

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009, 10:00 AM
MEETING MINUTES**

In Attendance:

GO Committee Members: Leg. Ken Jenkins, Chair; Legislators Lois Bronz, William Burton, Peter Harckham, Judy Myers, Vito Pinto, Martin Rogowsky, and Bernice Spreckman. Committee Coordinator: Barbara Dodds.

Others: NYPA: Shane Tyrone, Maribel Cruz Brown, Ken Konzkusen; Hope Corbin; Office of County Clerk: Eileen Songer McCarthy, Timothy C. Idoni; Law Dept: Marty Gleeson; IT: Bob Falco; Henry Grullon, CLUSTER, Inc.; Norma Drummond, Planning Dept.; County Exec's Office: Andrew Neuman, Bill Randolph ; Interns: Travis Grodin, James Gherardi, Colin Zelicoff; BOL: Rick Pezzullo, Katherine Delgado; Frances MacEchram, County Budget Advisory Board.

With a quorum present, Leg. Jenkins opened the meeting at 10:15 am. He acknowledged County Clerk, Timothy Idoni and his deputy, Eileen Songer-McCarthy.

320. a. Resolution-Setting a Public Hearing-County Clerk-Recording and Endorsement Page: Resolution setting a Public Hearing on a Local Law amending the Laws of Westchester County in relation to requiring any person presenting a document affecting real property for recording and indexing to the Division of Land Records, Office of the County Clerk, to complete and submit a Recording and Endorsement Page on a form supplied by the County Clerk and in such format as may be required by the County Clerk.

b. Local Law: County Clerk—Recording and Endorsement Page

Mr. Idoni summarized the legislation as transferring costs of a form required by law to the private sector, saving the county approximately \$750,000 a year. In Dec 2007 the Board of Legislators asked how the County Clerk's office could save the county money. Mr. Idoni suggested this project and in 2008 the Board approved \$5,000 for its development by IT. It is scheduled to start in January of next year and is based on a system in use in New York City called ACRIS (Automated City Registry Information System) where they have automated all their land records. We have eliminated 4 jobs and all of the temporary jobs and spent no money last year on temps in the land records division. This a very easy system to use and people coming in to file these forms manually will be assisted at a special education and help desk in the office. Will be training attorneys in the fall. This system is easier and better than the NYC version. For the person off the street, the system is web based and does not require special software. Both items moved by Leg. Bronz and seconded by Leg. Pinto. All voted in favor.

A vote for item 269 was held in error and cancelled. The correct item to be approved was the following:

268. Act Modifying Saw Mill Sanitary Sewer District-61 Old Sleepy Hollow Rd.:

Act to modify the Saw Mill Sanitary Sewer District ("District") by the addition of one parcel of property located in the Village of Briarcliff Manor ("Village"). [61 Old Sleepy Hollow Road] Moved Leg. Bronz and seconded by Leg. Burton. All voted in favor.

282. Bond Act- B0071- Modifications to Building Management Systems: (Bond) Act authorizing the issuance of a total of \$7,400,000 in bonds for capital project B0071- Modifications to Building Management Systems.

Commissioner Ralph Butler reported that this amendment to Bond Act No. 151-2008 for \$1,100,000 financed the design of this project and would increase the initial amount by

\$6,300,000 to fund the cost of construction of modifications and upgrading of the building management systems that control the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment in facilities maintained by the Dept. of Public Works. He said the work was necessary because systems 1) were outdated and no longer supported by their manufacturers; 2) are not compatible with current technology. Further, new systems will reduce energy use, energy costs and response time. The proposed improvements will save the county an estimated \$440,000. Moved by Leg. Pinto, seconded by Leg. Myers. All voted in favor.

Housing & CDBG Stimulus Funding: Dep. Commissioner, Norma Drummond presented an outline of federal funding pending. Copy attached. A full update will be presented at a future meeting.



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Motion to adjourn made by Leg. Harckham, seconded by Leg. Burton. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned by Leg. Jenkins.