

The Legislature of Rockland County



MICHAEL M. GRANT
LEGISLATOR- DISTRICT 2
CHAIR, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013
7:15 PM

Members Present:

Leg. M. Grant, Chair
Leg. A. Wolfe, Vice Chair
Leg. Chair H. Cornell
Leg. J. Hood, Jr.
Leg. I. Schoenberger
Leg. T. Earl
Leg. J. Murphy
Leg. P. Soskin

Members Absent:

Leg. N. Low-Hogan
Leg. F. Sparaco

Others Present:

Leg. D. Jobson
N. Doliner
S. DeGroat
T. Vanderbeek
R. Brega
Media

Leg. C. Carey
R. McKay, Esq.
Dr. C. Wood
J. Abate
P. Gerdin

CHAIR GRANT OPENED THE MEETING AT 7:30 PM

1. BONDS/PUBLIC WORKS MATTER:

1-PPW) REF. #6394 APPROVING AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$340,000 (NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF PARK AND RIDE LOTS IN THE TOWN FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION] (\$340,000). (THOMAS VANDERBEEK, COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION) DL# 2013-02317

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ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE:
SCHOENBERGER/HOOD, JR.

UNAN

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

2-PPW) REF. #2825

AS
AMENDED
IN PPW

APPROVING CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH ROCKLAND TRANSIT CORP. TO OPERATE THE TRANSPORT OF ROCKLAND (TOR) BUS SERVICE ROUTES 59, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 97, LOOP 1, 2 AND 3 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,706,306.96 (NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION] (\$5,706,306.96). (THOMAS VANDERBEEK, COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION) DL# 2013-02510

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MOTION TO APPROVE:
SCHOENBERGER/WOLFE

UNAN

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

3-PPW) REF. #8293

AS
AMENDED
IN PPW

APPROVING CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH HUDSON TRANSIT CORP. TO OPERATE THE TRANSPORT OF ROCKLAND (TOR) ROUTE 93 PARTIAL BUS SERVICE FROM THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$148,043.46 (NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION] (\$148,043.46). (THOMAS VANDERBEEK, COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION) DL# 2013-02511

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ADDED SPONSORS: LEG. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE:
SCHOENBERGER/WOLFE

UNAN

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

4-PPW) REF. #8293

AS
AMENDED
IN PPW

APPROVING CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH HUDSON TRANSIT CORP. TO OPERATE THE TAPPAN ZEEXPRESS BUS SERVICE FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,685,809.68 (NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION] (\$1,685,809.68). (THOMAS VANDERBEEK, COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION) DL# 2013-02512

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ADDED SPONSORS: LEG. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE:
SCHOENBERGER/WOLFE

UNAN

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

5-PPW) REF. #9252 APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO A LICENSE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT SUM IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$183,049.56 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM OF \$1,271,127.41 RELATING TO THE ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS TOWER LOCATED AT 145 COLLEGE ROAD, SUFFERN, NEW YORK FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 1, 2013 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2029 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES] (\$1,271,127.41). (**GORDON WREN, JR., DIRECTOR, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**) DL# 2013-01924

(TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 6/25/13)

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

MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/EARL

UNAN

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

6-PPW) REF. #9252 APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO LICENSE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT SUM IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$165,583.68 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM OF \$1,303,112.72 RELATING TO THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AT THE VETERAN'S CEMETERY COMMUNICATIONS TOWER LOCATED AT 175 BRICK CHURCH ROAD, NEW HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 1, 2013 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2029 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES] (\$1,303,112.72). (**GORDON WREN, JR., DIRECTOR, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**) DL# 2013-01930

(TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 6/25/13)

ADDED SPONSORS: LEG. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, GRANT, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/HOOD, JR.

UNAN

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

2. GRANTS/DONATIONS:

2A) REF. #9361 ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,000 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (GRANT #WM11839811) TO UPGRADE ROBOT EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S BOMB DISPOSAL UNIT FOR THE PERIOD MAY 14, 2013 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF] (\$84,000). (HON. LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF) DL# 2013-02367

(TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 6/25/13)

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL, CAREY, JOBSON, WOLFE

MOTION TO APPROVE:
EARL/CORNELL

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN

B) REF. #5327 APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,014.90 (NCTD) FROM THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2013 (OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013) TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S COMPUTER CRIME UNIT IN THE NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY ELECTRONIC CRIMES TASK FORCE [OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF] (\$25,014.90). (HON. LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF) DL# 2013-02011

(TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 6/25/13)

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL, CAREY, JOBSON, WOLFE

MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/EARL

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN

3. BUDGET ITEMS:

3A) REF. #7992 - APPROVING AN INCREASE IN THE SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND [DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS]. (RICHARD MALONEY, COMMISSIONER, HOSPITALS) DL# 2013-02187

Donna Pauldine (Acting Commissioner, Hospitals) stated the position of Medical Director of the Department of Hospitals has been vacant for over one (1) year. The salary for the Medical Director in the 2012-2013 budget currently pays \$150,000.

Joan Silvestri,, Commissioner of Personnel, conducted a survey and determined that the salary requirements for a Medical Director are \$190,000 to \$195,000. Therefore, it has been impossible for the Department of Hospitals and the Personnel Department to recruit a qualified Medical Director at a salary of \$150,000.

The current Acting Medical Director carries a full caseload making it impossible for her to properly cover the duties of Medical Director as well. Many of the medical administrative tasks are not being properly covered and admissions have suffered.

Leg. Grant stated his concern is the lack of a funding mechanism for this \$45,000 raise.

Leg. Schoenberger asked whether there were any candidates in mind for this job. Ms. Pauldine said they had two very strong candidates they would like to hire.

Leg. Wolfe said that although a case has been made to raise the salary this should be part of the 2014 budget proposal and not a mid-year change.

Chairwoman Cornell suggested not rejecting this out-of-hand but rather find a way to deal with this. The County is the entity that runs the hospital and we cannot let it be less than a quality facility.

Leg. Hood, Jr. agreed with Chairwoman Cornell that the Administration has let the hospital down and he did not want to be a part of it. He was ready to vote yes on this tonight.

Leg. Soskin questioned why we keep pouring money into a facility we are selling.

Chair Grant reiterated the bottom line is we need to have a balanced budget.

Leg. Jobson said it was a Catch-22 situation and would support this tonight.

Leg. Earl also agreed with Chairwoman Cornell that we need to do our due diligence and he would support this.

Leg. Murphy requested additional time to explore options such as consolidation of positions. He stated we need more information and asked that the Board of Governors be invited to future meetings.

Leg. Schoenberger made a motion to refer this to the Multi-Services committee for their review and advice as suggested by Leg. Murphy's recommendations.

**MOTION TO SEND TO MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE:
SCHOENBERGER/MURPHY**

**FAILED
4 AYES/4 NAYS**

**MOTION TO TABLE:
MURPHY/SCHOENBERGER**

**FAILED
5 AYES/3 NAYS**

ACTIONS:

BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO BE INVITED TO FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS WHEN DISCUSSING HOSPITAL MATTERS

COMMITTEE INSTRUCTED LEGAL COUNSEL TO REJECT ALL REFERRALS WITH NO FUNDING MECHANISMS

DEFERRED

3B) REF. #5327 - APPROPRIATION OF FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR HOLSTERS AND FLASHLIGHTS [OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF] (\$7,881.84). (HON. LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF) DL# 02088

(TRANSFERRED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY 6/25/13)

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL, CAREY,
JOBSON, WOLFE

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
CORNELL/HOOD, JR.**

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN

3C) REF# 9494A ACCEPTING REPORT OF BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE AFTER ITS REVIEW OF THE ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROPOSED 2013-2014 BUDGET (HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SCHOENBERGER/WOLFE**

UNAN

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SCHOENBERGER SOSKIN,
EARL, JOBSON**

3D) REF# 9494B ADOPTION OF THE 2013-2014 ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUDGET (HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE)

Chair Grant noted there was no increase in the County contribution of \$16,375,567 over the 2012-2013 Adopted Budget. RCC will also see a \$1.1 million increase in state aid in 2013-2014. RCC is requesting a tuition increase for full-time students of \$75 per semester or \$150 for the entire year. Chair Grant introduced RCC President Dr. Cliff Wood.

Dr. Wood said this was a very conservative budget. Dr. Wood explained that despite the increase in State aid, RCC still has some financial challenges. There was an increase of 2% in employee benefits due to pension costs. Enrollment at the college has also declined by 373 FTE students. Dr. Wood stated there was a need to do infra-structure work. The college also gave away \$800,000 in scholarships.

Chair Grant noted for the record that the tuition for Rockland County was substantially lower than some of the other counties. Tuition per semester: Sullivan (\$2,237); Orange (\$2,200); Westchester (\$2,170); Ulster (\$2,115); Rockland (\$2,087).

Leg. Schoenberger requested counsel research status of NYS and Assembly bills dealing with State responsibility for funding community colleges.

Copy of 2013-2014 RCC budget on file with committee clerk.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SCHOENBERGER/WOLFE**

UNAN

**ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SCHOENBERGER SOSKIN,
EARL, JOBSON**

**ACTION: LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO RESEARCH THE STATUS OF NYS SENATE BILL S1561
AND ASSEMBLY BILL A934 WHICH PERTAINS TO STATE RESPONSIBILITY TO FUND
COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

- 3E) REF# 9494C ADOPTION OF THE 2013-2014 BUDGET-RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
WOLFE/CORNELL**

UNAN

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SCHOENBERGER SOSKIN, EARL, JOBSON

4. AUTHORIZATIONS:

- 4A) REF# 3977 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE CONSOLIDATED/ACTION PLAN FOR FY2013 TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF ALL NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS [OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT]
(\$4,796,571) (JOSEPH ABATE, DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)
DL2013-02466

(TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 6/25/13)

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL JOBSON, MORONEY

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
MURPHY/EARL**

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, CORNELL, SCHOENBERGER

5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

- 5A) REF#5614 APPROVAL OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUFFERN CDC, LLC, RAYMOURS FURNITURE COMPANY, INC., VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO, TOWN OF RAMAPO, RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, AND THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 22 HEMION ROAD (A/K/A 30 DUNNIGAN DRIVE) VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO, TOWN OF RAMAPO, IN THE RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, TAX MAP SECTION 55.6, BLOCK 1, LOT 3.1 AND SECTION 55.6 BLOCK 1 LOT 3.2 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE] [PILOT]. (STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, FINANCE) **DL# 2013-02191**

(TRANSFERRED FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 6/25/13)

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, SCHOENBERGER, JOBSON

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
WOLFE/EARL**

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, HOOD, JR., SOSKIN, EARL,

6. **ALLOCATION/RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS:**

7. **BIDS:**

8. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS/OTHERS:**

9. **TAX ITEMS:**

- 9A) REF.#5614/8111 CORRECTION OF 2007 TAX ROLLS TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN, CLARKSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY ID# 58.19-1-9.26,27 CARLEY COURT WEST NYACK, NEW YORK 10994 [DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE]. (STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, FINANCE) DL# 2013-00866

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
CORNELL/SCHOENBERGER**

UNAN

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SCHOENBERGER SOSKIN, EARL,
JOBSON**

- 9B) REF.#5614/8111 CORRECTION OF 2013 TAX ROLLS TOWN OF ORANGETOWN BETH NORMAN AND ABDELLATIF BELFESSA PROPERTY ID# 65.44-2-23, 210 DEPEW AVENUE NYACK, NEW YORK 10960 [DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE]. (STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, FINANCE) DL# 2013-00950

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
CORNELL/EARL**

UNAN

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN, EARL,
JOBSON**

- 9C) REF.#5614/8111 CORRECTION OF 2013 TAX ROLLS TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN JOSEPH DENOIA PROPERTY ID# 57.12-1-3.1/1440, 118 EAGLE RIDGE WAY NANUET, NEW YORK 10954 [DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE]. (STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, FINANCE) DL# 2013-00600

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SOSKIN/WOLFE**

UNAN

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SCHOENBERGER SOSKIN, EARL,
JOBSON**

- 9D) REF.#5614/8111 CORRECTION OF 2006 TAX ROLLS TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN, CLARKSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY ID# 58.19-1-9.26 27 CARLEY COURT, WEST NYACK, NEW YORK 10994 [DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE]. (STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, FINANCE) DL# 2013-00865

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
CORNELL/SCHOENBERGER**

UNAN

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SCHOENBERGER SOSKIN, EARL,
JOBSON**

9E) REF.#5614/8111 CORRECTION OF 2013 TAX ROLLS TOWN OF ORANGETOWN JACQUELINE HARCHAOUI PROPERTY ID# 68.14-3-35, 62 BUCHANAN STREET PEARL RIVER, NEW YORK 10965 [DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE] (STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, FINANCE) DL# 2013-00607

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
HOOD, JR./MURPHY**

UNAN

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SCHOENBERGER SOSKIN, EARL,
JOBSON**

9F) REF.#5614/8111 CORRECTION OF TAX ROLLS TOWN OF TAX ROLLS TOWN OF ORANGETOWN, MARIA AND DIANA CAIAFA PROPERTY ID# 66.29-1-1.3,78 SICKLES AVE. NYACK, NEW YORK 10960 (STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER OF BUDGET & FINANCE) DL# 2013-0105

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
CORNELL/SCHOENBERGER**

UNAN

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SCHOENBERGER SOSKIN, EARL,
JOBSON**

9G) REF.#5614/8111 CORRECTION OF 2013 TAX ROLLS TOWN OF ORANGETOWN DIFEIO HOLDING LP PROPERTY ID# 65.36-2-44.2, 73N. HIGHLAND AVENUE, NYACK, NEW YORK 10960 [DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE] (STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER OF BUDGET & FINANCE) DL# 2013-00408

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
CORNELL/SCHOENBERGER**

UNAN

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SCHOENBERGER SOSKIN, EARL,
JOBSON**

9H) REF.#6698A ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE WITH REFERENCE TO MORTGAGE TAXES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2013 [DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET&FINANCE] (STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER OF BUDGET & FINANCE) DL# 2013-02448

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
WOLFE/SOSKIN**

UNAN

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SCHOENBERGER SOSKIN,
EARL, JOBSON**

9I) REF.#6698B AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO THE LEGISLATURE TO EXECUTE A WARRANT TO THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE DIRECTING THE PAYMENT OF MORTGAGE TAX MONIES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2013 [DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET & FINANCE] (STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER OF BUDGET & FINANCE) DL# 2013-02431

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SCHOENBERGER/HOOD, JR.**

UNAN

**ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SCHOENBERGER SOSKIN,
EARL, JOBSON**

9J)REF#5614/8111 -AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY TO VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY, PROPERTY ID NOS. R57.40-1-44.3; R57.40-1-44.4 AND R57.40-1-44.5, LAFAYETTE STREET TOWN OF RAMAPO (DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE) (\$13,414.68) (STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, BUDGET & FINANCE) DL#2013-01644

(SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE FROM FULL LEG MTG OF 6/18/13)

Leg. Earl requested that committee clerk contact Attorney Miles to attend the next meeting of B&F to discuss this matter.

NO MOTION MADE – DEFERRED TO FUTURE MEETING

DEFERRED

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

10A) REF# 9496 SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING: A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A FUND BALANCE MANAGEMENT POLICY WITHIN ROCKLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT (HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE) 2914 PH

Leg. Wolfe explained that this local law would establish and adopt a formal policy regarding fund balance management to ensure that the County remains on solid financial footing for years to come.

Leg. Schoenberger stated he would support any legislation that would manage the fund balance. He said his concern was whether a rainy day fund was the same as a tax stabilization fund. Chairwoman Cornell suggested the Clerk to the Legislature be informed not to set a date for the Public Hearing until these issues are resolved. Leg. Wolfe along with counsel to do the research.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
WOLFE/SOSKIN**

UNAN

**ADDED CO- SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SCHOENBERGER, SOSKIN,
EARL, JOBSON**

ACTIONS:

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO RESEARCH WHETHER OR NOT UNDER STATE LAW A
FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT MAY BE USED BEFORE A TAX STABILIZATION FUND**

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL SHOULD ALSO RESEARCH WHETHER A “RAINY DAY FUND” IS
SEPARATE AND APART FROM A TAX STABILIZATION FUND**

**LEGISLATIVE CLERK TO BE ADVISED THAT DATE FOR THIS PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD
BE SCHEDULED AFTER COUNSEL HAS HAD ADEQUATE TIME TO RESEARCH TAX
STABILIZATION FUND ISSUES**

10B) REF# 9497 SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING :A LOCAL LAW CREATING THE ROCKLAND COUNTY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ABUSE PREVENTION ACT (HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE) 3232 PH

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
WOLFE/GRANT**

UNAN

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, HOOD, JR., SCHOENBERGER SOSKIN, EARL, JOBSON

**ACTIONS:
AMEND CAPTION AND TITLE OF LOCAL LAW TO READ "EMPLOYMENT ABUSE" INSTEAD OF "EMPLOYEE ABUSE"**

AGENDA ITEM TO DISCUSS THE VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE TO BE PLACED ON NEXT MEETING OF BUDGET & FINANCE

ADMINISTRATION IS REQUESTED TO PREPARE CHART OF POSITIONS APPROVED FOR THE SEPARATION INCENTIVE AND SAVINGS ATTRIBUTED TO EACH POSITION. THIS CHART OF INFORMATION IS REQUESTED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING OF BUDGET & FINANCE.

COMMITTEE CLERK TO CONTACT COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE FOR UPDATE ON VSI

11. LOCAL LAWS/HOME RULE:

12. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:

13. MISCELLANEOUS:

13A) REF# 8783 CALLING UPON THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT NEW YORK SENATE BILL S.4183 AND NEW YORK ASSEMBLY BILL A.6480-AN ACT TO AMEND THE EDUCATION LAW RELATION TO CHRONICALLY UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOL DISTRICTS (HON. JOSEPH L. MEYERS, H O N . EDWIN J. DAY, LEGISLATURE) LG# 3233

(SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF MULTI-SERVICES 6/25/13)

DEFERRED IN MULTI-SERVICES

14. RECEIVE & FILE:

15. CORRESPONDENCE-REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 10:05 PM
WOLFE/EARL**

UNAN

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