

# Environment & Health

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Ruth Walter

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Monday, October 18, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with the Committees on Budget & Appropriations, Public Works & Transportation and Planning, Economic Development & Energy.

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*With a quorum present, Chair Walter called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM.*

**Present:** Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin and Committee Vice-Chair Covill

**Remote:** Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

### MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, October 4, 2021 10:00 AM

On motion of Committee Chair Walter, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 1:00 PM

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

**Aye:** Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

#### 1. [RES-2021-178](#) **ENV RES-SSM21-Saw Mill Section B Relief Sewer**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant impact on the environment in connection with Capital Project SSM21 - Saw Mill Section B Relief Sewer.

***Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH AND PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY***

**Guests:**

Lou Vetrone, Deputy Commissioner  
Nat Federici, Deputy Commissioner  
Melissa Rotini, Assistant Commissioner - Environmental Projects  
Marian Pompa, Director of Maintenance & Capital Program  
CJ Gelardo, Coordinator  
Department of Environmental Facilities

Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone, Assistant Commissioner Melissa Rotini, Director of Maintenance Marian Pompa and Capital Program Coordinator CJ Gelardo appeared before the joint committees to discuss Capital Project-SSM21 Bond Act (Amended) and Environmental Resolution - Saw Mill Section B Relief Sewer.

This is an Amended Bond Act in the amount of \$11,500,000 which includes \$1,500,000 in previously authorized bonds, to finance the cost of design, construction management and construction costs for a new relief sewer for a section of the County's Saw Mill Section B sanitary trunk sewer along Hunt's Lane in the Town of New Castle in order to handle all existing and future flow in the District. The work is expected to include the relocation of an existing 6 inch diameter water main, excavation, backfill, tunneling, paving, and other piping and roadwork, as well as incidental expenses in connection with the County's Saw Mill Sanitary Sewer District.

Mr. Pompa explained that originally work was to be completed in the beginning of 2024 but the schedule has been accelerated at the request of the Town of New Castle and the Village of Mount Kisco in order to reevaluate the current sewer flow agreement. Design has begun by a consultant and is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2022. Design is at approximately 85% and construction is estimated to take 12 months to complete.

Mr. Pompa explained that the original bonding for Bond Act No. 105-2020 was in the amount of \$1,500,000 for design and construction management. The amended Bond Act in the amount of \$10 million bringing the total amount to \$11,500,000.

Mr. Pompa explained that we have 7 consecutive sewer segments of the Saw Mill Trunk sewer that are 24 inches in diameter. The existing sewer main is currently flowing at more than half its capacity during peak hourly flows and at times approaches full capacity and would not be able to handle all future flows that are held in reserve for parcels that are in the district but not currently connected. The project involves the installation of a new 30 inch in diameter trunk sewer along Hunts Lane to relieve some the existing sewer main. The new trunk will run along the center and west side of Hunts Lane. The work will include approximately 1,650 feet of pipeline, associated pits and manholes and minor relocation of water and gas.

Legislator Covill stated that the communities affected in her district are very happy to see this move forward.

Legislator Shimsky asked how this project is related to the ongoing issue with the non-County wastewater plant and figuring out how to get everyone connected?

Mr. Pompa explained that this project will help bring the flow through the Village of Mount Kisco pumping station and increase the flow and push us towards full capacity and make sure we have enough capacity to handle all future flow. The flow will go to the Yonkers plant.

Legislator Covill explained that the Mount Kisco pumping station needed and that is when the County will include East of Hudson money. The reserve part was that Mount Kisco had expected to do a huge development by the train station, which was not approved by the Village board, but that's likely to come back up and that would be a significant residential and commercial development on the 1st floor. Mount Kisco has an agreement with Westchester

County, New York City and Mount Kisco to never allow anyone else into the district other than Mount Kisco in the area of Mount Kisco. The agreement is being open but not to all surrounding areas.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Covill, seconded by Legislator Borgia, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

2. [ACT-2021-186](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-SSM21-Saw Mill Section B Relief Sewer**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of additional bonds of Westchester County in the amount of TEN MILLION (\$10,000,000) DOLLARS to finance Capital Project SSM21 - Saw Mill Section B Relief Sewer.

***Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH AND PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY***

Guests:

Lou Vetrone, Deputy Commissioner

Nat Federici, Deputy Commissioner

Melissa Rotini, Assistant Commissioner - Environmental Projects

Marian Pompa, Director of Maintenance & Capital Program

CJ Gelardo, Coordinator

Department of Environmental Facilities

See item 2 for discussion.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Covill, seconded by Legislator Barr, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

3. [RES-2021-179](#) **PH-Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Plan Modification**

A Public Hearing on "AN ACT pursuant to Article 5-A of the NY State County Law to modify the District Report Plan for Refuse Disposal District No. 1 in the County of Westchester to authorize the reallocation of approved expenditures, noting that such reallocation of funds will not exceed the previously approved maximum expenditure of District funds." [Public Hearing set for November 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.]. INTRO ACT: 2021-536.

***Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH***

## Guests:

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Nat Federici, Deputy Commissioner  
Melissa Rotini, Assistant Commissioner - Environmental Projects  
Marian Pompa, Director of Maintenance & Capital Program  
CJ Gelardo, Coordinator  
Department of Environmental Facilities

Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone, Assistant Commissioner Melissa Rotini, Director of Maintenance Marian Pompa and Capital Program Coordinator CJ Gelardo appeared before the joint committees to discuss the Act and Public Hearing Resolution for Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Plan Modification. This is an Act to modify the District Report Plan for refuse Disposal District No. 1 in the County that would authorize the reallocation of approved expenditures, noting that such reallocations of funds will not exceed the previously approved maximum expenditures.

The joint committees are in receipt of a report (District Plan Modification) submitted by the Westchester County Solid Waste Agency to reallocate funds with in the District's plan of improvements. The Plan recommends modifications of the Solid Waste District Management Plan, which was approved in 2017. The Plan requests and recommends the reallocation of previously approved expenditures for capital projects RD020 - Material Recovery Facility-Compressed Natural Gas Facilities; RD075- Croton Landfill Stations-Pump Station Rehabilitation Program; and RD021-Haulage Vehicle and Solid Waste Equipment Phase VI, to allow for the purchase and installation of equipment that has reached the end of its useful life.

The Department noted that at the Material Recovery Facility and Transfer Station, some equipment has reached its end of its useful life. Capital Project RD021 will replace the equipment that has reached the end of its useful life. The replacement equipment includes solid waste compactors, solid waste haulage vehicles, recyclable processing equipment and solid waste containers. This equipment is required to continue to process residential curbside recyclables and solid waste collected by District municipalities and deliver solid waste to a final disposal area.

The proposed reallocation is in the amount of \$3,800,000. The Department anticipates appropriations for this project will be included in the 2022 Budget Proposal and the debt authorization will be included in the package of debt authorization to be submitted in conjunction with the 2022 Budget.

RD020 - Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Facilities is to provide funding for the design and construction of compressed gas filling stations at the Yonkers Transfer Station/MRF. After comprehensive review and pilot testing, it was determined that CNG vehicles for haulage of solid waste from County transfer stations to the Waste-to-Energy plant in Peekskill is not feasible. The remaining \$1,800,000 is no longer required for this project and may be allocated to capital project RD021 to fund necessary equipment replacement.

RD075- Croton Landfill Stations-Pump Station Rehabilitation Program has been substantially completed for less than the previous cost, therefore the remaining \$2,000,000 of funding may be reallocated to capital project RD021 to fund the needed equipment replacement. The remaining \$500,000 will remain in capital project RD075 to ensure appropriate completion of the project.

On motion of Legislator Borgia, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

4. [ACT-2021-193](#) **ACT-Refuse Disposal District No. 1 Plan Modification**

AN ACT pursuant to Article 5-A of the New York State County Law to modify the District Report Plan for Refuse Disposal District No. 1 in the County of Westchester to authorize the reallocation of approved expenditures, noting that such reallocation of funds will not exceed the previously approved maximum expenditure of District funds.

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Marian Pompa, Director of Maintenance & Capital Program

CJ Gelardo, Coordinator

Department of Environmental Facilities

See item 3 for discussion.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Chair Walter, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Borgia, the Committee adjourned at 11:35 PM.