

# 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, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016  
7:15 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

M. GRANT, CHAIR  
J. HOOD, JR. VICE CHAIR  
I. SCHOENBERGER  
H. CORNELL  
T. EARL  
P. SOSKIN

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

D. JOBSON  
A. WOLFE  
L. HOFSTEIN  
A. WIDER

**OTHERS PRESENT**

E. YEGER, ESQ.  
N. DOLINER  
A. SILVA-EXIAS  
L. INCALCATERRA  
M. BARBERA  
L. FALCO  
R. VAN CURA  
B. BOTTA  
T. SIMETI

ROLL CALL AT 8:15 P.M.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: 8/2/16(JOINT PPW & B&F MTG), 8/16/16 & 8/30/16 (JOINT PPW & B&F MTG)

**MOTION TO ADOPT AS AMENDED 8/2/16  
GRANT/SOSKIN: UNAN.**

**MOTION TO ADOPT AS AMENDED 8/16/16  
GRANT/SOSKIN: UNAN.**

**MOTION TO ADOPT AS AMENDED 8/30/16  
GRANT/SOSKIN: UNAN.**

Mr. Grant amended the minutes to reflect that no department heads came before the Budget and Finance Committee at the direction of County Executive Ed Day with the exception of the Department of Law. Mr. Humbach has represented that he is their attorney as well.

**1. BONDS/PUBLIC WORKS MATTER:**

**1PPW) REF# 5906 (A) APPROVING ADDITIONAL PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM NRP GROUP FOR THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF ODOR CONTROL SYSTEMS AT VARIOUS PUMP STATIONS FOR ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$122,265 FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2016 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2017 WITH ONE (1) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERM FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$489,060 FROM THE COMMENCEMENT DATE DECEMBER 1, 2013 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2017 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER UNDER RFB-RC-2012-025 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$489,060)  
**(PAUL J. BRENNAN, DIRECTOR, DGS PURCHASING)**  
**DL#: 2016-03065****

**TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
ADDED SPONSORS: SCHOENBERGER, LOW-HOGAN**

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

**UNAN.**

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

Mr. Grant advised the committee that Mr. Brennan and Mrs. Philipps was not there to answer their questions or discuss this issue.

**ACTIONS:**

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO FOLLOW UP ON SEWER COMMISSION RECONFIGURATION.**

**DIANNE PHILLIPS TO PROVIDE QUARTERLY SEWER DEPARTMENT REPORTS.**

**(B) APPROVING ADDITIONAL PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM FRANK STEVENS & SONS ROOFING, INC. FOR ROOFING SYSTEMS – SERVICE, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND INSTALLATION FOR ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 4, 2016 THROUGH NOVEMBER 3, 2017 WITH ONE (1) REMAINING ONE (1) YEAR OPTION FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$474,870.18 FROM THE COMMENCEMENT DATE NOVEMBER 4, 2013 THROUGH NOVEMBER 3, 2017 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER UNDER RFB-RC-2013-082 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$474,870.18)  
**(PAUL J. BRENNAN, DIRECTOR, DGS PURCHASING)**  
**DL#: 2016-03064****

**TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
ADDED SPONSORS: SCHOENBERGER, LOW-HOGAN**

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

**UNAN.**

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

Mr. Grant advised the committee that Mr. Brennan and Mrs. Philipps were not there to answer their questions or discuss this issue.

- (C) APPROVING ADDITIONAL PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM HAUSER BROTHERS, INC. IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$250,000 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 20, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 19, 2017 FOR PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, PIPING WORK & MATERIALS FOR USE BY ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT #1 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,400,000 FROM THE COMMENCEMENT DATE JUNE 20, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 19, 2017 WITH ONE (1) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERM WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER UNDER RFB-RC-2013-023 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$1,400,000)  
**(PAUL J. BRENNAN, DIRECTOR, DGS PURCHASING)**  
**DL#: 2016-03063**

**TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**ADDED SPONSORS: SCHOENBERGER, LOW-HOGAN**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**  
**SCHOENBERGER/SOSKIN**

**UNAN.**

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

Mr. Grant advised the committee that Mr. Brennan and Mrs. Philipps were not there to answer their questions or discuss this issue.

**2PPW) REF# 2946**

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK TO THE LEGISLATURE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – FOR A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE LOWLAND HILL EMBANKMENT STABILIZATION PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF STONY POINT UNDER CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 7112 [DRAINAGE AGENCY]  
**(CHARLES H. VEZZETTI, CHAIRMAN, DRAINAGE AGENCY)**  
**DL#: 2016-02965**

**TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**ADDED SPONSORS: SCHOENBERGER, GRANT**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**  
**GRANT/SOSKIN**

**UNAN.**

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

Mr. Grant advised the committee that Mr. Vezzetti was not there to answer their questions or discuss this issue.

Mr. Schoenberger stated that there was a lengthy discussion at the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting in reference to the next three items 9252 A, B, C. Committee resolutions were passed.

**3PPW) REF# 9252 (A) REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE REDUNDANT BACKUP PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY UNDER CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 1479 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT] (ROBERT H. GRUFFI, DIRECTOR, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) DL#: 2016-02861**

**TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
ADDED SPONSORS: SCHOENBERGER, GRANT, LOW-HOGAN, CAREY**

**MOTION TO APPROVE  
EARL/CORNELL**

**UNAN.**

**ADDED SPONSORS: CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN**

Mr. Grant explained that the bids that are being rejected consist of 13 bids that were opened in April of 2015, according to a memo from the Department of Law. They did an analysis of the bids, they all seem to be comparable, but they have been rejected.

**(B) AMENDING THE 2016 ADOPTED CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE REDUNDANT BACKUP PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,500,000 UNDER CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 1479 (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) (\$7,500,000) (ROBERT H. GRUFFI, DIRECTOR, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) DL#: 2016-03162**

**TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
ADDED SPONSORS: SCHOENBERGER, GRANT, CAREY**

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

**UNAN.**

**ADDED SPONSORS: CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN**

Mr. Grant noted that this capital project could have been amended in April of 2015. It didn't have to wait until September of 2016.

Mrs. Cornell stated that she is voting for these resolutions with the understanding that they will be holding a Committee of the Whole next Tuesday night. They will be having a discussion on these referrals and staff will be there to answer questions.

- (C) AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK TO THE LEGISLATURE TO ADVERTISE TO RE-BID FOR THE REDESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE REDUNDANT BACKUP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 1479 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT]  
**(ROBERT H. GRUFFI, DIRECTOR, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT)**  
**DL#: 2016-02859**

**TRANSFERRED FROM PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**ADDED SPONSORS: SCHOENBERGER, GRANT, CAREY**

**MOTION TO APPROVE AS AMENDED AT PLANNING & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE UNAN.**  
**SCHOENBERGER/SOSKIN**

**ADDED SPONSORS: CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN**

- (D) BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING FINANCING FOR COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING TO HOUSE THE REDUNDANT BACKUP PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY TO BE LOCATED ON THE NEW CITY GOVERNMENT CENTER CAMPUS (CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 1479), STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF SUCH PROJECT IS \$1,500,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.  
**(ROBERT H. GRUFFI, P.E. LEED AP, DIRECTOR, GS-FACILITIES MANAGEMENT)**  
**DL#: 2016-02862**

**DEFERRED AT PLANNING & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 9/13/16**

- (E) AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF GENERAL FUND MONIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000 FOR THE REDUNDANT BACKUP PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY UNDER CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 1479 [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT] (\$1,500,000)  
**(ROBERT H. GRUFFI, DIRECTOR, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT)**  
**DL#: 2016-02888**

**DEFERRED AT PLANNING & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 9/13/16**

**2. GRANTS/DONATIONS:**

NONE

**3. BUDGET ITEMS:**

**3A) REF# 2973**

AMENDING THE 2016 BUDGET BY APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (OASAS) TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,895 [NCTD] AND FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$238,420 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016 WHICH ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO COMMUNITY AWARENESS NETWORK FOR A DRUG-FREE LIFE AND ENVIRONMENT, INC. (C.A.N.D.L.E.) AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE APPLICABLE CONTRACT AMENDMENT [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$238,420) (MICHAEL LEITZES, COMMISSIONER, MENTAL HEALTH)  
DL#: 2016-02634

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICE COMMITTEE  
ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER

MOTION TO APPROVE  
EARL/CORNELL

UNAN.

ADDED SPONSORS: GRANT, HOOD, JR., CORNELL

**4. AUTHORIZATIONS:**

NONE

**5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:**

**5A) REF# 9505**

APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH VENTURE FOUNDATION, LTD. TO PROVIDE A VEHICLE FOR SELF-ADVOCACY AND SUPPORTIVE PEER RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH PARTICIPANT FORUM AND SOCIAL RECREATION ACTIVITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,146 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. CA-8031 TO DEPARTMENT NO. DMH-M999 [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$48,146) (MICHAEL LEITZES, COMMISSIONER, MENTAL HEALTH)  
DL#: 2016-02791

TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICE COMMITTEE  
ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER

MOTION TO APPROVE AS AMENDED  
CORNELL/HOOD, JR.

UNAN.

ADDED SPONSORS: GRANT, HOOD, JR., CORNELL

**ACTION:**

AMEND TO REMOVE THE WORD "VEHICLE" AND CHANGE TO "MEANS AND METHOD"

**5B) REF# 9019**

APPROVING AN INTERMUNICIPAL HOST SITE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,800 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND ON BEHALF OF ITS YOUTH BUREAU AND THE VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW FOR THE ROCKLAND CONSERVATION AND SERVICE CORPS ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS PROGRAM FROM JUNE 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE INTERMUNICIPAL HOST SITE AGREEMENT [YOUTH BUREAU] (\$4,800) (MARIANNE MCCARNEY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, YOUTH BUREAU)  
**DL#: 2016-03061**

**TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICE COMMITTEE  
ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER**

**MOTION TO APPROVE  
HOOD, JR./EARL: UNAN.**

**UNAN.**

**ADDED SPONSORS: GRANT, HOOD, JR., CORNELL**

**5C) REF# 9505**

APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH ROCKLAND IRISH AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,747 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. 7568 TO DEPARTMENT NO. 6772 [OFFICE FOR THE AGING] (\$13,747)  
(T. CARDOZA-IZQUIERDO, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR THE AGING)  
**DL#: 2016-03099**

**TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICE COMMITTEE  
ADDED SPONSORS: SOSKIN, EARL, PAUL, SCHOENBERGER**

**MOTION TO APPROVE  
SCHOENBERGER/SOSKIN**

**UNAN.**

**ADDED SPONSORS: GRANT, HOOD, JR., CORNELL**

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

**6A) REF# 8347** ESTABLISHING ONE POSITION AND ABOLISHING ONE POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW  
(JOAN M. SILVESTRI, COMMISSIONER, PERSONNEL)  
DL# 2016-02910

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

**UNAN.**

**ADDED SPONSORS: GRANT, HOOD, JR., CORNELL, SCHOENBERGER, EARL**

Mr. Schoenberger's reaction to this is if the County Attorney feels that he needs this position to properly operate his office then he will vote for this.

Mr. Grant thinks it is important that Mr. Humbach communicates back to them as to whether or not he has received permission from the County Executive to fill this position immediately and include an explanation of how it works while there is a hiring freeze.

**6B) REF# 9209** ESTABLISHING TWO RELIEF POSITIONS IN THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
(JOAN M. SILVESTRI, COMMISSIONER, PERSONNEL)  
DL# 2016-02911

**DEFERRED: NO COMMISSIONER/DEPARTMENT HEAD PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS**

**6C) REF# 3179** ESTABLISHING THREE RELIEF POSITIONS IN THE ROCKLAND COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU  
(JOAN M. SILVESTRI, COMMISSIONER, PERSONNEL)  
DL# 2016-02935

**DEFERRED: NO COMMISSIONER/DEPARTMENT HEAD PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS**

**6D) REF# 9097** ESTABLISHING AND ABOLISHING POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
(JOAN M. SILVESTRI, COMMISSIONER, PERSONNEL)  
DL# 2016-02915

**DEFERRED: NO COMMISSIONER/DEPARTMENT HEAD PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS**

**6E) REF# 3977** ESTABLISHING THREE POSITIONS AND ABOLISHING TWO POSITIONS IN THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (NO LOCAL SHARE)  
(JOAN M. SILVESTRI, COMMISSIONER, PERSONNEL)  
DL# 2016-02911

**DEFERRED: NO COMMISSIONER/DEPARTMENT HEAD PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS**

**6F) REF# 8568 ESTABLISHING AND ABOLISHING POSITIONS AND IMPLEMENTING THE REALLOCATIONS OF TWO POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (JOAN SILVESTRI, COMMISSIONER, PERSONNEL) DL# 2016-02864 DEFERRED AT 8/30/16 B&F**

**DEFERRED: NO COMMISSIONER/DEPARTMENT HEAD PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS**

Mr. Grant noted that Commissioner Silvestri did not attend the committee meeting to provide an explanation for these positions. Their Fiscal Analyst Ms. Doliner did an incredible job getting them as much information as possible. It is his personal opinion that these positions are for 2017, not 2016. There is no immediate need for this. The County Executive submitted them so that they would consider them, but these are better considered in context of a budget submission for the year 2017.

Similarly, the County Executive sent over resolutions with absolutely no backup related to lifting the tax cap for 2017, not a calculation, not a narrative, and certainly Mr. DeGroat has not been here to provide a presentation. We will not consider that until the budget has been considered.

Mrs. Cornell wanted to point out that today is the Primary and maybe that is why some of the Commissioners could not be here.

Mr. Hood, Jr. stated that he is ready to take a big step to not passing anything at all or to issue subpoenas or a lawsuit or do whatever they have to do at this point, because it is unacceptable that no commissioners or department heads come to these committee meetings to answer questions or provide explanations on any of these issues that they have to vote on, except for the Law Department and I am thankful that they are here.

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| <b>7. <u>BIDS:</u></b>                                  | NONE |
| <b>8. <u>TRANSFER OF FUNDS/OTHERS:</u></b>              | NONE |
| <b>9. <u>TAX ITEMS:</u></b>                             | NONE |
| <b>10. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS:</u></b>                      | NONE |
| <b>11. <u>LOCAL LAWS/HOME RULES:</u></b>                | NONE |
| <b>12. <u>PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:</u></b>            | NONE |
| <b>13. <u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u></b>                        | NONE |
| <b>14. <u>RECEIVE &amp; FILE:</u></b>                   | NONE |
| <b>15. <u>CORRESPONDENCE/REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:</u></b> | NONE |

**Mr. Grant stated that no department heads came before the Budget and Finance Committee at the direction of County Executive Ed Day with the exception of the Department of Law. Mr. Humbach has represented that he is our attorney as well.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:45 P.M.  
EARL/CORNELL**

**UNAN.**

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy Shapin-Greenberg, Proceedings Clerk