



Public Works & Transportation

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Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committee.

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Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Jewel Williams Johnson, Terry Clements, Damon Maher, David Imamura, Chris Johnson, and Margaret Cunzio; Legislator James Nolan (Remote); Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod, James Silverberg, Beth Lobello, and Shatika Parker; and Santiago Caceres; GUESTS: DEF (Remote): Vincent Kopicki, Nat Federici; Parks Dept. (Remote): Kathleen O'Connor, Peter Tartaglia, and Rob Lopane

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2023-125 CBA-Port Chester WWTP-Bulkhead Rehabilitation](#)

Joint with Budget & Appropriations committee

Guest: DEF: Commissioner Vincent Kopicki
Commissioner Kopicki, Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici, and Mr. Brown discussed the item. Commissioner Kopicki said that additional funding is required based on the latest cost estimate and material and labor cost escalations. The Bond Act would finance the cost of reconstruction or rehabilitation of steel or stone bulkheads along the Byram River and the refurbishment of the effluent line, at or for the County's Port Chester Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Legislator Barr asked if the County looks into grants for this type of work to defray costs for the County and the municipalities, especially now that the Infrastructure Act has made more money available for water infrastructure improvement. Commissioner Kopicki said they have in-house staff and consultants to identify and work on grants, and are constantly looking for them. Legislator Barr asked him to keep the legislators in the loop if it's in their district so they

can help get cooperation from the municipality if necessary.

Legislator Parker asked how much money have we received in grants to offset wastewater treatment plants the incredibly expensive infrastructure needs of wastewater treatment plants. Assistant Commissioner Federici said that last year the County received \$16.2 million for a project in Yonkers. They submitted three or four grant applications last year, and will submit six to eight this year.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

2. [ACT-2023-126](#) **BOND ACT-SPC37-Port Chester WWTP-Bulkhead Rehabilitation**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations committee

Guests: DEF: Commissioner Vincent Kopicki, Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici, and Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

See Item #1 above.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

3. [ACT-2023-131](#) **BOND ACT-SNR95-Pumping Station Rehab. Prgm.-New Rochelle SSD**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations committee

Guests: DEF: Commissioner Vincent Kopicki, Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici, and Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

Commissioner Kopicki said this is to finance the cost of design, construction management and construction associated with the rehabilitation of the County's Fifth Avenue Pumping Station located in the New Rochelle Sanitary Sewer District. Work will include: installation of new bar screens, pumps and pump control panel replacements, piping and valves, gas and fire detection systems; all mechanical, instrumentation and electrical systems; structural and architectural repairs and replacement such as walls, windows, and roofs; relocation and/or replacement of the station's emergency generator; flood hazard mitigation; and repair and replacement of the electrical duct banks serving the Glen Island Pumping Station in New Rochelle. He said that DEF has a 20-year rotation for rehab work on the pumping stations, but it may vary as needed.

Chair Pierce asked for a schedule of the rehab work for the various pumping stations. Commissioner Kopicki said he will provide that.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Parker, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

4. [ACT-2023-132](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-SPK95-Pumping Station Rehab. Prgm. -Peekskill SSD**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations committee

Guests: DEF: Commissioner Vincent Kopicki, Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici, and Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

Mr. Brown explained that this is part of bond cleanup, and will remove the design and construction management costs for the rehab of the Fifth Avenue Pumping Station in the New Rochelle Sanitary Sewer District (SNR95), which is being consolidated with other costs in a separate bond act, and decrease the estimated maximum cost and the bonds authorized to be issued by \$800,000, leaving \$1,000,000 bonds authorized for cost of design and construction management for the rehabilitation of the Water Street Pumping Station in the Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Parker, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

5. [ACT-2023-127](#) **CBA-RCC17-County Center Facility Improvements**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees

Guests: PRC: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Commissioner O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia discussed the item. Mr. Tartaglia said that the CBA will amend the County's current-year capital budget to increase the County share for RCCI 7 by \$350,000 and add this specific project to the program funded through RCCI 7. The Bond Act in the amount of \$350,000 would finance construction management and construction associated with the replacement of the existing theatrical stage lighting system, including new electrical wiring, a new winch system and associated work at the County Center building. Since the facility has reopened for public programming, the current aged and antiquated stage lighting system which has fallen into disrepair needs replacement in order to book traditional and new stage and theatrical shows.

Legislator Parker noted that the County Center should be looked at as a holistic example of how we can do a total rebuild and make it net zero.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

6. [ACT-2023-128](#) **BOND ACT-RCC17-County Center Facility Improvements**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees

Guests: PRC: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

See Item #5 above.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

7. [ACT-2023-129](#) **CBA-RGC05-Mohansic Golf Course Rehabilitation**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees

Guests: PRC: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Mr. Tartaglia said that the CBA, which will amend the County's current-year capital budget to increase the County share for RGC05 by \$400,000, is required to fund the increased construction costs associated with this project. The Amended Bond Act, in the total amount of \$4,000,000, which includes \$3,600,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County, would finance additional construction costs associated with modifications to the concrete footings, roof replacement and site elevation changes for the new golf cart storage facility at Mohansic Golf Course. The concrete footings were substantially increased in size to address soil bearing capacity deficiencies not identified in the initial test borings. While the original design intent was to preserve a portion of the existing roof structure of the original cart storage building, the extent of roof deterioration discovered during construction necessitated a complete replacement of the roof and associated structural elements supporting the roof. Additional embankment fill was also required to elevate a retaining wall and asphalt driveway.

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

8. [ACT-2023-130](#) **BOND ACT-RGC05(Amended)-Mohansic Golf Course Rehabilitation**

Joint with Budget & Appropriations and Parks & Recreation committees

Guests: PRC: Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

See Item #7 above.

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 11:32 a.m.