



# Budget & Appropriations

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Catherine Borgia

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Tuesday, September 21, 2021

1:00 PM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committees on Public Works & Transportation, Environment & Health and Planning Economic Development & Energy.

*The County Board will meet pursuant to Chapter 417 of New York State Laws of 2021, allowing public bodies to meet and take action without permitting in-person public access to meetings and authorizes such meetings and public hearings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided the public has the ability to view or listen and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. To access the meeting, please visit: <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>*

*With a quorum present, Chair Borgia called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM.*

*Others in attendance: BOL: Colin Smith, Alessandra Restiano, James Silverberg, Yolanda Valencia, Anand Singh, Melanie Montalto BOL REMOTE: MaryJane Shimsky, Kitley Covill PLANNING REMOTE: Dave Kvinge*

### MINUTES APPROVAL

**Present:** Legislator Boykin and Legislator Walter

**Absent:** Legislator Johnson

**Remote:** Committee Chair Borgia, Legislator Barr, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2021-468](#) **BOND ACT-BPL26-1694-Flood Mitigation**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$350,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL26 - Flood Mitigation.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH AND PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY**

**Joint with PWT, EH & PEDE**

**Guest: Dave Kvinge, Director of Environmental Planning - Department of Planning**

*Dave Kvinge, Director of Environmental Planning appeared before the joint committees to discuss the Flood Mitigation legislation for New Castle. This is a Bond Act and Inter-Municipal*

Agreement (IMA) that would authorize the County to issue \$350,000 in Bonds and to enter into an agreement with the Town of New Castle setting forth the terms of the IMA.

The Bond Act would fund up to 50% of the cost associated with design, permitting and construction inspection involved with the decommissioning of the dam at Upper Minkel Pond in the Town. The project will include restoration of the area as a wetland floodplain. The project will reduce flood risk for downstream properties caused by failure of the dams as well as provide additional flood storage capacity for large storm events. This project is estimated to take 12 month.

The IMA will lay out the responsibilities of the County and the Town in connection to the project. The County and the Town will each provide up to 50% of the total cost of the project as set forth in the terms of the IMA. The total cost of the project is \$550,000. The county will pay the Town \$275,000 plus additional County cost for staff hours and administration of the project totaling \$350,000. Mr. Kvinge stated that this is the decommissioning of the dam, it will remove the storage behind the dam but it will not completely remove the dam but leave some of the dam to act as additional flood storage by leaving the retention pond into a flood storage basin. The project is for the design of this work.

Mr. Kvinge explained how this program works, and why it its beneficial for municipalities to apply for funding. Chairwoman Walter of the Environment & Health Committee asked if the State and Federal Government can help aide and lower the cost even more. Mr. Kvinge stated yes, the Department will pursue grant opportunities to lower cost to the municipalities and the County. Chairwoman Parker of the Planning, Economic Development & Energy asked Mr. Kvinge if communication in the form of the questionnaire and application to the municipalities could happen more frequently? Mr. Kvinge will send an updated letter to all municipalities.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, 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 Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Johnson

**WO Prejudice:**

2. [2021-469](#) **IMA-BPL26-1694-Flood Mitigation-New Castle**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of New Castle in connection with a flood mitigation project (Capital Project BPL26, Unique ID# 1694).

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH AND PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY**

*Joint with PWT, EH & PEDE*

*Guest: Dave Kvinge, Director of Environmental Planning - Department of Planning*

*Please refer to item #1.*

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 Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Johnson

**WO Prejudice:**

3. [2021-485](#) **BOND ACT-BPL26-1692-Flood Mitigation**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND (\$270,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL26 - Flood Mitigation.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH AND PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY**

*Joint with PWT, EH & PEDE*

*Guest: Dave Kvinge, Director of Environmental Planning - Department of Planning*

*Dave Kvinge, Director of Environmental Planning appeared before the joint committees to discuss the Flood Mitigation legislation for Yonkers. This is a Bond Act and Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) that would authorize the County to issue \$270,000 in Bonds and to enter into an agreement with the City of Yonkers setting forth the terms of the IMA.*

*The Bond Act would fund up to 50% of the cost of a flood mitigation project consisting of the rehabilitation of the dam at the Grassy Sprain Reservoir in the City of Yonkers. The project will include restoration of the area as a wetland floodplain. The project will reduce flood risk for downstream properties, including areas downstream described as Flood Problem Area YON-1 in the stormwater reconnaissance plan for the Bronx River drainage basin. This project is estimated to take 12 month.*

*The IMA will lay out the responsibilities of the County and the City in connection to the project. The County and the City will each provide up to 50% of the total cost of the project as set forth in the terms of the IMA. The total cost of the project is \$500,000. The county will pay the Town \$250,000 plus additional County cost for staff hours and administration of the project totaling \$270,000.*

*Mr. Kvinge stated that this project is the completion of the rehabilitation of the Grassy Sprain Reservoir Dam. They have a few items left to complete. The focus of the project was to rehabilitate a relief valve on the dam, which is used as a pre-release valve to provide additional flood storage. This will allow them to control the valve electronically opposed to manually. Chairwoman Walter of the Environment & Health Committee asked if this project will be done in the Spring. Mr. Kvinge stated that the City is looking to finish this project as soon as possible.*

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

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

**Absent:** Legislator Johnson

**WO Prejudice:**

4. [2021-487](#) **IMA-BPL26-1692-Flood Mitigation-Yonkers**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Yonkers in connection with a flood mitigation project (Capital Project BPL26, Unique ID# 1692).

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH AND PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY**

*Joint with PWT, EH & PEDE*

*Guest: Dave Kvinge, Director of Environmental Planning - Department of Planning*

*Please refer to item # 3.*

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committeeBoard of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Legislator Johnson

**WO Prejudice:**

## II. OTHER BUSINESS

## III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. [2021-484](#) **HON. CATHERINE PARKER - Removal of Parcel from Westchester County Sewer District - 6 Clinton Lane, Harrison**

Forwarding a Resolution from the Town of Harrison, Village of Harrison, requesting a parcel of property located at 6 Clinton Lane, be removed from the Westchester County Sewer District.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH**

On motion of Legislator Walter, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Cunzio, the Committee adjourned at 2:03 PM.