

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2016

7:15 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

HON. M. GRANT, CHAIRMAN
HON. J. HOOD, JR., VICE CHAIR
HON. A. WOLFE
HON. H. CORNELL
HON. T. EARL
HON. P. SOSKIN
HON. L. HOFSTEIN

MEMBERS ABSENT

HON. I. SCHOENBERGER
HON. A. WIEDER
HON. D. JOBSON

OTHERS PRESENT

HON. C. FALCIGLIA
E. YEGER, ESQ.
N. DOLINER
L. INCALCATERRA
T. HUMBACH
S. SHERWOOD
J. SILVESTRI
P. BRENNAN
S. POWERS
J. ROSENTHAL
L. SPARBER

CHAIRMAN GRANT CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:22 P.M.
ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: 09/27/16

MOTION TO APPROVE
SOSKIN/EARL

UNAN

Chairman Grant called for the committee to discuss the Budget Review agenda with regard to the DA & Sheriff's positions.

Immediately following Chairman Grant resumed the B & F Committee meeting.

BONDS/PUBLIC WORKS MATTER:

1PPW) REF# 6394

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AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE OF 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE ORANGETOWN ROAD/RR & ACCESS ROAD IN THE TOWN OF ORANGETOWN [DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS]
(CHARLES H. VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT, HIGHWAYS)
DL#: 2016-03246

TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. WOLFE, GRANT, LOW-HOGAN, PAUL, CAREY, MORONEY

MOTION TO APPROVE
CORNELL/HOOD JR.

UNAN

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

2PPW) REF#6394(A)

AMENDING THE 2016 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF TWO INTERSECTIONS OF SUFFERN LANE AT HAMMOND ROAD AND AT THIELLS MT. IVY ROAD IN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,500,000 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,000,000 UNDER CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 3347 (DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS) (\$7,000,000)
(CHARLES H. VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT, HIGHWAYS)
DL#: 2016-03124

TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. WOLFE, GRANT, PAUL, CAREY, MORONEY

**MOTION TO APPROVE
HOOD JR./GRANT**

UNAN

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

REF# 6394(B)

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING FINANCING FOR COSTS OF PARTIAL RECONSTRUCTION OF TWO SUFFERN LANE INTERSECTIONS AT HAMMOND ROAD AND THIELLS MT. IVY ROAD (CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 3347), STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF SUCH PROJECT IS \$7,000,000, APPROPRIATING \$6,800,000 THEREFOR IN ADDITION TO \$200,000 PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,300,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE A PORTION OF SAID APPROPRIATION IN ADDITION TO \$200,000 BONDS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED AND APPLICATION OF \$5,600,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND \$1,050,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO BE EXPENDED TOWARDS THE COST OF SAID OBJECT OR PURPOSE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COUNTY'S OBLIGATIONS ISSUED THEREFOR, OR TO BE BUDGETED AS AN OFFSET TO THE TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS
(CHARLES H. VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS, HIGHWAYS)
DL#: 2016-03123

TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**MOTION TO APPROVE
HOOD JR./GRANT**

UNAN

REF# 6394(C)

AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE OF 100% OF FEDERAL-AID AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE SUFFERN LANE AT HAMMOND ROAD INTERSECTION IN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW [DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS] (\$870,000)
(CHARLES H. VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT, HIGHWAYS)
DL#: 2016-03122

TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. WOLFE, GRANT, LOW-HOGAN, PAUL, CAREY, MORONEY

**MOTION TO APPROVE
HOOD JR./GRANT**

UNAN

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

3PPW) REF# 2825

APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS ASSISTANCE GRANT #NY-2016-036-00 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,440,236 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PURSUANT TO U.S.C. §5307-2A AND 49 U.S.C. §5339-1 FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 30, 2019 AND AUTHORIZING THE ELECTRONIC EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS, DOCUMENTS, CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION] (\$1,440,236)
(DOUGLAS J. SCHUETZ, ACTING COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION)
DL#: 2016-03252

TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. WOLFE, GRANT, PAUL, CAREY, MORONEY

**MOTION TO APPROVE
WOLFE/SOSKIN**

UNAN

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

2. GRANTS/DONATIONS:

2A) REF# 8097

APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE LIFESPAN OF GREATER ROCHESTER, INC. TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,500 FOR ELDER ABUSE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$6,500)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD, COMMISSIONER, SOCIAL SERVICES)
DL#: 2016-02684

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICE COMMITTEE

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, FALCIGLIA, JOBSON

**MOTION TO APPROVE
SOSKIN/EARL**

UNAN

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

ACTION

- **COMMISSIONER SHERWOOD WAS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A TIME LINE – WHY DID IT TAKE SO LONG FOR THE REFERRAL TO COME OVER WHEN THE CONTRACT HAS ALREADY EXPIRED**

2B) REF# 9252

APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$121,754 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (DHSES) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) TO PROVIDE THE COUNTY WITH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSISTANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES] (\$121754)
(GORDON W. WREN, JR., DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY)
DL#: 2016-03251

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. JOBSON, LOW-HOGAN, PAUL, SANTULLI

**MOTION TO APPROVE
EARL/HOFSTEIN**

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. GRANT, HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN

3. BUDGET ITEMS:

3A) REF# 6704

APPROPRIATION OF FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO COVER COSTS RELATED TO WIRETAP OPERATIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT CONSULTATION SERVICES [OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY] (\$100,000)
(THOMAS P. ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY)
DL#: 2016-03303

TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. JOBSON, LOW-HOGAN, PAUL, SANTULLI

**MOTION TO APPROVE
HOFSTEIN/CORNELL**

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. GRANT, HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN

3B) REF# 9505

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,250 TO THE AMERICAN LEGION – JOHN H. SECOR POST 329, PEARL RIVER, NEW YORK FOR PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES IN 2016
(HON. PATRICK J. MORONEY, LEGISLATURE)
LG#: 2016-89

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: HONS. GRANT, HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN

**MOTION TO APPROVE
CORNELL/HOOD**

UNAN

4. AUTHORIZATIONS:

NONE

5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

5A) REF# 7780

APPROVING THE FURTHER EXTENSION OF AND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH BERKSHIRE FARM CENTER AND SERVICES FOR YOUTH TO PROVIDE NON-SECURE DETENTION PROGRAMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER RFP-RC-2011-019 EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FROM DECEMBER 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE AGREEMENT BY \$147,711.95 FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$800,000 FOR THE FULL PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$800,000)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD, COMMISSIONER, SOCIAL SERVICES)
DL#: 2016-03100 REVISED

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICE COMMITTEE

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, FALCIGLIA, JOBSON

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

UNAN

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

5B) REF# 9505

APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH NYACK CENTER TO PROVIDE YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES IN ROCKLAND COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,778 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THIS AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT NO. 6314 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$41,778)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD, COMMISSIONER, SOCIAL SERVICES)
DL#: 2016-02398

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICE COMMITTEE

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, FALCIGLIA, JOBSON

**MOTION TO APPROVE
SOSKIN/EARL**

UNAN

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

5C) REF# 9505

APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH JEWISH FEDERATION OF ROCKLAND COUNTY TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE PARENTING SKILLS AND PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH A FOCUS ON LITERACY, LEARNING, CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTHY SOCIAL INTERACTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,275 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THIS AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT NO. 6338 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$13,275)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD, COMMISSIONER, SOCIAL SERVICES)
DL#: 2016-03054

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICE COMMITTEE

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, FALCIGLIA, JOBSON

**MOTION TO APPROVE
HOFSTEIN/CORNELL**

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**GRANT
HOOD JR.
CORNELL
EARL
SOSKIN
HOFSTEIN**

NAYS

ABSTAINED
WOLFE

PASSED

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

5D) REF# 9505

APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH CHRIST CHURCH OF RAMAPO TO PROVIDE FOOD PANTRY SERVICES TO AT RISK MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,901 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THIS AGREEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT NO. 8969 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6010 [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$1,901)
(SUSAN SHERWOOD, COMMISSIONER, SOCIAL SERVICES)
DL#: 2016-03139

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICE COMMITTEE

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, FALCIGLIA, JOBSON

**MOTION TO APPROVE
SOSKIN/EARL**

UNAN

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

5E) REF# 7345 RATIFYING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, INC. ROCKLAND COUNTY UNIT LOCAL 844 DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 REGARDING RETIREE DENTAL AND VISION PLANS
(JOAN SILVESTRI, COMMISSIONER, PERSONNEL)
DL#: 2016-03243

MOTION TO APPROVE UNAN
EARL/HOFSTEIN

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN

5F) REF# 5337 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND ROCKLAND FARM ALLIANCE, INC., FOR GREENHOUSE PROJECT (ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE) (\$10,000)
(CLIFF L. WOOD, PRESIDENT, RCC)
DL#: 2016-03230

TRANSFERRED FROM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. CORNELL, WOLFE, LOW-HOGAN, EARL, CAREY, SANTULLI

MOTION TO APPROVE UNAN
SOSKIN/EARL

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. GRANT, HOOD JR., SOSKIN

ACTION

- ***LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO PROVIDE RED DOT VERSION EXPLAINING WHO IS APPLYING FOR THE GRANT AND WHERE THE GRANT MONEY IS COMING FROM***

5G) REF# 8634 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WHICH MAY BE IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 [NCTD] WITH TPPV, LLC D/B/A THE PAVILION AT PINE VALLEY TO PROVIDE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS SERVICES TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2017 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES]
(SUSAN SHERWOOD, COMMISSIONER, SOCIAL SERVICES)
DL#: 2016-03480

ADDENDUM

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICE COMMITTEE
ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, FALCIGLIA, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE UNAN
HOFSTEIN/CORNELL

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

ACTION:

- ***COMMISSIONER SHERWOOD TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT ASSISTED LIVING BEDS IN ROCKLAND COUNTY FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS***

6. ALLOCATION/RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS: NONE

7. BIDS: NONE

8. TRANSFER OF FUNDS/OTHERS: NONE

9. TAX ITEMS:

9A) REF# 6502 AUTHORIZING THE RELEVY OF 2016 SCHOOL TAXES [DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE]
(STEPHAN DEGROAT, BUDGET DIRECTOR, FINANCE AND BUDGET)
DL#: 2016-03241

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN

MOTION TO APPROVE CORNELL/HOOD JR. UNAN

9B) REF# 6501 AUTHORIZING THE RELEVY OF 2016 VILLAGE TAXES [DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE]
(STEPHEN DEGROAT, BUDGET DIRECTOR, FINANCE AND BUDGET)
DL#: 2016-03242

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN

MOTION TO APPROVE WOLFE/SOSKIN UNAN

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

11. LOCAL LAWS/HOME RULES: NONE

12. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:

12A) REF# 8347 INSPECTOR GENERAL POSITION IN ROCKLAND COUNTY
(HON. CHARLES FALCIGLIA, LEGISLATURE)

**DISCUSSED –
ACTION:**

- *FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION TO BE SCHEDULED WITH A PRESENTATION TO BE MADE BY THE ADMINISTRATION WHEN A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE POSITION HAS BEEN PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH LEGISLATOR FALCIGLIA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL.*
- *PRESENTATION WILL INCLUDE ALL AGREED UPON DETAILS RELATING TO JOB DESCRIPTION, SCOPE OF POWERS AND DUTIES, AND FUNDING OF POSITION*

13. MISCELLANEOUS:

13A) REF# 8596 ESTABLISHING EQUALIZATION RATES FOR EACH OF THE TOWNS – ESTABLISHING TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUES AND FULL VALUES FOR EACH TOWN IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND FOR THE YEAR 2017 [DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE]
(STEPHEN DEGROAT, BUDGET DIRECTOR, FINANCE AND BUDGET)
DL#: 2016-03240

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN

MOTION TO APPROVE EARL/HOFSTEIN UNAN

13B) REF# 8424

DECLARING SURPLUS ITEMS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM THE SUMMIT PARK HOSPITAL AND APPROVING DONATION OF THE ITEMS TO KONBIT NEG LAKAY INC. AND HAITIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION FOR DISTRIBUTION TO VICTIMS OF HURRICANE MATTHEW IN HAITI [COUNTY EXECUTIVE]
(EDWIN J. DAY, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY EXECUTIVE)
DL#: 2016-03571

ADDENDUM

**MOTION TO APPROVE
EARL/HOFSTEIN, SOSKIN**

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: HONS. GRANT, HOOD JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN

ACTION:

- ***LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO CLEAN UP LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION AS DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE***

14. RECEIVE & FILE:

NONE

15. CORRESPONDENCE/REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:

NONE

**MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 8:53 P.M.
EARL/HOFSTEIN**

UNAN

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