

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023  
3:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Leigh J. Benton, Chairman  
Mike Anagnostakis, James D. O'Donnell, Thomas J. Faggione,  
Kevin W. Hines, Barry J. Cheney

ALSO

PRESENT: Katie Bonelli, Chairwoman  
Harold J. Porr, Deputy County Executive  
Richard B. Golden, Esq., County Attorney  
Matthew Nothnagle, Chief Assistant County Attorney  
Kerry Gallagher, Commissioner of Finance  
Michael Schreiber, Deputy Commissioner of Finance  
Andrea Concannon, Deputy Commissioner of Finance  
Lacey Trimble, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health  
Erik Denega, Commissioner, Department of Public Works  
Travis Ewald, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works/Engineering Div.  
Alan Sorensen, AICP, Commissioner of Planning  
Deborah Slesinski, Budget Director  
Gretchen Riordan, Deputy Budget Director

Chairman Benton opened the committee meeting at 3:31 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present with the exception of Legislators Brescia and Paduch who were absent and Legislator Sierra who was excused.

Mr. Cheney moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget projects budget for the replacement of all exterior windows and doors at 30 Harriman Drive, this includes the exterior windows facing the courtyard. This project has been approved under the 2023 Capital Plan as proposed Project No. 77. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$335,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. O'Donnell.

Ms. Trimble stated the windows at 30 Harriman Drive are original to the building, so they are almost 55 years old. Several have large cracks, some do not open, some leak, and there are a few windows that have poison ivy growing through the gap. She added that new windows will be very helpful with noise control and heating/cooling costs.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Faggione moved to the request approval to repurpose funds. Capital Project No. 431S was set up for the Warwick Transit Facility, which has now been completed. The funds are 100% New York State Accelerated Transit Capital funds. The New York State Department of Transportation has approved the request to repurpose the remaining funds to be used for the purchase of transit vehicles. Upon approval, Capital Project No. 431S will be closed and a new capital project will be created in its place, \$179,633.00, seconded by Mr. Cheney.

These are funds that if not repurposed, would be lost, therefore, Mr. Sorensen held a meeting to discuss transit vehicles. As the resolution states, these funds have been "approved by NYSDOT to repurpose the remaining funds of \$179,633.00."

Mr. Benton asked if there is a list of the vehicles that will be purchased.

Mr. Sorensen replied the buses are similar to Dial-A-Bus.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Faggione moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget in the amount of \$441,000.00 to Orange County Transfer Stations 1, 2, and 3 to purchase Fleet and New Equipment. This project has been approved under the 2023 Capital Plan as proposed Project No. 68. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created (bonding), seconded by Mr. Cheney.

Mr. Denega stated there are four pieces of equipment being requested for the Orange County Transfer Stations 1, 2, and 3 which included a Yard Jockey Truck, Mini Excavator, Rolloff Truck, and a Pickup Truck (on file in Clerk, Legislative Office).

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton clarified that agenda item IIIb. (Request supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget in the amount of \$169,000.00 to Orange County Sewer District No. 1 for new equipment to update, repair or replace old, outdated machinery. This project has been approved under the 2023 Capital Plan as proposed Project No. 72. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created (bonding), is being withdrawn due to a technicality with bond counsel.

Mr. Denega stated that is correct.

Mr. Faggione moved to approve the request for supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for Heavy Equipment/Fleet Replacement. Funding is from the State Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) in the amount of \$900,000.00 and \$100,000.00 is from County borrowing. This project has been approved under the 2023 Capital Plan as proposed Project No. 40. Upon approval,

a new capital project will be created, \$100,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Ewald stated that this is the annual fleet replacement capital project request and most of it will be funded through CHIPS. He then reviewed the list of equipment (on file in Clerk, Legislative Office).

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Gallagher addressed the committee with a Sales Tax Update which included County of Orange Sales Tax Received Year-To-Date (County Portion Only) and a 4-Year Gross Sales Tax Comparison (on file in Clerk, Legislative Office). She added that year-to-date, the county is still up 4.6%.

Mr. Benton clarified that reconciliation means recalculating.

Ms. Gallagher stated that is correct the amounts are projects they finalized and this month we were a little off.

The last agenda item was an update regarding the General Fund Status Report as of March 2023 (on file in Clerk, Legislative Office). She stated that at the end of March there were 366 vacant positions and for the first pay period in April, there were 351.

Ms. Riordan added that there were 346 for the second pay period.

For next month's meeting, Mr. O'Donnell requested that Ms. Slesinski provide the committee with the number of positions that were filled.

The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.