



Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Catherine Borgia

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Monday, June 14, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committees on Public Safety, Public Works & Transportation, Seniors Youth & Intergenerational Services, Planning, Economic Development & Energy, Parks & Recreation and Labor & Housing.

With a quorum present, Chair Borgia 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: Alessandra Restiano, James Silverberg, Elizabeth LoBello BOL Remote: Colin Smith, MaryJane Shimsky, Kitley Covill, Jose Alvarado DES Remote: Richard Wishnie, Susan Spear, William Dingee, Douglas Stiller PLANNING Remote: Norma Drummond YOUTH BUREAU Remote: Bernie Dean, Kate Hubertus-Snugg PARKS Remote: Peter Tartaglia BUDGET Remote: Gideon Grande

Present: Committee Chair Borgia, Legislator Boykin and Legislator Maher

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Remote: Legislator Barr, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Williams

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, June 7, 2021 10 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Barr, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2021-111](#) ACT-Regional Partnership Agreement-Dutchess & Putnam Counties

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a Regional Partnership Agreement with Dutchess County and Putnam County in order to receive funding from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services under the FY2019 Hazardous Materials Grant Program.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Joint with PS

Guests: Commissioner Wishnie, Deputy Commissioner Spear & Chief William Dingee - Department of Emergency Services

Commissioner Wishnie, Deputy Commissioner Spear, Chief Dingee and Chief Stiller appeared before the Committee to discuss item #2021-342—ACT-Regional Partnership Agreement-Dutchess & Putnam Counties. This Act would authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services, to enter into a Regional Partnership Agreement with Dutchess County and Putnam County in order to receive funding from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) under the FY 2019 Hazardous Materials Grant Program. DHSES is awarding One Hundred Thirty Two Thousand (\$132,000.00) Dollars to the County and its Regional Partners to purchase HazMat field detection identification equipment and to train appropriate personnel in the proper use of the equipment. This program will build sustainable Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives detection, response and decontamination capabilities in the region. In addition, the RPA will promote the development of regional partnerships among the State HazMat community and enhance the standing of the State's HazMat teams within the Federal Emergency Management Agency typing system.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Borgia, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Williams

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

2. [ACT-2021-114](#) ACT-Urban County Cooperation Agreements

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into Cooperation Agreements with any or all of the listed municipalities to undertake a community development program and apply for Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program and Emergency Solution Grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the term 2022-2024 which will automatically renew for successive three-year periods.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, LABOR & HOUSING AND PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY.

Joint with LH & PEDE

Guests: Commissioner Drummond- Department of Planning

Commissioner Drummond explained the purpose of the act as serving to allow municipalities below 50,000 residents who haven't yet joined the consortium to join and be eligible for CDBG funds. In its first year in 2019, 25 municipalities joined, with 2 joining in 2020, and 3 in 2021. The village of Bronxville and City of Rye are considering joining this year having until July 2 to submit their documents to the County, and the County has until July 16 to submit documents to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Legislator Walter expressed her excitement about this program and briefly discussing its effect on affordable housing, before seeking clarification on benefits seniors in the Village of Bronxville would see. Commissioner Drummond stated that all municipalities can submit applications for grants annually by June 25, and they have secured close to \$700,000 in funding for senior home rehabilitation. Legislator Walter asked if the CDBG funds could also be used for things like meals on wheels, eviction prevention, to which Commissioner Drummond said she believed so. Legislator Walter asked if flood mitigation and sidewalk repairs were also covered, to which Commissioner Drummond said yes, this is mainly a "sticks and bricks" program and no more than 15% of funds could be used for public services. Legislator Maher asked about the communications between the County and the municipalities, and Commissioner Drummond stated that she sent communications to the municipalities, as required by HUD, in May and June for those who wished to join or leave the consortium and said she would provide copies. Legislator Barr also asked for a copy and Commissioner Drummond said she would forward to the committee coordinator.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Borgia, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Williams

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

3. [ACT-2021-113](#) **IMA-Tarrytown-Sleepy Hollow Summer Day Camp-Tarrytown**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal Agreement with the Village of Tarrytown (the "Village") for the purpose of operating the Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Summer Day Camp in the amount of \$38,058.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS, YOUTH & INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICES

Joint with SYIS

Guests: Bernie Dean, Deputy Director and Kate Hubertus-Sugg, Program Administrator - Youth Bureau

Mr. Bernie Dean and Ms. Kate Hubertus Sugg joined the committee and discussed the following item. This is an inter-municipal agreement ("IMA") with the Village of Tarrytown to which the Village will operate the Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Summer Day Camp for youth ages 3 through 11 years for the period July 5, 2021 through August 13, 2021. Activities offered at the camp will include arts and crafts, theater, games, swimming, and summer activities. In consideration for services rendered, the County will provide funding assistance to the Village in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Eight Thousand and Fifty-Eight (\$38,058) Dollars pursuant to an approved budget. This Program and its components have been successfully funded in

the past. In 2020, due to the pandemic, the Village was unable to provide the program.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Borgia, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Williams

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

4. [ACT-2021-112](#) **BOND ACT-RKL01-Tarrytown Lighthouse Restoration**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND (\$3,311,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RKL01 - Tarrytown Lighthouse Restoration.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS & RECREATION

Joint with PWT & PR

Guests: Commissioner O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia- Department of Parks & Recreation

First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia appeared before the joint committees to discuss capital project RKL01- Tarrytown Lighthouse Restoration. This is a Bond Act in the amount of \$3,311,000 to finance the restoration and rehabilitation of the County-owned Tarrytown Lighthouse. This project will stabilize the structure and prevent further deterioration. Work will consist of repairs and repainting to the exterior cast iron, replacement of windows and doors, repair of crack in the cellar/caisson area, cleaning, cleaning and re-pointing of the foundation masonry, restoration of the interior plaster and painting finishes throughout, and repairs to and restoration of all the wood floors. Work will also include reconstruction of the intermediate landing between the bridge and gangway, a new security gate on the mainland, and new electric and exterior lighting. The Tarrytown Lighthouse, located just off the Kingsland Point Park shoreline, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Tartaglia discussed that the Lighthouse dates back to 1883, they started the design on this project in 2011 and there is obviously more deterioration from the Hudson River. He discussed that there are not many of these Lighthouse left. They are called sparkplug lighthouses and date back to the 1800's.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Borgia, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Williams

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: Committee Chair Borgia, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Williams

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels