



Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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Monday, June 5, 2023

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Colin Smith will be participating remotely from 1132 Main Street, Suite 1, Peekskill, NY 10566.

With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:16 AM.

Others in Attendance: BOL: David Imamura, James Silverberg, Jill Axelrod, Greg Casciato

Present: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Remote: Legislator Barr and Legislator Smith

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, May 15, 2023 at 10:00 AM Minutes

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

Aye: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Tubiolo

Away: Legislator Maher, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Monday, May 22, 2023 10:00 AM Minutes

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

Aye: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Tubiolo

Away: Legislator Maher, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2023-105](#) **ACT - Compromise of Claim - JN**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to compromise its right to be reimbursed for health care benefits paid to or on behalf of a County employee from a settlement of his personal-injury action.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

Joint with LMC.

Guests: Law Department

Associate County Attorney Sean Carey

Assistant County Attorney Chris Inzero

Mr. Inzero and Mr. Carey appeared before the committees. Mr. Carey discussed the underlying facts and procedural history of the personal injury action.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

2. [ACT-2023-98](#) **CBA-SPC38-Port Chester WRRF Primary Settling Tank Rehab**

AN ACT amending the 2023 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project SPC38 Port Chester Water Resource Recovery Facility - Primary Settling Tank Rehab. and Misc. Improvements.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Associate Engineer (Construction) Christopher Gelardo

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

Commissioner Kopicki, Deputy Commissioner Vetrone, Deputy Commissioner Federici, Mr. Gelardo and Mr. Brown appeared before the Committee to discuss the item.

Vice-Chair Barr said there has been a lot of development and construction in Port Chester for the past few years, and having thousands more apartments online puts a much greater strain on the infrastructure, of which this is a key part. Commissioner Kopicki agreed that more flow means more running time for pumps, more frequent maintenance, and quicker burnout/need for replacement of pumps. He said there is definitely a correlation between increased population/amount of flow and the need to upgrade to plant to make sure it can treat the additional flow.

Vice Chair Barr asked if there is any coordination between DEF and Port Chester's own departments. Commissioner Kopicki said DEF works with the County Planning Department. Planning will send development plans for major projects, and ask if DEF can handle the flow, i.e., what are the current limits and what is max capacity. He said that If it is at 85% of max capacity, they will have to look at expansion.

Vice-Chair Barr asked if they look ahead for future projects to know if we will need to expand when everything is completed. Commissioner Kopicki said that when a developer does a large project they will do some lining or additional repairs to reduce the I and I (infiltration and inflow). The added flow from an increased number of residents, but this will be offset by a decrease in other flow. Vice-Chair Barr asked if this is required of a municipality. Deputy Commissioner Federici said they flag it through the Planning Department, but it's up to the municipalities to enforce it.

Legislator Pierce said she would like to have an oversight meeting on I and I to find out how we track those numbers and how we work with municipalities to make sure that reductions are being made.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Maher

3. [ACT-2023-99](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-SPC38-Port Chester WRRF Primary Settling Tank Rehab**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of an additional NINE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$9,400,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County, making the total amount SIXTEEN MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$16,800,000) DOLLARS, to finance Capital Project SPC38 - Port Chester Water Resource Recovery Facility Primary Settling Tank Rehab and Misc. Improvements.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Associate Engineer (Construction) Christopher Gelardo

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

Please refer to item #2.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Maher

4. [ACT-2023-100](#) **BOND ACT-SOS08-Ossining WRRF Structural Rehabilitation**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND (\$2,510,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SOS08 - Ossining WRRF Structural Rehabilitation.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Associate Engineer (Construction) Christopher Gelardo

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

Commissioner Kopicki, Deputy Commissioner Vetrone, Deputy Commissioner Federici, Mr. Gelardo, and Mr. Brown appeared before the Committee to discuss the item.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Maher

5. [ACT-2023-101](#) **BOND ACT-SBB87-Sewer System Rehab.-Blind Brook Sanitary Sewer System**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$600,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SBB87 - Sewer System Rehabilitation - Blind Brook Sanitary Sewer System.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

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Commissioner Kopicki, Deputy Commissioner Vetrone, Deputy Commissioner Federici, Mr. Gelardo, and Mr. Brown appeared before the Committee to discuss the item.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Maher

6. [ACT-2023-102](#) **BOND ACT-SY046-Yonkers Joint Sewer Districts Repair & Rehabilitation**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,500,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SY046 - Yonkers Joint Sewer Districts Repair & Rehabilitation.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Associate Engineer (Construction) Christopher Gelardo

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

Commissioner Kopicki, Deputy Commissioner Vetrone, Deputy Commissioner Federici, Mr. Gelardo, and Mr. Brown appeared before the Committee to discuss the item.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Maher

7. [ACT-2023-104](#) **BOND ACT-RD016-Croton Landfill Rehab. & Gas to Energy Program**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RD016 - Croton Landfill Rehabilitation and Gas to Energy Program.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Associate Engineer (Construction) Christopher Gelardo

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

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

Aye: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Tubiolo

Away: Legislator Maher, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the Committee adjourned at 11:48 AM. by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Tubiolo

Away: Legislator Maher, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels