

THE LEGISLATURE OF ROCKLAND COUNTY



ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER
LEGISLATOR – DISTRICT 4

CHAIR, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

**MINUTES
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012
7:15 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER, CHAIR
JAY HOOD, JR., VICE CHAIR
ALDEN H. WOLFE, 2nd VICE CHAIR
HARRIET D. CORNELL, LEGISLATIVE CHAIR
TONEY L. EARL
MICHAEL M. GRANT
NANCY LOW-HOGAN
JOHN A. MURPHY
PHILIP SOSKIN
FRANK P. SPARACO

OTHERS PRESENT

N. DOLINER
R. McKAY, ESQ
LEG. JOBSON
LEG. MORONEY
LEG. CAREY
LEG. MEYERS
LEG. WIEDER
LEG. DAY
LEG. PAUL
K. TOWER-BERNSTEIN
S. DeGROAT
S. GROGAN
P. BRENNAN
K. SINCERBOX
G. BIERKER
P.T. THOMAS
P. GERDIN
MEDIA

Chair Schoenberger called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with a roll call.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 10, 2012

MOTION TO ADOPT

GRANT/WOLFE: UNAN.

1. BONDS/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

1-PPW) REF. #6394

APPROVING PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM CAVALIERE INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR COLD MILLING OPERATIONS FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UNDER RFB-RC-2012-059 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$450,000 FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 17, 2012 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16, 2013 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$450,000) (GERALD WALSH, COMMISSIONER OF DGS-PURCHASING) DL #2012-04164 (SPONSORS: GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, JOBSON, PAUL, SOSKIN) (TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 11/13/12)

ADDED SPONSORS: HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL

MOTION TO APPROVE

GRANT/LOW-HOGAN: UNAN.

2-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 (NCTD) FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF PARK AND RIDE LOTS IN THE TOWN FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING] (\$340,000) **(THOMAS B. VANDERBEEK, COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING) DL #2012-04114**
(SPONSORS: GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, JOBSON, PAUL, SOSKIN)
(TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 11/13/12)

ADDED SPONSORS: HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL

MOTION TO APPROVE
WOLFE/SPARACO: UNAN.

3-PPW) REF. #8183

APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN CONVEYANCES OF REAL PROPERTY WHICH ARE BEING GRATUITOUSLY OFFERED TO THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND BY VARIOUS GRANTORS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS TO EFFECTUATE THE ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH CONVEYANCES [DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS] **(CHARLES VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAY) DL #2012-04293**
(SPONSORS: GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, JOBSON, PAUL, SOSKIN)
(TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 11/13/12)

ADDED SPONSORS: HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL

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

4-PPW) REF. #1319

APPROVING AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH BERGMANN ASSOCIATES IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$222,000 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$320,000 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PASCACK BROOK CULVERT FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT, VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY FROM JULY 15, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS] (\$320,000) **(CHARLES VEZZETTI, SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAY) DL #2012-04328**
(SPONSORS: GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, JOBSON, PAUL, SOSKIN, WIEDER)
(TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 11/13/12)

ADDED SPONSORS: HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL

MOTION TO APPROVE
EARL/SOSKIN, SPARACO: UNAN.

5-PPW) REF. #5906

APPROVING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,400 (NCTD) ENTERGY 2012 SAFETY RESPONDERS FUND GRANT TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 TO PURCHASE AUDIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT [ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1] (\$2,400) (**DIANNE PHILIPPS, DIRECTOR OF SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1**)
DL #2012-03486
(SPONSORS: GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, JOBSON, PAUL, SOSKIN)
(TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 11/13/12)

ADDED SPONSORS: HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL

**MOTION TO APPROVE – RED DOT
WOLFE/CORNELL: UNAN.**

6-PPW) REF. #7300

APPROVING ADDITIONAL PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM ALARM SPECIALISTS, INC. FOR ALARM SYSTEM INSPECTION, TESTING, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FOR FIRE ALARM, CCTV SECURITY, NURSE CALL AND RELATED ALARM SYSTEMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES UNDER RFB-RC-2010-047 IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$25,000 FOR THE SECOND YEAR OPTION TERM FROM JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013 AND FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,001 FOR THE FULL PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2010 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$200,001) (**GERALD WALSH, COMMISSIONER OF DGS-PURCHASING**)
DL #2012-03751
(SPONSORS: GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, JOBSON, PAUL, SOSKIN)
(TRANSFERRED FROM PPW 11/13/12)

ADDED SPONSORS: HOOD, JR., CORNELL, EARL

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

2. GRANTS/DONATIONS:

2A) REF. #5574

APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF A CONTINUATION GRANT FROM THE NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 (NCTD) FOR THE LOCAL REENTRY TASK FORCE INITIATIVE-OFFENDER REENTRY PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION] (\$100,000) **(KATHLEEN TOWER-BERNSTEIN, DIRECTOR OF PROBATION) DL #2012-03389**
(SPONSORS: SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, JOBSON, MORONEY)
(TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 11/13/12)

ADDED SPONSORS: SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, CORNELL, GRANT

**MOTION TO APPROVE
EARL/SOSKIN, SPARACO: UNAN.**

2B) REF. #8850

APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,375 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S LIBRARY DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM (PROJECT NO. 0305-13-3861) TO ENABLE MICROFILMING OF SUPREME AND COUNTY COURT RECORDS FROM 1914-1927 FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK] (\$27,375) **(PAUL PIPERATO, COUNTY CLERK)**
DL #2012-03833
(SPONSORS: SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, JOBSON, MORONEY)
(TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 11/13/12)

ADDED SPONSORS: SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, CORNELL, GRANT

**MOTION TO APPROVE
GRANT/LOW-HOGAN: UNAN.**

3. BUDGET ITEMS:

3A) REF. #9473

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,750 TO V.F.W. CHARLES R. LEWIS POST NO. 8997, STONY POINT, NEW YORK FOR PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES IN 2012 **(HON. DOUGLAS J. JOBSON, LEGISLATURE)**
LG #3157

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

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

4. AUTHORIZATIONS:

4A) REF. #9372

APPROVING THE PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FROM MAXIM HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INC. D/B/A MAXIM STAFFING SOLUTIONS OF TEMPORARY PERSONNEL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH NOVEMBER 18, 2012 IN ACCORDANCE WITH NYS OGS CONTRACT NO. PS63459 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER [DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS] (\$125,000) **(GERALD WALSH, COMMISSIONER OF DGS-PURCHASING) DL #2012-04070**
(SPONSORS: SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, JOBSON, MORONEY)
(TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 11/13/12)

ADDED SPONSORS: SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, CORNELL, GRANT

MOTION TO APPROVE

LOW-HOGAN/GRANT, SOSKIN: UNAN.

Mr. Soskin - I created an action item at the Multi-Services Committee meeting requesting a revenue and expense comparison for the last two years from the department.

4B) REF. #9361

APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF TACTICAL TEAM AND INCIDENT RESPONSE EQUIPMENT WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF \$75,000 (NCTD) FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT] **(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF) DL #2012-03577**

ADDED SPONSORS: SCHOENBERGER, HOOD, JR., WOLFE, CORNELL, GRANT, SOSKIN, EARL, LOW-HOGAN, JOBSON

MOTION TO APPROVE

LOW-HOGAN/SOSKIN, SPARACO: UNAN.

4C) REF. #9375

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK, ADOPTED_____, 2012, AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING FOR CERTAIN JUDGMENTS, COMPROMISED CLAIMS OR SETTLED CLAIMS RESULTING FROM COURT ORDERS ON PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 7 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW DUE AND PAYABLE IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR OF SAID COUNTY, STATING THE CURRENT ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$5,000,000, APPROPRIATING \$5,000,000, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION **(STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER OF BUDGET & FINANCE)**
LM #2012-04086

MOTION TO APPROVE
WOLFE/EARL: UNAN.

Mr. Schoenberger – Are there any large cost items?

Mr. DeGroat – The bulk of the amount is from a five-year settlement with Pfizer/Wyeth. This is year two that we are paying them.

Mr. Schoenberger – Is this similar to a refund? Will we get money back from the towns and villages? How much?

Mr. DeGroat – Correct, it is similar to a refund. We will get money back from towns and villages, but no schools. We will get about \$2,000,000 back from the town.

Mr. Moroney – How is the \$5,000,000 split?

Mr. DeGroat – We made everybody whole so we take a hit on our own loss. We reimbursed Orangetown for Pfizer/Wyeth. We will get \$2,000,000 from Orangetown and a small amount from Clarkstown.

Mr. Moroney – Is it in Orangetown's budget?

Mr. DeGroat – They negotiated the settlement. This will not affect Ramapo, but a small portion in Clarkstown will be affected. Most of the responsibility is the Town of Orangetown. The Palisades Mall is in negotiation with the Town of Clarkstown now.

Mr. Moroney – I am concerned with how the employees have been treated since Wyeth was taken over by Pfizer. I can tell you that Pfizer is not treating their employees fairly. They are playing hardball with their employees. You may hear more about this unfair practice soon. I wonder if maybe there were delayed tactics in the future they would treat employees fairly next year.

Mr. DeGroat – Orangetown thought they would keep the employees longer when they negotiated the settlement.

5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

5A) REF. #7342

APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND THE HAVERSTRAW MARINA FOR RENTAL OF A WINTER SLIP FOR A 28' PATROL VESSEL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$352.80 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF] (\$352.80) **(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF) DL #2012-04009**

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE
SPARACO/SOSKIN: UNAN.**

Mr. Schoenberger – Is this for an entire year? What happens if we can't afford to have a Patrol unit?

Mr. DeGroat – I am not certain how long this is for, but we have a thirty day out clause.

Mr. Soskin - I created an action item at the Multi-Services Committee meeting requesting a revenue and expense comparison for the last two years from the department.

Mr. Schoenberger – Previously we discussed getting out of the Dialysis business to cut costs at the hospital, because dialysis costs us money.

Mr. Brennan – Dialysis unit started three years ago when we got licensed by the State thinking we would save money, because we would save money on transporting patients to their dialysis treatments.

Mr. Schoenberger – Is dialysis provided to the hospital and nursing home patients?

Mr. Brennan – Yes.

Mr. Schoenberger – Do you know the breakdown?

Mr. Brennan – No.

Mr. Schoenberger – Will the same services continue even if we reduce the size and scope of the coverage?

Mr. Brennan – If the services are not used we do not pay. We are not locked in.

Mr. Soskin – We were told that this would also bring in patients from the outside and it would earn us a lot of money.

Mr. Schoenberger – Chris Kopf, former Finance Director, created initiatives to make the hospital more profitable. One of those initiatives was the Renal/Dialysis Unit. Was it really more profitable? As long as we have to pay per person charge and do not have to pay for services not utilized then it is okay.

Mr. Brennan – Reimbursement ranges from \$150,00 to \$450,00 per day. We only get billed for services we actually use.

5B) REF. #9372

APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AND EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH RENAL CARE OF ROCKLAND D/B/A ROCKLAND ACUTE SERVICES, LLC FOR DIALYSIS SERVICES FOR PATIENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS UNDER RFP-RC-08-003 IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$590,000 AND FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,890,000 AND EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2012 THROUGH NOVEMBER 15, 2013 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT/EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT [DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS] (\$1,890,000) **(RICHARD MALONEY, COMMISSIONER OF HOSPITALS) DL #2012-03405**
(SPONSORS: SOSKIN, HOOD, JR., EARL, PAUL, JOBSON, MORONEY)
(TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-SERVICES 11/13/12)

ADDED SPONSORS: SCHOENBERGER, WOLFE, CORNELL, GRANT

MOTION TO APPROVE
LOW-HOGAN/EARL: UNAN.

- 6. **ALLOCATION/RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS:** NONE
- 7. **BIDS:** NONE
- 8. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS/OTHERS:** NONE
- 9. **TAX ITEMS:** NONE
- 10. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

10A) REF. #7070

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING: A LOCAL LAW CREATING A ROCKLAND COUNTY DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT (RCDRA) (HON. ILAN S. SCHOENBERGER, LEGISLATURE) LG #3150 PH

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE
SCHOENBERGER/GRANT, WOLFE: UNAN.**

Mr. Schoenberger – The Local law is designed to reduce the deficit in Rockland County. Our State representatives did not support our last Home Rule request for a deficit bond. We never got a deficit bond, but I am still hopeful we will get it. If we don't get it we still have to commit to lowering the deficit. If we received the deficit bond we would have paid it back over a period of ten years at \$10,000,000 per year. Having not received it my thought is to take that money we were going to use and commit the \$10,000,000 on a reoccurring annual basis for the reduction of the deficit. The account would be a deficit reserve fund and cannot and will not be used for any purpose other than to eliminate the deficit in Rockland County. We are dealing with the deficit ourselves, because we didn't get the help we needed.

The idea was to formulate a policy to eliminate the deficit. I think the rating agencies will look highly on this. The increase in taxes proposed by the County Executive is for increased mandates by the State. My belief is we will be able to allocate the \$10,000,000 one way or another.

Mr. Jobson – If we get the deficit bond can we rescind this? I am ready to go back to Albany.

Mr. Schoenberger – Yes, but I think this would become moot.

Chairwoman Cornell – The devil is in the details. Where the \$10,000,000 comes from remains to be seen.

Mr. Sparaco – This should be paid back from the revenues we receive from the energy tax since we told the public that is what the money would originally be used for.

Mr. Schoenberger – We still have to raise \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 more for unfunded State mandates.

Mr. Moroney – How can we live under the 2% tax cap?

Mr. Schoenberger – Dr. Mitchell wrote something on the 2% tax cap and you should read it. It will answer your question.

Mr. Jobson – This year we have will have the same arguments with Albany.

Mr. Schoenberger – There is a big crisis coming down on the school districts next year. They will also have a 2% tax cap, but they have to pass a referendum to go above the tax cap. This is unprecedented.

10B) REF. #9481

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO ADOPTION OF A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND (C. SCOTT VANDERHOEF, COUNTY EXECUTIVE)
DL #2012-04127

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE
GRANT/CORNELL: UNAN.**

Mr. Schoenberger – This is a Local Law that lifts the tax cap.

Mrs. Low-Hogan – These will be on the same night that we vote on the 2013 Rockland County budget. If they don't pass, since they affect the budget, it will be a problem.

Mr. Schoenberger – If we don't pass the Deficit Reduction Act then we just won't have a Deficit Reduction Act.

Mr. Wolfe – We can't stay under the 2% tax cap, because of the \$30,000,000 in additional State mandates.

10C) REF. #9475

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO ADOPTION OF A LOCAL LAW TO BE KNOWN AS THE ROCKLAND COUNTY MANDATE AND TAXATION INFORMATION ACT (STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER OF BUDGET & FINANCE) **DL #2012-04178**

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE
WOLFE/CORNELL, EARL, GRANT: UNAN.**

ACTION: LEGISLATOR SCHOENBERGER DIRECTED COUNSEL TO CORRECT TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS IN THE LOCAL LAW.

Mr. Wolfe – I give credit to the Finance Director and the County Executive for doing this. I think Ulster County did this too. It is a great tool to get information out to the public.

Mr. DeGroat – This Local Law will provide for a County tax bill information statement on all County tax bills with regard to unfunded State mandates. It would also authorize a County tax bill insert, which would summarize the County budget information and the impact of State mandates upon the County tax levy.

Mr. Meyers – Does the higher pension costs really fall under unfunded mandates?

Mr. DeGroat – It is a benefit to employees, but we don't have a choice but to pay it. We have no choice how it is invested either. The cost earnings on these funds are not meeting the marks it has to make.

Mr. Schoenberger – When the market went up why didn't our contribution go down? Who is managing the money?

Mr. Meyers – We are lower than we were five years ago.

Mr. Schoenberger – Are we paying based upon five years ago or today?

Mr. DeGroat – They put the money into a fixed interest account at 3% instead of 8% as they thought it would be.

Mr. Schoenberger – No matter how you look at it, it is still a mandate.

Mr. Meyers – I agree. Now people can see how little we have to work with and how much our mandates are once they receive the insert.

Mr. DeGroat – We can put any information we want on the tax information disclosure.

Mr. Day – When the market was doing well the State of New York opted not to fund pensions. Many who contributed to their pensions played by the rules and didn't get raises. The NYC Police and Fire Department expected their pensions to be paid, but they weren't. Because of these reckless policies there is no money.

Mr. DeGroat – We have to get the towns to cooperate since the send out the tax bills or we will have to send it.

10D) REF. #9475

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO ADOPTION OF A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR A MANDATE AND TAX INFORMATION STATEMENT FLYER TO BE PROVIDED TO TAXPAYERS WITH THEIR ANNUAL TAX BILLS (STEPHEN DEGROAT, COMMISSIONER OF BUDGET & FINANCE) DL #2012-04179

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE
WOLFE/GRANT, MURPHY: UNAN.**

ACTION: LEGISLATORS GRANT AND CHAIRWOMAN CORNELL REQUESTED THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE A MODEL/TEMPLATE OF THE TAX INFORMATION STATEMENT FLYER BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING (12/4).

Mr. DeGroat – This Local Law gives us the option to attach a flyer if the towns do not cooperate.

Mr. Schoenberger – Section 5 of the Local Law directs the County Executive to submit proposed tax bill insert templates to the Budget and Finance Committee, which shall be approved on an annual basis.

11. LOCAL LAW/HOME RULE:

NONE

12. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION:

12A) REF. #6546

DISCUSSION ITEM—LIABILITY INSURANCE
COVERAGE CONTRACT AGENCIES (HON. ALDEN H.
WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)

DEFERRED

ACTION: LEGISLATOR SCHOENBERGER DIRECTED A MEMO OR EMAIL BE SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSONS, WHICH INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW, ASKING THAT THEY BE PRESENT AT THE NEXT BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING TO DISCUSS THIS ITEM. COPY CHAIRWOMAN CORNELL AND LEGISLATORS WOLFE AND SCHOENBERGER ON THE MEMO/EMAIL.

12B) REF. #6394

DISCUSSION ITEM—LABOR NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND UNITED
PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION (HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT) (HON. JAY HOOD, JR.,
LEGISLATURE)

DEFERRED

ACTION: LEGISLATOR SCHOENBERGER DIRECTED THAT THIS DISCUSSION BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE BUDGET REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, WHICH IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 15th AT 6:00 P.M. COMMITTEE CLERK TO INVITE KEVIN BOYLE, PRESIDENT OF THE UPSEU.

13. MISCELLANEOUS:

NONE

14. RECEIVE & FILE:

NONE

15. CORRESPONDENCE – REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:

NONE

**MOTION TO ADJOURN – 8:15 P.M.
MURPHY/SOSKIN: UNAN.**

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy M. Greenberg
Proceedings Clerk