

The Legislature of Rockland County



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

Members Present:

Leg. M. Grant, Chair
Chairwoman H. Cornell
Leg. A. Wolfe, Vice Chair
Leg. T. Earl
Leg. N. Low-Hogan
Leg. P. Soskin

Members Absent:

Leg. J. Hood, Jr.
Leg. J. Murphy
Leg. I. Schoenberger
Leg. F. Sparaco

Others Present:

Leg. D. Jobson
E. Yeger, Esq.
T. Grosselfinger
S. Sherwood
N. DeSantis
K. Zebrowski-Savisky
S. DeGroat
P. Modafferi
Leg. A. Paul
N. Doliner
Sheriff Falco
M. Frank
A. Kassay
L. Babcock
Media
A. Reda

MINUTES
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013
7:15 PM

ROLL CALL

CHAIR GRANT OPENED THE MEETING WITH THE ADOPTION OF MINUTES
FROM SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

MOTION TO ADOPT:
WOLFE/CORNELL

UNAN

1. BONDS/PUBLIC WORKS MATTER:

1PPW) REF. #7342 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF INSURANCE RECOVERY FUNDS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$10,420.45 (NCTD) FOR REPAIRS TO THE SHERIFF'S MARINE
UNIT METALCRAFT BOAT THAT WAS DAMAGED BY FIRE (OFFICE OF THE
SHERIFF) (\$10,420.45)
(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF) DL#2013-03251

(TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 9/12/13)

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

MOTION TO APPROVE:
CORNELL/LOW-HOGAN

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN

2PPW) REF. #5906 - APPROVING THE PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM SLACK CHEMICAL CO., INC. FOR SODIUM BISULFITE SOLUTION FOR THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT #1 UNDER RFB-RC-2011-030 FOR THE SECOND YEAR OPTION TERM IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,500 FOR THE FULL PERIOD FROM MAY 31, 2011 THROUGH MAY 30, 2014 WITH TWO (2) REMAINING ONE (1) YEAR OPTION TERMS WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PURCHASING) (\$100,500)
(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER, DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2013-03296

(TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 9/12/13)
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, JOBSON, PAUL

MOTION TO APPROVE: **UNAN**
SOSKIN/WOLFE

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN

2. GRANTS/DONATIONS:

2A) REF. #3977 – APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO 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) (\$171,814.00)
(MARIA FRANK, ACTING DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY DEVEL.) DL#2013-03487

Leg. Grant stated Mr. Abate has left this position and Maria Frank has stepped in as Acting Commissioner of Community Development. Chairwoman Cornell commended Ms. Frank for her hard work.

MOTION TO APPROVE: **UNAN**
EARL/SOSKIN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, WOLFE, EARL, SOSKIN, JOBSON

3. BUDGET ITEMS:

3A) REF. #6704 - APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO PURCHASE PORTABLE/VEHICLE MOUNTED RADIOS AND OTHER ITEMS/SERVICES RELATED TO THESE RADIOS AND TO COVER VARIOUS EXPENSES CONNECTED TO CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY) (\$50,000)
(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY) DL#2013-03398

MOTION TO APPROVE: **UNAN**
LOW-HOGAN/SOSKIN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, WOLFE, EARL, SOSKIN, JOBSON

3B) REF. #6704 - APPROPRIATION OF FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES FOR OFFICE OPERATIONS AND TO COVER ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LOCAL TRAVEL, INTERPRETERS, COURT REPORTERS, EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS (OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY) (\$100,000)
(THOMAS ZUGIBE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY) DL#2013-03460

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
CORNELL/LOW-HOGAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, WOLFE, EARL, SOSKIN, JOBSON

3C) REF. #9481 - ABOLISHING CERTAIN POSITIONS AS OUTLINED IN SCHEDULE "A" ATTACHED HERETO, AND TRANSFERRING THE RESULTING SALARY SAVINGS TO THE BUDGET SALARY SAVINGS IN EACH APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION CODE FOR 2013
(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE) LG#3259

MOVED BY LEG. WOLFE, SECONDED BY LEG. LOW-HOGAN FOR DISCUSSION

ACTION:

Leg. Wolfe directed that the two Sheriff positions and HW position be removed from Schedule "A"

This item is deferred to next meeting of Budget & Finance. Administration requested to provide justification for each vacant position listed on Schedule "A".

Administration is requested to provide a list of all positions that participated in the Voluntary Separation Incentive and justify which of those positions should not be abolished.

MOTION TO DEFER TO NEXT B&F MEETING: UNAN
WOLFE/GRANT

4. AUTHORIZATIONS:

4A) REF. #8593 - AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND TO SHARE THE COST OF LEGAL SERVICES PERFORMED BY DANIEL P.DUTHIE AS PART OF THE MUNICIPAL CONSORTIUM IN SUPPORT OF REASONABLE WATER RATES
(HON. ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER, LEGISLATURE) LG#3251

(TRANSFERRED FROM ENVIRONMENTAL 9/12/13)

PULLED AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL MEETING AT REQUEST OF ADMINISTRATION

5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

5A) REF. #5614 – APPROVAL OF AMENDED AND RESTATED PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) AGREEMENT BETWEEN MILLENNIUM PIPELINE COMPANY, L.L.C., TOWN OF RAMAPO, RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, AND THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR PROPERTY CONSISTING OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY APPROXIMATELY FIFTY (50) FEET WIDE AND 23,047 FEET LONG WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON COLLECTIVELY CONSTITUTING AN APPROXIMATELY 23,047 LONG, 30-INCH DIAMETER NATURAL TRANSPORTATION PIPELINE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES ASSESSED ON THE SPECIAL FRANCHISE PORTION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLLS OF THE TOWN OF RAMAPO, DESIGNATED AS TAX MAP PARCEL #89/500-0-486-0-0-0 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE (DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE) (PILOT) (S. DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, FINANCE) DL#2013-03320

*(TRANSFERRED FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 9/12/13)
ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, JOBSON, PAUL*

Leg. Grant explained this passed unanimously in the Economic Development meeting earlier this evening.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
EARL/CORNELL**

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, EARL, SOSKIN

6. ALLOCATION/RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS:

6A) REF. #7253 - RECLASSIFYING ONE POSITION IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (C. SCOTT VANDERHOEF, COUNTY EXECUTIVE) DL#2013-03712

Leg. Wolfe questioned why no additional funds were needed when the salary for the reclassification was higher than the one being abolished. Mr. Modafieri stated they planned to address this in next year's budget.

Mr. Modafieri sent a memorandum after the meeting stating the difference in pay for 3 months would be less than \$3,000.00 and the funds would come from a reduction of phone expenses in Account 4600.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
CORNELL/EARL**

UNAN

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, WOLFE, EARL, SOSKIN, JOBSON

ACTION:

District Attorney's office requested to provide documentation to support this reclassification. Documentation to include the difference in pay and the funding source for the increase.

7. **BIDS:** NONE

8. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS/OTHERS:** NONE

9. **TAX ITEMS:** NONE

9A) REF. #7070 - RESOLUTION NO. OF 2013 OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 850 OF 1983, AS LAST AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 394 OF 2011, TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL RATE OF SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES
(S. DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER, FINANCE) DL#2013-03472

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
WOLFE/CORNELL

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, WOLFE, CORNELL, EARL, SOSKIN, JOBSON

9B) REF. #8055 - REQUESTING THAT THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY PASS BILL A.7775 - AN ACT TO EXEMPT COMMUNITY COLLEGES FROM THE IMPOSITION OF THE METROPOLITAN COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY TAX; THAT THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE TO INTRODUCE AND PASS SIMILAR LEGISLATION AND THAT THE GOVERNOR SIGN SAID LEGISLATION
(HON. EDWIN J. DAY, LEGISLATURE) LG#3254

(TRANSFERRED FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 9/12/13)
ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, JOBSON, PAUL

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
WOLFE/LOW-HOGAN

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, EARL, SOSKIN

9C) REF. #8055 - REQUESTING THAT THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY PASS BILL A-1443 – A LAW TO PHASING OUT THE METROPOLITAN COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY ACT AND AN ACT TO AMEND THE TAX LAW, VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW AND PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW IN RELATION TO THE METROPOLITAN COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY TAX AND THAT THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE INTRODUCE AND PASS SIMILAR LEGISLATION AND THAT THE GOVERNOR SIGN SAID LEGISLATION
(HON. EDWIN J. DAY, LEGISLATURE) LG#3255

(TRANSFERRED FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 9/12/13)
ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. GRANT, CORNELL, JOBSON, PAUL

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNAN
SOSKIN/EARL

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. WOLFE, EARL, SOSKIN

10. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** NONE

11. **LOCAL LAWS/HOME RULES:** NONE

12. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:

12A) REF. #9209 - *DISCUSSION ITEM:* BOARD OF ELECTIONS – CLARIFICATION ON THE CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION EXPENSES AND APPORTIONMENT TO TOWNS
(HON. MICHAEL M. GRANT, LEGISLATURE)

Chair Grant gave the background information and said staff has done research on the requirements of certification of election expenses.

Leg. Counsel Elana Yeger explained Election Law 4-138 which states that the Board of Elections in each county, on or before the 15th of December and not earlier than the 1st day of October certify to the Clerk of the Legislature the total amount of expenses incurred including salaries for the preceding year. The towns and villages are then sent an invoice for their share of the expenses.

Mr. DeSantis was concerned that if the Legislators do not think the certification will happen, it should not be put into the 2012 budget.

Leg. Grant said whatever is the legal/best practice is what the Legislature wants to do. He questioned whether the towns and villages were invoiced and Mr. DeGroat said they were.

Mr. DeGroat stated that everything was done properly and is 100% correct.

ACTION:

Finance Commissioner requested to provide memorandum outlining the accounting procedures for the reflection of anticipated revenue from Board of Election charge-backs to town.

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| 13. <u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u> | NONE |
| 14. <u>RECEIVE & FILE:</u> | NONE |
| 15. <u>CORRESPONDENCE – REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:</u> | NONE |

MOTION TO ADJOURN:	8:45 PM	UNAN
SOSKIN/LOW-HOGAN		

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