOUR MILLION, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$4,150,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SSM74 - Pump Station Rehabilitation Program - Saw Mill Sanitary Sewer District.

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

Joint with B&A.

Guests: Commissioner Kopicki-Department of Environmental Facilities

Deputy Commissioner Federici and Capital Program Coordinator CJ Gelardo appeared before the committees to discuss SSM74- Pump Station Rehabilitation Program amended bond act in the amount of \$9,150,000 which includes \$500,00 in previously authorized bonds to finance the cost of construction management and construction associated with Phase II of the rehabilitation of the County's Tarrytown Pumping Station in and for the Saw Mill Sanitary Sewer District, which includes the replacement of personnel facilities and related ancillary systems. This project was initially intended to be completed in one phase, but due to financing and work prioritization, it was separated into two construction phases. Phase II work will include upgrades to the personnel facilities will help the County staff operate more effectively and provide improved hygiene for the staff by providing larger facilities and touchless fixtures. Design is underway and will be completed by the 3rd quarter of 2021, construction is estimated to take 24 months. work is being done by a consultant.

On motion of Legislator Johnson, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Johnson, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Parker and Legislator Boykin

WO Prejudice:

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Covill, the Committee adjourned at 10:45 AM.