

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

MINUTES: November 23, 2009

MEMBERS (E&E): Chair: Abinanti; Legislators: Harckham, Kaplowitz, Maisano, Myers, Nonna, Oros, Rogowsky.

IN ATTENDANCE: STAFF: C. Crane; GUESTS: Hon. V. Pinto; S. Gerry, A. Huang (CEO); K. Ramos (Law); Comm'r. T. Lauro, J. Arnett (WCDEF); G. D'Agrosa (WCDP); R. Wiernik, L. Waletsky, K. Hurley (PMC); S. Eskow, B. Hagen, S. Capasso

Committee on Environment & Energy called to order at 3:12 pm.

Item(s) Discussed: **County Water District #3 Water Distribution System Improvements; Pest Management Committee Report**

Chair Abinanti opened the meeting with consideration of a resolution allowing the City of New Rochelle to adopt lead agency status in the environmental review of proposed improvements at City (Flowers) Park. Leg. Myers inquired whether neighboring municipalities would be contacted for questions/comments on flooding and artificial fields, and Leg. Pinto affirmed there would be outreach. Leg. Maisano noted that himself, Leg. Pinto and Leg. Myers and New Rochelle have been working on this project. Upon the motion of Leg. Maisano, seconded by Leg. Myers, the Committee approved the resolution (all in favor).

The Committee next considered proposed legislation to issue bonds up to \$9.8 million and enter an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Mount Pleasant to implement improvements to County Water District No. 3 (CWD#3). The proposed bond act amends an earlier \$2.5 million bond act for which bonds had not been issued. Commissioner Lauro explained that the proposed improvements would include a connection with a new water pipeline between the Delaware aqueduct and the Commerce Street pumping station. In addition, a new pumping station with ultraviolet disinfection capability would be installed adjacent to the CWD#3 pumping station in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery. The pumping station would provide treated water to CWD#3 (consists of facilities and Valhalla campus and some adjacent properties) during the

shutdown of the Catskill aqueduct, which is planned to commence in October 2010. The facility would also serve as an emergency pumping station when CWD#3 would connect to the new ultraviolet facility at the Eastview location. Upon the motion of Leg. Nonna, seconded by Leg. Rogowsky, the Committee approved the proposed legislation (all in favor).

The Committee then heard a report from the Pest Management Committee (PMC) on its activities (a written report was also included with member materials). Ms. Wiernik described the process to retain a consulting coordinator and noted that this process seemed unnecessarily lengthy and could have been more efficient. She introduced Kevin Hurley who has been performing the coordinator contract since July. Mr. Hurley then provided a slide presentation on his recent activities.

Upon the motion of Leg. Harckham, seconded by Leg. Myers, the Committee approved the meeting minutes of February 23, March 16, March 30, and April 13, 2009 (all in favor).

Upon the motion of Leg. Nonna, seconded by Leg. Harckham, the Committee voted to adjourn (all in favor). The meeting ended at approximately 4:20 p.m.

[audio recording of the meeting is on file]