

# Budget & Appropriations

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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**Monday, April 22, 2024**

**1:00 PM**

**Committee Room**

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### CALL TO ORDER

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*Others in Attendance: GUESTS: John Nonna, Larry Soule; BOL: Margaret Cunzio, Emiljana Ulaj, James Nolan, Ben Boykin, Warren Watson, Lisa Hochman, Flora White, Karen Vele, James Silverberg, Jill Axelrod*

**Present:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Legislator Williams

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [RES-2024-81](#) **PH - Indian Point Energy Center Tax Exemption**

A Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester to exempt from taxation, in accordance with the provisions of Section 485 of the New York Real Property Tax Law, certain properties located in the Town of Cortlandt that comprised the former Indian Point Energy Center, and to enter into an agreement with Holtec Indian Point 2, LLC and Holtec Indian Point 3, LLC for payments in lieu of taxes for those properties." [Public Hearing set for May 20, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.]. Local Law Intro: 2024-217.

***SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LEGISLATION***

Joint with LEG.

Guests:

County Attorney John Nonna-LAW

Budget Director Larry Soule-Budget

*County Attorney John Nonna appeared before the Committee to discuss the item. He stated that this Local Law would authorize the County of Westchester to exempt from taxation, in accordance with the provisions of Section 485 of the New York Real Property Tax Law,*

*certain properties located in the Town of Cortlandt that comprised the former Indian Point Energy Center, and to enter into an agreement with Holtec Indian Point 2, LLC and Holtec Indian Point 3, LLC for payments in lieu of taxes for those properties. The existing PILOT Agreement with the County concerning the facility expired on December 31, 2023. The County and the other taxing jurisdictions for the facility--the Town of Cortlandt and the Hendrick Hudson Central School District--have been in negotiations with Holtec, for three years, regarding a new PILOT agreement, and have now come to an agreement. The term for the new PILOT agreement will be for the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2029. The Exemption shall be contingent upon the execution of the PILOT Agreement and shall be effective only for the period during which the PILOT Agreement is in effect.*

*With a motion by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, and seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the Committee went into Executive Session at 1:28 PM to discuss legal strategy. With a motion by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, and seconded by Legislator Pierce, the Committee came out of Executive Session at 1:42 PM.*

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Holstein, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Legislator Williams

## 2. [LL-2024-217](#) **LL - Indian Point Energy Center Tax Exemption**

A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester to exempt from taxation, in accordance with the provisions of Section 485 of the New York Real Property Tax Law, certain properties located in the Town of Cortlandt that comprised the former Indian Point Energy Center, and to enter into an agreement with Holtec Indian Point 2, LLC and Holtec Indian Point 3, LLC for payments in lieu of taxes for those properties.

***SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LEGISLATION***

Joint with LEG.

Guests:

County Attorney John Nonna-LAW

Budget Director Larry Soule-Budget

*Please refer to item #1.*

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Holstein, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Legislator Williams

## 3. [RES-2024-82](#) **PH - Proposed PILOT Agreement**

A Public Hearing on the proposed agreement with Holtec Indian Point 2, LLC and Holtec Indian Point 3, LLC for payments in lieu of taxes, in accordance with provisions of Section 485 of the New York Real Property Tax Law, for certain properties located in the Town of Cortandt

that comprised the former Indian Point Energy Center. [Public Hearing set for May 20, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.].

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County Attorney John Nonna-LAW

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*Please refer to item #1.*

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Holstein, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Budget & Appropriations. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Legislator Williams

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 1:50 PM. by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Barr and Legislator Williams