

The Legislature of Rockland County



ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER
LEGISLATOR – DISTRICT 4
CHAIR, PLANNING & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Members Present:

Leg. I. Schoenberger, Chair
Leg. A. Wolfe, Vice Chair
Leg. M. Grant, 2nd Vice Chair
Leg. D. Jobson
Leg. J. Meyers
Leg. P. Moroney
Leg. A. Paul

Others Present:

Leg. Carey
Leg. N. Low-Hogan
Leg. J. Hood, Jr.
Leg. T. Earl
E. Yeager, Esq.
S. Powers
S. Cerra
R. Brega
D. Philipps
R. Hansen
Leg. Soskin
Leg. Kantrowitz
Leg. H. Cornell
Leg. F. Sparaco
N. Doliner
S. DeGroat
S. Schuetz
Dr. Wood
P. Withers

MINUTES
PLANNING & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JUNE 24 2014
7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

1. REF. # 5337 - APPROVING PURCHASE OF WIFI CONTROLLED AND MONITORED BATTERY OPERATED CLOCK SYSTEM (ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE) (\$80,000).
(DR. CLIFF L. WOOD, PRESIDENT, RCC) DL#2014-02240

MOTION TO APPROVE:
JOBSON/MORONEY & PAUL

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

2. REF. # 9007 - APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION TO AGREEMENT WITH ENHERENT CORP. FOR CONSULTING, IT, SYSTEM INTEGRATION, TRAINING, ONGOING MAINTENANCE/REPAIR SERVICES - QSL ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE AGREEMENT BY \$130,000 AND EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FROM MAY 1, 2014 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2015 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$290,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM MAY 1, 2012 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2015 WITH TWO (2) REMAINING ONE (1) YEAR OPTIONS AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE UNDER RFP-2011-024 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$290,000).
(G. WALSH, GENERAL SERVICES) DL#2014-01895

MOTION TO APPROVE:
MORONEY/JOBSON

UNAN
TRANSFER TO B&F

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

3. REF. # 6394 - AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,220,000 FOR FORSHAY ROAD FROM VIOLA ROAD TO WILLOW TREE ROAD IN THE TOWN OF RAMAPO, ROCKLAND COUNTY CAPITAL ACCOUNT NO. 3314 (PIN 8756.88), EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS] (\$8,220,000)
(C. VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT, HIGHWAYS) DL#2014-02259

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
SCHOENBERGER/MEYERS TRANSFER TO B&F

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

4. REF. # 2992 - APPROVING INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY FOR ACCEPTANCE OF "SUPER SAVER BUS TICKETS" ON THE SPRING VALLEY JITNEY (NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 4, 2014 THROUGH APRIL 3, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION].
**(D. SCHUETZ, ACTING COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION)
DL#2014-02292**

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
WOLFE/GRANT & PAUL TRANSFER TO B&F

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

5. REF. # 2992 - APPROVING INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN (NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF DISCOUNT TRANSPORT OF ROCKLAND (TOR) "SUPER SAVER BUS TICKETS" ON THE CLARKSTOWN MINI-TRANS FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 4, 2014 THROUGH APRIL 3, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION].
**(D. SCHUETZ, ACTING COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION)
DL#2014-02294**

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
PAUL/WOLFE TRANSFER TO B&F

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

6. REF. # 7309 - APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM SITEWORK SERVICES NY, INC. FOR BOILER REPAIRS AND INSPECTION SERVICES - CLEAVER BROOKS - HIGH AND LOW PRESSURE BOILERS LOCATED AT THE DR. ROBERT L. YEAGER HEALTH CENTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$265,276.50 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 3, 2014 THROUGH JANUARY 2, 2015 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER UNDER RFB-RC-2013-104 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$265,276.50)
(P. BRENNAN, DIRECTOR, DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2014-02098

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
JOBSON/GRANT**

**UNAN
TRANSFER TO B&F**

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

7. REF. # 5906 - APPROVING AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND ON BEHALF OF THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 AND COPPOLA SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$259,950 FOR CONTRACT 2014-02 MAHWAH AND POMONA PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1] (\$259,950)
(D. PHILLIPS, DIRECTOR, SEWER DISTRICT) DL#2014-02517
ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK

Leg. Moroney questioned whether Coppola Services was a licensed plumber in Rockland County. Ms. Phillips said this project involved "general mechanical work" and therefore does not require the licensure of a plumber.

Leg. Moroney said he also had a problem with Coppola Services not being a Rockland County business. Ms. Phillips explained there were 7 bidders and only 1 bidder was from the County (Hauser) and they were not low bidder.

Leg. Schoenberger stated that the requirement for a licensed plumber was a valid question and requested the County Attorney give a written opinion on this prior to the full Legislative meeting of July 1, 2014.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
SCHOENBERGER/PAUL**

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**6 AYES/1 NAY
MOTION PASSES**

**6 AYES: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, GRANT, JOBSON, MEYERS, PAUL
1 NAYS: LEG. MORONEY**

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

ACTION:

COMMITTEE REQUESTS A WRITTEN OPINION NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2014 FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AS TO WHETHER OR NOT ACCEPTANCE OF THIS BID IS LEGAL AND PROPER DUE TO COPPOLA NOT BEING A LICENSED PLUMBER IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND.

8. REF.# 5906 - SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING A LOCAL LAW TO PERMIT CONNECTIONS TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 FROM PREMISES LOCATED OUTSIDE THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND.
(EDWIN J. DAY, COUNTY EXECUTIVE) DL#2014-02059

Leg. Schoenberger gave the background information and explained this resolution only called for setting a date for a public hearing, not to pass legislation.

Leg. Grant stated there are multi-faceted issues with this resolution that are worthy of discussion. One of his concerns was that the Sewer Commission has not reviewed this.

Leg. Low-Hogan said it would be helpful if the Legislators could get detailed information from the County Executive prior to the Public Hearing.

Chairman of the Legislature Alden Wolfe stated this came to the Legislature in a backyard way with no reference to financial conditions in the legislation.

Leg. Kantrowitz said he was looking for details that were lacking in the Local Law and did not see substance behind it to approve it today.

Leg. Cornell suggested the Planning Department review this project prior to a Public Hearing.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
MORONEY/JOBSON**

**2 AYES/5 NAYS
MOTION FAILS
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**2 AYES: LEGS. MORONEY, JOBSON
5 NAYS: LEGS. SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, GRANT, MEYERS, PAUL**

9. REF. # 5906 - APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM DARLINGTON EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR ROTATING BIOLOGICAL CONTRACTOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FOR THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$204,710.00 FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 19, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 18, 2015 WITH THREE (3) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER UNDER RFB-RC-2013-102 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$204,710.00)
(P. BRENNAN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2014-02235 Revised

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
GRANT/WOLFE**

**UNAN
TRANSFER TO B&F**

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

10. REF. # 8293 - DISCUSSION ITEM - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - UPDATE ON OPERATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.
(HON. PATRICK J. MORONEY, LEGISLATURE)

Leg. Moroney stated the safety of the buses came to his attention after a recent bus caught fire in Pearl River. Mr. Moroney said he read a report from the DOT which said there was a greater chance of fires if the buses were not washed every day. Leg. Moroney also questioned the age and mileage of the buses and how this affected safety issues. The problem with the bus washing seems to be who is responsible for paying for it.

Leg. Sparaco said he had read the same report as Leg. Moroney that washing was beneficial to the buses.

Doug Schuetz said he shared the legislators concerns and his goal is to provide the best service possible for the residents of Rockland County. He has only been in the capacity of Acting Commissioner for two weeks but plans on having meetings with Brega to achieve their common goal to make the transit system the best they can.

Leg. Schoenberger said he is confident that Mr. Schuetz can put this department back in good shape.

Ms. Cerra gave information on the age and mileage of the present buses and a schedule of new buses to be purchased. Seventeen (17) TOR buses are to be replaced in 2016 and fifteen (15) Tappan Zeexpress buses in 2017. The county also plans to purchase an additional 24 new minibuses over the next few years.

ACTIONS:

COMMITTEE REQUESTS THAT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND BREGA BE SHARED WITH THE LEGISLATURE CONCERNING THE RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUE OF BUS WASHING.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO DRAFT A COMMITTEE RESOLUTION THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO ALL LEGISLATORS AND THE ADMINISTRATION, THAT BREGA WILL WASH THE BUSES AT LEAST EVERY OTHER DAY

11. REF. # 9495 - DISCUSSION ITEM - OPERATION REVIEW OF COUNTY DEPARTMENT(S) FUNCTIONS AND PROGRAMS - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.
(HON. ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER, LEGISLATURE)

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Nicole Doliner submitted a roster of current staffing in the department which appears to be close to the budgeted amount. Ms. Doliner notes that transportation expenses are budgeted with offsetting revenue from fares and State and local funding. The Department of Transportation is budgeted with no local share.

Ms. Doliner also submitted an Actual Revenue Chart from 2003 through the present. Local share was budgeted each year at zero. As of June 24, 2014 expenses exceed revenue by approximately \$200,000.

ADDENDUM

1. REF. #8293 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,971,000 (WITH A \$1,689,000 LOCAL SHARE WHICH DOES NOT INVOLVE THE EXPENDITURE OF COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TAPPAN ZEE EXPRESS BUS SERVICE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014 APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$306,000 FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THIS GRANT (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION) (\$1,971,000)
(D. SCHUETZ, ACTING COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION)
DL#2014-02384

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2. REF. #8293 - APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH SHEPARD BROS., INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF NINETEEN (19) PARATRANSIT BUSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,167,760 BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER UNDER RFB-RC-2014-009 (NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$1,167,760)
(PAUL BRENNAN, DIRECTOR, DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2014-02693

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
GRANT/MEYERS**

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 8:40 PM
GRANT/JOBSON**

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