

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018
3:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Leigh J. Benton, Chairman
Mike Anagnostakis, Katie Bonelli, Janet Sutherland,
Kevin W. Hines, James M. Kulisek, Michael D. Paduch, Joseph J. Minuta,
James D. O'Donnell

ALSO

PRESENT: Peter V. Tuohy, Legislator
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Matthew Nothnagle, Chief Asst. County Attorney
Karin Hablow, Commissioner of Finance
Erik Denega, Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works
Pete Hammond, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works/EF&S
Alan C. Mack, Deputy Commissioner, Emergency Services/Emergency Management
John McCarey, Director, Real Property Tax Service
Deborah Slesinski, Deputy Budget Director
Donna Strecker, Director of Finance, Valley View

Chairman Cheney opened the committee meeting at 3:30 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present.

Mr. Anagnostakis moved the request for supplemental appropriation of \$191,000.00 for two (2) 2018 Capital Projects: \$66,000.00 for Resident bathing tubs; \$125,000.00 for Information Technology. No County taxation required. Source of funds is Interfund Revenues, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland.

Ms. Strecker stated these two projects were proposed in the Capital Plan for 2018 and they are looking to shift priorities in the facility. Mr. LaDue would like the latitude to change the projects and use the funding that was originally earmarked for the bathing tubs. There are 14 bathing tubs in the facility and even though there was a large replacement in 2017, they need five new tubs.

Mr. Benton asked if the infrared faucets were left in the capital plan.

Ms. Strecker replied they need to research it a little more because it may become a bigger project.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget in the amount of \$181,000.00 for fleet and equipment for solid waste operations at the Orange County Transfer Stations #1, #2 and #3. This project has been approved

under the 2018 Capital Plan as Project No. 58. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created (bonding), seconded by Mr. Anagnostakis.

Mr. Hammond referred to the list in the committee packet (see original minutes) and stated that all the equipment is worn out and will be auctioned off as surplus. He added that the equipment is not reimbursable.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. O'Donnell moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget in the amount of \$250,000.00 for Capital Improvements for the solid waste operations at the Orange County Transfer Stations #1, #2 and #3. This project has been approved under the 2018 Capital Plan as Project No. 59. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Hammond stated this request is for the New Hampton location and will repave the entire entrance road. The road has not been repaired for fifteen years and the budgetary estimate which was prepared by the Department of Public Works is \$232,000.00.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to discuss deed sale parcels, seconded by Mr. Hines.

The first deed sale parcel is in the Town of Hamptonburgh (14-2-60) and has a minimum bid of \$30,000.00 and an amount of \$30,000.00. Mr. McCarey recommended that the committee approve it. The second parcel is in the Town of New Windsor (36-1-11) and has a minimum bid of \$3,500.00 and an amount bid of \$3,500.00; therefore, it should be approved. Mr. McCarey stated that the third parcel in the Town of Newburgh (47-1-50.1) has a minimum bid of \$2,000.00 and an amount bid of \$1,200.00 and should be denied because the county can get more money for it. Deed sale parcel number four is in the Town of Walkkill (61-1-77). The minimum bid is \$3,500.00 and the amount bid is \$2,500.00. Mr. McCarey explained that the property has been vacant for over a year and is non-buildable. He recommended that the committee approve it because he does not think they can meet the minimum bid. The last parcel is in the Town of Warwick (62-5-3.2) and has a minimum bid of \$1,600.00 and an amount bid of \$1,600.00. He recommends that the committee approve it.

Motion carried. All in favor of accepting Mr. McCarey's recommendations to approve deed sale parcels Nos. 1, 2, 4, and 5 and deny parcel No. 3 with the exception of Legislator Kulisek who voted against.

Mr. Minuta moved the request to increase Emergency Management's petty cash from \$100.00 to \$200.00, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Mack stated that they are not asking for more spending money, they are asking to increase the funds so there is more money on hand if needed. Over a course of ten months the department spent about \$100.00 and it takes a month to a month and a half to recoup the money. Often times the money comes out of his pocket until they get reimbursed for it. He asked that if it is not too late, he would like to amend the request to \$500.00.

Mr. Hines commented that would be fine to amend the request.

Mr. Benton clarified that the monies are secured during business hours.

Mr. Mack stated that is correct, the money is in a safe.

Mr. Benton clarified that the amended request for \$500.00 as well as the original request for \$200.00 will go to the floor at the session and one will be withdrawn.

Mrs. Reed stated the County Executive must be in support of increasing the petty cash funds first.

Mr. Anagnostakis stated that the County Executive can veto it.

Mrs. Reed pointed out that the County Executive cannot veto it because it is a resolution.

Mr. Benton stated that between now and next Thursday they can get the County Executive's approval and if not, the amendment can be withdrawn and the \$200.00 would go through.

Mr. O'Donnell commented that this can be put off until next month because they do not know what other departments use petty cash or how often it gets used. There is no paperwork other than this request; therefore, he is going to vote against this until there is more information.

Mr. Benton agreed with Mr. O'Donnell and added that he would like Mr. Casey to come to the committee next month and give a report on the School Safety Program so this can be readdressed.

Mr. Anagnostakis stated that he is onboard if the result is that the money needed is on hand so that it does not come out of anyone's pocket.

Mr. Mack stated he does not need to spend \$500.00 at a time, it takes a month to get reimbursed.

Mrs. Bonelli asked Ms. Hablow what the petty cash amounts are.

Ms. Hablow replied most are \$200.00. She stated that there is the option of using the P-Card because \$500.00 is a high amount of petty cash for pizza.

Mr. Benton asked Ms. Hablow to provide the committee with a report next month of what departments use petty cash and what the limits are.

Mrs. Bonelli suggested they should wait to vote on this until next month and reiterated that no one should have to use their own money and get reimbursed.

Mr. O'Donnell asked what the P-Card is.

Ms. Hablow replied it is a county credit card.

Mr. O'Donnell then clarified that Department of Emergency Services has one.

Ms. Hablow stated that is correct and she does not know whether pizza is covered under it because it is usually used for emergency items.

Mr. Benton noted that the committee will vote on the request as presented.

Motion carried. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.