

The Legislature of Rockland County



MICHAEL M. GRANT
Legislator - District 2

Chair, Budget & Finance Committee
2nd Vice Chair - Planning & Public Works Committee

MINUTES
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016
7:15 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Leg. M. Grant, Chair
Leg. J. Hood, Jr., Vice Chair
Leg. A. Wolfe
Leg. H. Cornell
Leg. I. Schoenberger
Leg. P. Soskin
Leg. A. Wieder
Leg. D. Jobson
Leg. L. Hofstein

MEMBERS ABSENT

Leg. T. Earl-Excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Leg. C. Falciglia
Leg. P. Moroney
E. Yeager, Esq
N. Doliner
L. Incalcaterra
S. Powers
S. Mathews
D. Philipps
O'Connor Davies, LLP -3 Reps.

ROLL CALL at 8:05 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: MAY 31, 2016

MOTION TO ADOPT

UNAN.

WOLFE/SCHOENBERGER

1. BONDS/PUBLIC WORKS MATTER:

1PPW) REF# 8183 APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 153 GRANDVIEW AVENUE, VILLAGE OF WESLEY HILLS WHICH IS BEING GRATUITOUSLY OFFERED TO THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS TO EFFECTUATE THE ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH CONVEYANCE [DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS] (CHARLES H. VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT, HIGHWAYS)
DL# 2016-01887

TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, GRANT, PAUL, MORONEY, JOBSON

PULLED – FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

CHAIR GRANT REQUESTED THE COMMITTEE CLERK TO PREPARE A MEMO TO THE ADMINISTRATION STATING THAT THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF BE PRESENT AT ALL FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE; SENIOR MEMBER FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT MAY ARISE.

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2PPW) REF# 6795

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Additional
information**

APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH AIR KOOL MECHANICAL CONTRACTING INC. FOR HVAC SYSTEMS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR UNDER RFB-RC-2015-090 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$248,903.26 FROM THE COMMENCEMENT DATE OF DECEMBER 28, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 27, 2016 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$248,903.26)
(PAUL J. BRENNAN, DIRECTOR, DGS PURCHASING)
DL# 2016-01648

TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

ADDED SPONSORS: SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, GRANT, PAUL, MORONEY, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE

UNAN.

CORNELL/HOOD

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. HOOD JR., CORNELL, SOSKIN, WIEDER

3PPW) REF# 1319

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK TO THE LEGISLATURE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – FOR A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE PIERMONT PAPER MILL REMEDIAL ACTION PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF PIERMONT UNDER CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 1471 [DRAINAGE AGENCY]
(CHARLES H. VEZZETTI, CHAIRMAN, DRAINAGE AGENCY)
DL# 2016-01919

TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, GRANT, PAUL, MORONEY, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE

UNAN.

WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. HOOD JR., CORNELL, SOSKIN, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN

ACTION:

***ADMINISTRATION IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE EXPLANATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY AND IF SO, HOW WAS PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE COUNTY.
COMMITTEE CLERK REQUESTED TO SEND MEMO TO CHAIR IF INFORMATION NOT RECEIVED BY 5 P.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016.***

4PPW) REF# 5906(A)

APPROVING EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH VEOLIA WATER NORTH AMERICA-NORTHEAST LLC ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS FOR UP TO SIX ADDITIONAL MONTHS FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2017 AND AMENDING THE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$482,658 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$6,402,641 FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF WESTERN RAMAPO ADVANCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 (“District”)] (\$6,402,641)
(DIANNE T. PHILIPPS, P.E., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SEWER)
DL# 2016-01501

TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE

UNAN.

SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. HOOD JR., CORNELL, SOSKIN, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN

5PPW) REF# 5906(B) APPROVING THE TERM SHEET RESOLVING THE LITIGATION CONCERNING THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE WESTERN RAMAPO ADVANCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND EXTENDING THE SERVICE AGREEMENT [ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO.1]
(DIANNE T. PHILIPPS, P.E., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SEWER)
DL# 2016-01519

TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, PAUL, MORONEY, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE **UNAN.**
WIEDER, SOSKIN

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. HOOD JR., CORNELL, SOSKIN, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN

6PPW) REF# 5906(C) APPROVING SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION CONCERNING THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE WESTERN RAMAPO ADVANCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT [ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1]
(DIANNE T. PHILIPPS, P.E., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SEWER)
DL# 2016-01520

TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, PAUL, MORONEY, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE **UNAN.**
SOSKIN, JOBSON

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. HOOD JR., CORNELL, SOSKIN, WIEDER

7PPW) REF# 8183 APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 34 AND 36 OLD NYACK TURNPIKE, MONSEY, IN THE TOWN OF RAMAPO WHICH IS BEING GRATUITOUSLY OFFERED TO THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS TO EFFECTUATE THE ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH CONVEYANCE [DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS]
(CHARLES H. VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT, HIGHWAYS)
DL# 2016-02072

ADDENDUM

TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, PAUL, MORONEY, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE **UNAN.**
WIEDER, SOSKIN

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. HOOD JR., CORNELL, SOSKIN, WIEDER, HOFSTEIN

2. GRANTS/DONATIONS: **NONE**

3. BUDGET ITEMS:

3A) REF# 9505 APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,250 TO AMERICAN LEGION-SPRING VALLEY MOSCARELLA POST 199, FOR PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES IN 2016
(HONS. ANEY PAUL, TONEY L. EARL, ARON B. WIEDER, LEGISLATURE)
LG# 2016-65

MOTION TO APPROVE UNAN.
SOSKIN, WIEDER, JOBSON/GRANT

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: HONS. GRANT, HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN, JOBSON, HOFSTEIN

3B) REF# 9505 APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,250 TO KEARSING-EDWARDS AMERICAN LEGION-POST 1600 POMONA NEW YORK, FOR PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES IN 2016
(HONS. MICHAEL M. GRANT, ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER, LON M. HOFSTEIN, LEGISLATURE)
LG# 2016-64

MOTION TO APPROVE UNAN.
HOFSTEIN, SCHOENBERGER

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: HONS. HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, SOSKIN, WIEDER, JOBSON

3C) REF# 9505 APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,250 TO JAMES H. ANDERSON POST NO. 1199 AMERICAN LEGION ORANGEBURG, NEW YORK FOR PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES IN 2016
(HON. VINCENT TYER, LEGISLATURE)
LG# 2016-66

MOTION TO APPROVE UNAN.
HOFSTEIN, CORNELL

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: HONS. GRANT, HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN, WIEDER, JOBSON, HOFSTEIN

3D) REF# 8345 ABOLISHING PETTY CASH ACCOUNT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS [DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS/DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE] (\$500.00)
(STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, FINANCE)
DL# 2016-01119

MOTION TO APPROVE UNAN.
CORNELL, HOOD JR.

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. GRANT, HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN, WIEDER, JOBSON, HOFSTEIN

- 3E) REF# 4249/9500** PROVIDING FOR A COMPENSATION POLICY AND A LEAVE AND BENEFIT POLICY FOR ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND ATTORNEYS IN THE ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE
(HONS. ALDEN H. WOLFE, MICHAEL M. GRANT, ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER)
LG# 2016-68

ADDENDUM

**MOTION TO APPROVE
WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER/JOBSON**

UNAN.

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: HONS. HOOD JR., CORNELL, SOSKIN, WIEDER, JOBSON, HOFSTEIN

4. AUTHORIZATIONS:

- 4A) REF# 7171** APPROVAL OF THE USE OF ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS SITE NO. 28 FOR THE NEW YORK STATE MESONET/SUNY RESEARCH FOUNDATION EARLY WEATHER DETECTION SYSTEM [ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE]
(CLIFF L. WOOD, PRESIDENT, RCC)
DL# 2016-01839

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICE COMMITTEE

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, TYER, FALCIGLIA, JOBSON

**MOTION TO APPROVE
HOOD JR., JOBSON**

UNAN.

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. GRANT, HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, HOFSTEIN

5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

- 5A) REF# 8894** APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH HTA OF NEW YORK, INC. FOR PRESCHOOL RELATED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$250,000 AND FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH] (\$400,000)
(PATRICIA RUPPERT, COMMISSIONER, HEALTH)
DL# 2016-01591

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICE COMMITTEE

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, TYER FALCIGLIA, JOBSON

**MOTION TO APPROVE
HOOD JR., WOLFE**

UNAN.

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. GRANT, HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, HOFSTEIN

5B) REF# 8894 APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH HEAD START OF ROCKLAND, INC. FOR THE PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTER BASED AND/OR SEIT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$120,000 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$820,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH] (\$820,000)
(PATRICIA RUPPERT, COMMISSIONER, HEALTH)
DL# 2016-01581

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICE COMMITTEE
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER, WIEDER, TYER, FALCIGLIA, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE **UNAN.**
WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. GRANT, HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, HOFSTEIN

5C) REF# 4037 RATIFYING FINAL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FEDERATION OF ADMINISTRATORS FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2013 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2016

ADDENDUM

(CLIFF L. WOOD, PRESIDENT, RCC)
DL# 2016-01981

MOTION TO APPROVE **UNAN.**
WOLFE, JOBSON

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. GRANT, HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN, WIEDER, JOBSON, HOFSTEIN

ACTION:

COMMITTEE REQUESTED FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE AN ANALYSIS FOR THE SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THE NEW CONTRACT. SINCE THE VETTING SHEET WAS INCOMPLETE, THE COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THERE ARE SURPLUS FUNDS IN THE RCC BUDGET TO COVER THE INCREASES SET FORTH IN THE AGREEMENT. HOW WILL THESE CONTRACTUAL INCREASES IMPACT THE 2016-2017 RCC BUDGET, AND WILL THE COUNTY SHARE BE INCREASED AS A RESULT.

6. ALLOCATION/RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS:

6A) REF# 9443 ESTABLISHING TWO POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
(JOAN M. SILVESTRI, COMMISSIONER, PERSONNEL)
DL# 2016-01838

MOTION TO APPROVE **UNAN.**
WIEDER, SOSKIN

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. GRANT, HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN, WIEDER, JOBSON, HOFSTEIN

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS - CHAIR GRANT REQUESTED THAT THE MINUTES REFLECT: SEVERAL UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO OUT SOURCE PHARMACY DUTIES, CONSEQUENTLY, AT THIS POINT WE NEED TO RE-ESTABLISH THE POSITIONS OF SR. ACCOUNT CLERK AND PHARMACY ASSISTANT AND HIRE OFF THE EOC LIST.

7. BIDS: NONE

8. TRANSFER OF FUNDS/OTHERS: NONE

9. TAX ITEMS:

9A) REF# 5614 CANCELLATION OF TAX LIENS FOR VARIOUS PARCELS OWNED BY MUNICIPAL ENTITIES [DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE]
(SEAN MATHEWS, REAL PROPERTY TAX OFFICER, REAL PROPERTY TAX OFFICE)
DL# 2016-01787

MOTION TO APPROVE UNAN.
WIEDER, SOSKIN

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. GRANT, HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN, WIEDER, JOBSON, HOFSTEIN

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

11. LOCAL LAWS/HOME RULES: NONE

12. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:

12A) REF# 9505 CONTRACT AGENCIES APPROPRIATED FUNDING FOR 2016 DISCUSSED
(HONS. ALDEN H. WOLFE, MICHAEL GRANT, LEGISLATURE)

12B) REF# 8222/7345 AUDIT OF THE 2012/2013 SALARY DEFERMENT PROGRAM AND REIMBURSEMENT OF SAME OF ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND (ELECTED) OFFICIALS BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR.
(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)

COMMITTEE REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THE FEBRUARY 9TH B & F MEETING

-TOTAL AMOUNT OF 2012 DEFERRED SALARIES

-TOTAL AMOUNT OF 2014 DEFERRED PAYMENTS

-BREAKDOWN OF 2014 DEFERRED PAYMENTS

(WHICH POSITIONS RECEIVED MORE IN 2014 THEN WAS DEFERRED IN 2012? WHAT WAS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AMOUNTS DEFERRED IN 2012 AND DEFERRED IN 2014 BY POSITION?)

-EXPLANATION OF BUDGETARY IMPACT OF INCREASE IN DEFERRED PAYMENTS OF WHAT WAS DEFERRED IN 2012 AND WHERE DID THE MONEY COME FROM

-WRITTEN EXPLANATION FROM MR. ROBERT BERMAN AS TO WHY HE COULD NOT PERFORM THE AUDIT

ACTION: CHAIR GRANT REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE BROUGHT BACK ON NEXT MEETINGS' AGENDA AND THAT MR. ROSA, MR. POWERS, MR. HUMBACH, MR. DEGROAT AND MR. BERGMAN ALL BE PRESENT AND BE PREPARED TO ANSWER ALL THE OUTSTANDING ACTIONS LISTED ABOVE FROM THE FEBRUARY 9, 2016 BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

**12C) REF# 5050 DISCUSSION - COUNTY AUDITING SERVICES O'CONNOR DAVIES, LLP
(HONS. ALDEN H. WOLFE, MICHAEL GRANT, LEGISLATURE)**

ADDENDUM

ACTION: COMMITTEE REQUESTED AUDITORS TO EXAMINE THE SURPLUS REVENUE GENERATED FROM SALES AND MORTGAGE TAXES IN 2015 AND HOW IT WAS SPENT IN 2015.

13. MISCELLANEOUS:

**13A) REF# 7070 REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR OR THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THE NEW YORK SENATE AND THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY ENACT LEGISLATION AMENDING THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO ENABLE COUNTIES TO SEEK LINES OF CREDIT OR SIMILAR FINANCIAL VEHICLES IN ORDER TO MORE EFFICIENTLY MANAGE CASH FLOW
(HON. CHARLES FALCIGLIA, LEGISLATURE)
LG# 2016-56**

**MOTION TO APPROVE UNAN.
JOBSON, HOOD JR.**

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: HONS. GRANT, HOOD JR., CORNELL, SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN, WIEDER, JOBSON, HOFSTEIN

14. RECEIVE & FILE: NONE

15. CORRESPONDENCE/REVIEW AND DISCUSSION: NONE

**MOTION TO ADJOURN at 9:33 p.m. UNAN.
HOFSTEIN, HOOD JR.**

Respectfully Submitted

Jacqueline Sanders

Jacqueline Sanders
Sr. Committee Clerk
Budget & Finance Committee