

Public Safety

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Terry Clements

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10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Joint w/ B&A

With a quorum present, Chair Clements called the meeting to order at 11:29 AM

Others in Attendance:

GUESTS: Leonard Gruenfield (remote)

BOL: Legislator Damon Maher, Legislator James Nolan (remote), James Silverberg, Jill Axelrod

Present: Committee Chair Clements, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Smith, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Alvarado and Legislator Cunzio

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[ACT-2023-144](#) **BOND ACT-BIT54-Critical Communication Logging System Replacement '21-'25**

Mr. Lenox explained the need for replacement of audio equipment that is used across county departments. He said the current equipment has reached its shelf life and needs to be upgraded and modernized. In addition, new software needs to be purchased.

Legislator Woodson-Samuels asked when the software had been acquired and Mr. Lenox responded that he believes its been about 5 years.

Legislator's Pierce and Legislator Maher asked about the type of audio recordings associated with this equipment and the departments. Mr. Lenox provided examples that included the 911 recordings used by DES and the phone calls used by DSS during CPS cases and/or when registering people for benefits.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Clements, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Smith, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Alvarado and Legislator Cunzio

[ACT-2023-137](#) **ACT-Procurement of Bell Model 407 Helicopter**

It was explained that item is seeking approval to modify the procurement policy to allow a more specific bidding process that would ensure that bids for Bell Model 407 Helicopter is the only bids being received. The option to modify this law is made available by a municipal law exception that allows a efficiency or economy reason for specifying specific models in a bidding process. The reason this situation satisfies those exceptions is because purchasing a different model would double pilot training costs, increase equipment costs and create potential difficulty in operations due to having different aircrafts.

It was emphasized that passing this law does not disqualify the public bidding process.

Legislator Woodson-Samuels asked if the Bell Model 407 was the top of the line model and are there other municipalities using the same aircraft?

Mr. Luciano explained that this model is the best suited for Westchester County needs which may differ from the needs of surrounding counties.

Legislator Barr asked for clarity around whether it may be useful to have aircrafts of different models to serve different purposes that would be of benefit to the County?

Mr. Luciano reiterated the Bell Model 407 being the best suited helicopter for the County. He also added it is the best within our budget.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Smith, the above item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Clements, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Smith, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Alvarado and Legislator Cunzio

[2023-255](#) **IMA-Fire Suppression Services-Valhalla Fire District**

This ACT - IMAs was tabled

[2023-256](#) **IMA-Fire Suppression Services-Hawthorne Fire District**

This ACT - IMAs was tabled

[ACT-2023-157](#) **ACT - Village of Bronxville - National Night Out**

Legislator Nolan explained the benefit of having these funds be issued to Bronxville and the added benefit of helping the neighboring municipalities of Tuckahoe and Eastchester since they all do a joint National Night Out together.

Legislator Maher asked where the joint NNO will be this year. Legislator Nolan said he believes it will be at the Tuckahoe Train Station.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Smith, the above item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Clements, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Smith, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Alvarado and Legislator Cunzio

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Smith, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 12:16 PM by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Clements, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Smith, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Alvarado and Legislator Cunzio