

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS MEETING
JOINT WITH THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY, AND
COMMITTEE ON GENERATIONAL, CULTURAL AND ETHNIC
DIVERSITY
MINUTES JUNE 29, 2009**

MEMBERS B&A: Chair: Jose Alvarado, Legislators: Jenkins
Burton, Harckham, Kaplowitz, Rogowsky,
Myers, Abinanti, Williams, Ryan

MEMBERS GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS: Chair: Ken Jenkins,
Legislators: Bronz, Burton, Pinto,
Rogowsky, Harckham, Myers

MEMBERS PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY: Chair: Vito Pinto,
Legislators: Burton, Harckham, Jenkins,
Myers, Nonna

**MEMBERS GENERATIONAL, CULTURAL AND ETHNIC
DIVERSITY:** Acting Chair: Vito Pinto, Legislators:
Alvarado, Bronz, Burton, Jenkins, Myers,
Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: **CEO:** Bill Randolph, Andrew Neuman,
Aodhan Beirne, Chanelle Hyde
Town of Mamaroneck: Valerie O'Keefe,
Steve Altieri; **County Attorney:** Rick
Cashman, Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz; **NYPA:**
P. Sposata, Eric Aleman, Helen Eisenfeld,
Dominick Luce, Maribel Cruz-Brown, Ken
Kristensen; **City of Rye:** Frank Culross, Scott
Pickup; **Planning:** Rob Doscher, Jerry
Mulligan, Lisa Vasilakos; **Scarsdale:** Carolyn
Stevens, Alfred Gatta; **IT:** Michael Odestiak,
John Elliott, Marguerite Beirne, Kay Foster;
Miller Hill Association, N. White Plains:
Maureen Keller; **Parks:** Joe Stout, Peter
Neglia; **Tarrytown:** Donato Pennella,

Michael McGarven; **DSS:** Carlos Moran, Eric Schrull; **CBAC, LWVW:** Barbara Strauss; **Journal News:** Gerald McKinstry; **DPW:** Ralph Butler; **Budget:** Arthur Vietro; **HD&W:** Todd Miles; **Rye Brook:** Chris Bradbury; **NAACP:** Alfredo Williams; **Interns:** Hope Corbin, Samuel Martin, Cameron Hunter, Camille Sampson; **Youth Bureau:** Mary Kate Cabaleiro; **CBAC:** Fran MacEachron; **Staff:** Louise Gantress, Sally Swift, Chris Crane, Olivia Rhodes, Bob Boland, Sally Schecter

Chair Alvarado called the Budget & Appropriations Committee to order at 10:10 a.m. and Chair Ken Jenkins called the Committee on Government Operations to order at 10:10 a.m.

C153 Bond Act RMH01 Miller Farm House Restoration in the amount of \$1,300,000: This is located in the Town of North Castle, is on the National Register of Historical Places and needs structural work. Legislator Nonna gave some background on the house – that it dates back to the Revolutionary War, George Washington spent two days there, conducting a court marshal of a general, father and son, owners of the farm went off to war and the women ran the farm. The County owns the property. This project has been in the capital budget for five years and about a year ago an architectural firm that does historical renovation was hired to do a study to see what the cost would be to restore this house. There are historical artifacts in the building. Once the building is renovated, Parks is looking into the possibility of moving the building to an area that would be more accessible for buses and not subject to the heavy traffic and the cement plant. It cannot be moved before the structural work is done and even then research has to be done to determine whether it will lose its significance as a historical building. It is under one quarter of an acre, only historical property owned by County and we are the property managers. Legislator Nonna said someone is looking into grants from outside sources but he was not able to attend today's meeting. It was decided to have GO meet on this item to resolve several unanswered questions.

C144 Bond Act RP046 Solid Waste Management in the amount of \$125,000: This is for funding the design and installation of a solid waste and recycling management system at Playland Park. The present collection area is being moved to prevent the run-off from going into Long Island Sound. On the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Burton for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 7-0 (Alvarado, Jenkins, Rogowsky, Burton, Kaplowitz, Myers, Harckham) and on the motion of Legislator Pinto, seconded by Legislator Burton for Government Operations, the motion was carried by a vote of 7-0 (Jenkins, Rogowsky, Burton, Myers, Harckham, Bronz, Pinto).

Chair Jenkins said there are fifteen parcels in the Town of Harrison that have requested to be removed from the Mamaroneck Sewer District and the Municipal Sewer District. These need to be sent to the County Executive to start the process. On the motion of Legislator Rogowsky, seconded by Legislator Pinto, the motion was passed by a vote of 7-0 (Jenkins, Bronz, Burton, Harckham, Myers, Pinto, Rogowsky).

On the motion of Legislator Kaplowitz, seconded by Legislator Rogowsky, the minutes of Budget & Appropriations of June 15 were approved as amended.

A259 Capital Budget Amendment BPL26 Flood Mitigation, C142 Bond Act BPL26 Various Flood Mitigation Projects in the amount of \$4,500,000 and A260 Flood Mitigation Agreements BPL26: There are five municipalities involved in this project - one is joint. They are Town of Mamaroneck, City of Rye/Village of Rye Brook, Village of Scarsdale, and the Village of Tarrytown. Commissioner Mulligan explained that he and Commissioner Butler have been working for the past two years with the Flood Task Force to evaluate the studies that have been done and determine if the projects that were chosen would help with the flood mitigation. County roads, parks, bridges are involved in this project. Each municipality will share in the cost. This has been discussed in depth in the Environment Committee but it was not signed out for a public hearing but on the advice of bond counsel, a public hearing is necessary. Bond Counsel explained in order to issue bonds, there has to be a county purpose and a public hearing is held to let the public know what is being financed, how

much, where, etc. According to County law, by having a public hearing, the public cannot challenge the Board that it was not aware of the item. Legislator Myers pointed out the flooding is an old problem. Legislator Abinanti is correct in that we need a storm water policy but this project should not be held up any longer. Legislator Abinanti said he would be introducing a local law as an addition to Section 223 at the environment meeting in the afternoon. There was much discussion as to whether a public hearing should be a separate item and not part of A259, C142 and A260. The County Attorney's office said these items could be signed out for "all purposes" with the public hearing as part of it. On the motion of Legislator Myers and seconded by Legislator Burton, these items were signed out of Budget & Appropriations for "all purposes" by a vote of 10-0 (Alvarado, Jenkins, Rogowsky, Burton, Kaplowitz, Abinanti (without prejudice), Ryan, Myers, Harckham, Williams) and this was signed out of the Environment and Energy Committee on June 15, 2009 by a vote of 4-0 (Ryan, Rogowsky, Nonna, Myers).

C127 Bond Act B0071 Modifications to Building Management System in the amount of \$1,100,000: There was discussion of the payback period. It was suggested that the payback on each project should not be greater than 20 years. Mr. Neuman said should that be the case, the payback on solar, wind, etc. is beyond twenty years. Chair Jenkins explained that Government Operations had gone over this item as a whole and the entire project was explained to them. They did not go over each item and they were content with the explanation and signed this out on June 8 by a vote of 8-0 (Jenkins, Bronz, Pinto Spreckman (without prejudice) Myers, Harckham, Burton, Rogowsky). On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Jenkins for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was passed by a vote of 6-2 (Alvarado, Jenkins, Rogowsky, Burton Harckham (without prejudice) Williams, Kaplowitz (no), Myers (no)).

Added Starter: A – Resolution setting a public hearing for WCC 2009/2010 Budget; B – Resolution suspending BOL Rules for the WCC 2009/2010 Budget; and C – Resolution setting the Rules for the WCC 2009/2010 Budget: On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Rogowsky for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was passed by a vote of 7-0 (Alvarado, Jenkins, Rogowsky, Burton, Kaplowitz, Myers, Harckham).

C147. Bond Act BSS12-Infrastructure Improvements to Shelter Facilities in the amount of \$860,000: This bond act is to fund the design, construction management and construction of the roof at Woodfield Cottage. It was suggested that the roof be replaced with a green roof. Commissioner Butler said this was not feasible but that the roof would comply with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and would ensure green technology and energy savings. On the motion of Legislator Jenkins, seconded by Legislator Myers for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 6-1 (Alvarado, Jenkins, Rogowsky, Burton, Kaplowitz (no), Myers, Harckham) and on the motion of Legislator Bronz, seconded by Legislator Harckham for Government Operations, the motion was carried by a vote of 7-0 (Jenkins, Rogowsky, Burton, Myers, Harckham, Bronz, Pinto).

On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Pinto, Government Operations was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

On the motion of Chair Vito Pinto, the Committee on Public Safety and Security was called to order at 12:55 p.m. and on the motion of Acting Chair Vito Pinto, the Committee on Generational, Cultural and Ethnic Diversity was called to order at 12:55 p.m.

C145. Bond Act BIT15 Replacement E-911 Equipment in the amount of \$1,050,000: This is to replace equipment used in the County's public safety answering points. The bond includes purchasing and installing communications, computer equipment and software to receive and route calls to the E-911 emergency system. Twenty-seven municipalities have completed the upgrade. The equipment has been ordered for four municipalities and we are waiting for two municipalities to complete their renovations. The bond would complete the upgrade of 10 municipalities. On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Jenkins for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 7-0 (Alvarado, Jenkins, Rogowsky, Burton, Kaplowitz, Myers, Harckham) and on the Motion of Legislator Myers, seconded by Legislator Burton for Public Safety & Security, the motion was carried by a vote of 5-1 (Pinto, Jenkins, Burton, Myers, Nonna (no) Harckham).

A275 IMA – Invest in Kids in the amount of \$230,769: This is an IMA with the City of Peekskill to operate the Advancing Leadership Initiatives for Teens which will serve 60 youths from 11 to 14. It will help them develop skills and training necessary to combat gang involvement, resolve conflicts, and reduce incidents of middle school violence. The County's Invest in Kids will provide \$150,000 and the Youth Bureau will provide \$80,769. On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Rogowsky for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was passed by a vote of 7-0 (Alvarado, Rogowsky, Burton, Kaplowitz, Harckham, Jenkins, Myers) and on the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Harckham for Generational, Cultural and Ethnic Diversity, the motion was passed by a vote of 6-0 (Pinto, Myers, Jenkins, Alvarado, Bronz, Burton).

On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Harckham, the Committee on Public Safety & Security was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

On the motion of Legislator Bronz, seconded by Legislator Myers, the Committee on Generational, Cultural and Ethnic Diversity was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Myers, the Committee on Budget & Appropriations was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.