

Public Safety Meeting Agenda



Committee Chair: Terry Clements

800 Michaelian Office Bldg.
148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601
www.westchesterlegislators.com

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with Budget and Appropriations

Chairwoman Catherine Borgia will be participating remotely from Clear View School and Day Treatment Center, 480 Albany Post Road, Briarcliff, NY, 10510.

Please note: This meeting will be held in person at the Michaelian Office Building, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601 in the McPoland Conference Room # 824 and also remotely via WebEx. Legislators may participate in person or via video conferencing through WebEx. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in person at any of its locations or view it online at the Westchester Legislators website: <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. This website also has links to the Agenda Packets containing documents to be discussed at the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVAL

September 20th at 4:15 PM Minutes

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[2022-498](#) [IMA \(Amend\)-Valhalla Fire District](#)

AN ACT to authorize the County of Westchester to amend an intermunicipal agreement with the Valhalla Fire District, for the provision of 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, in order to increase the not to exceed aggregate amount by ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN (\$160,767) DOLLARS to compensate the District for the purchase of additional fire suppression equipment.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Guests:

Commissioner of Department of Emergency Services, Richard Wishnie; Deputy
Commissioner of Department of Emergency Services Susan Spear

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT



George Latimer
County Executive

September 23, 2022

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators:

On March 8, 2021, your Honorable Board approved Act No. 2021 - 31, which authorized the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services ("DES"), to enter into an intermunicipal agreement ("IMA" or "Agreement") with the Valhalla Fire District ("District"), for the provision of specialized training and fire suppression services at the Grassland Campus, for a term of two (2) years, commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2022, in an aggregate amount not to exceed Ninety Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$90,000.00), subject to appropriation. The Agreement was subsequently executed.

I have been advised that there has been a significant increase over the last two years in the volume of services being requested by the County at the Grasslands Campus, and as a result, the District found it necessary to purchase the additional fire suppression equipment listed below ("Additional Equipment"), in the total amount of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Seven and 00/100 Dollars (\$160,767.00):

- New Hose \$20,000.00
- Nine (9) SCBA Packs with accessories \$115,406.00
- Eighteen (18) SCBA 30 minute Cylinders \$23,634.00
- One (1) Pack Tracker \$1,727.00

The Additional Equipment directly helps address the increase in the volume of calls being made by the County for assistance.

Accordingly, transmitted herewith for your consideration is an Act, which if approved by your Honorable Board, will authorize an amendment to the IMA ("First Amendment"), in order to increase the not to exceed amount under the IMA by One Hundred Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Seven and 00/100 Dollars (\$160,767.00), to a new not to exceed aggregate amount under the IMA of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Seven and 00/100 Dollars (\$250,767.00), in order to compensate the District for the purchase of the Additional Equipment. All other terms and conditions of the IMA will remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

The Planning Department has advised that based on its review the proposed contract amendment a is a "Type II" action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c)(31), as indicated in the annexed SEQRA documentation. Type II actions are those actions determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and therefore do not require further environmental review. As you know, your Honorable Board may use such expert advice to make its own conclusion.

I believe this proposed First Amendment to be in the best interest of the County and, therefore, recommend your favorable action on the annexed proposed Act.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Latimer", written in black ink.

George Latimer
County Executive

GL/RGW/cmc
Attachments

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Executive advising your Honorable Board that on March 8, 2021, your Honorable Board approved Act No. 2021 - 31, which authorized the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services ("DES"), to enter into an intermunicipal agreement ("IMA" or "Agreement") with the Valhalla Fire District ("District"), for the provision of specialized training and fire suppression services at the Grassland Campus, for a term of two (2) years, commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2022, in an aggregate amount not to exceed Ninety Thousand (\$90,000.00) Dollars, subject to appropriation. The Agreement was subsequently executed.

Your Committee has been advised that there has been a significant increase over the last two years in the volume of services being requested by the County at the Grasslands Campus, and as a result, the District found it necessary to purchase the additional fire suppression equipment listed below ("Additional Equipment"), in the amount of One Hundred Sixty-Seven Hundred Sixty-Seven and 00/100 Dollars (\$160,767.00):

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advised that all other terms and conditions of the IMA will remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Your Committee is advised that based on the Planning Department review, the proposed contract amendment is a "Type II" action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c)(31), which is an action determined not to have a significant effect on the environment, as indicated in the annexed SEQRA documentation, and therefore does not require further environmental review,. Your Committee concurs with this conclusion.

An affirmative vote of a majority of the voting strength of your Honorable Board is required for approval of the attached Act.

Your Committee has carefully considered the proposed Act and believes it to be in the best interest of the County and, therefore, recommends your Honorable Board's favorable action on the annexed proposed Act.

Dated: _____, 2022
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

C:CMC.09.23.2022

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Valhalla Fire District NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

SECTION A - FUND

GENERAL FUND AIRPORT FUND SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense \$ 160,767

Total Current Year Revenue \$ -

Source of Funds (check one): Current Appropriations Transfer of Existing Appropriations

Additional Appropriations Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: 101 20 1000 4420

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount \$160,767

Describe: An Amendment of agreement in order to increase the NTE aggregate amount by an additional \$160,767 to compensate the District for the purchase of additional fire suppression equipment required to address the increased volume of services at the Grasslands Campus.

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount N/A

Describe: _____

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: N/A

Next Four Years: N/A

Prepared by: Julia Criscitelli

Title: Budget Specialist III

Department: Emergency Services

Date: September 20, 2022

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 9/26/22

TO: Carla Chaves, Assistant County Attorney
Department of Law

FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM
Assistant Commissioner



DATE: September 23, 2022

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR VALHALLA
FIRE DISTRICT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

PROJECT/ACTION: Amendment of an agreement with the Valhalla Fire District for fire suppression services for the years 2021-2022 to increase the amount payable in order to compensate the district for the purchase of additional equipment needed to fulfill its duties with the County.

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no further environmental review is required because the project/action:

- DOES NOT MEET THE DEFINITION OF AN "ACTION" AS DEFINED UNDER SECTION 617.2(b)**
- MAY BE CLASSIFIED AS TYPE II PURSUANT TO SECTION 617.5(c)(31):**
purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials.

COMMENTS: None

DSK/cnm

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney
Claudia Maxwell, Associate Environmental Planner

ACT NO. 2022-_____

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BE IT ENACTED by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The County of Westchester (the “County”) is hereby authorized to amend an intermunicipal agreement (“IMA” or “Agreement”) with the Valhalla Fire District, for the provision of specialized training and fire suppression services for a two (2) year term, commencing on January 1, 2021 and terminating on December 31, 2022, in an aggregate amount not to exceed Ninety Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$90,000.00), in order to increase the not to exceed amount under the IMA by One Hundred Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Seven and 00/100 Dollars (\$160,767.00), to a new not to exceed aggregate amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Seven and 00/100 Dollars (\$250,767.00), to compensate the District for the purchase of the following additional equipment:

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§2. All other terms and conditions of Act No. 2021 – 31 and the IMA shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

§3. The County Executive or his authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute instruments and take all action necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purposes hereof.

§4. This Act shall take effect immediately.