



Board of Legislators

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White Plains, NY 10601

Special Meeting

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Monday, December, 11, 2017

9:55 AM

Legislative Chamber

CALENDAR 28

CALL TO ORDER

SPECIAL ORDERS

1. **(ID # 10539) Act – Proposed Appropriations & Tax Levies for 2018 Budget:**

An ACT adopting the County Budget and making appropriations and levying real property taxes for the conduct of the County Government for the year TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN.

Submitted by COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

ACT _____ -2017

VOTE _____

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Borgia, seconded by Mr. Testa, the Board adjourns.



Robert P. Astorino
County Executive

November 13, 2017

Westchester County Board of Legislators
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White Plains, NY 10601

Honorable Members:

I am pleased to present you with my eighth proposed budget as Westchester County Executive.

The 2018 Budget reinforces my commitment to the financial reforms that I have implemented since I took office in January of 2010, and continues to further the following goals:

- Protect taxpayers,
- Preserve essential services, and
- Promote economic growth.

Our local economy continues to show signs of improvement. For example, our unemployment rate is one of the lowest in the state, and personal income figures continue to rise. Despite these improvements, we continue to face fiscal challenges. While sales tax collections are up this year, unfunded state and federal mandates still continue to rise.

My 2018 proposed budget is \$1.84 billion. For the eighth year in a row, my budget contains no increase in the property tax levy. The proposed 2018 budget keeps spending growth under 1%. It also contains sensible revenue projections, while continuing to provide essential services and maintain the safety net for the County's neediest residents. I have made a commitment to the County's non-profits that 2018 funding will remain at 2017 levels.

Over the past eight years, the County has worked diligently to achieve savings through a variety of expense-cutting actions, such as a reduction in discretionary spending; a 16 percent reduction in staff, primarily through attrition; and contract negotiations resulting in employee contributions toward health care costs from seven of our eight unions. Federal and state mandates currently consume 75% of the County's budget, which remains the biggest financial hurdle we face.

I recently announced a plan for Westchester County Airport to enter into a lease agreement with Macquarie Infrastructure, which will not only provide savings for taxpayers, but also ensure a steady flow of revenue over the long term that will help to fund our parks, police, social services and other County expenses. This public-private partnership will provide the county \$1.145 billion over the course of the 40-year lease.

This budget maintains the same level of services that our residents expect in public safety, social services, health, and our beautiful parks.

My staff and I are available to meet at any time to explain the rationale for the administration's budget decisions and to consider changes that may be contemplated by the Honorable Members of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert P. Astorino
County Executive

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK**

Your Committee on Budget and Appropriations is in receipt of a transmittal from the County Executive of his proposed 2018 County Budget and Budget Act making appropriations and levying real property taxes for the support of County Government for the year Two Thousand Eighteen.

The Department of Budget has advised that this legislation is necessary for the conduct of County Government for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018.

Therefore, the Committee recommends the adoption of the attached Budget Act making appropriations and levying real property taxes for the support of County Government for the year Two Thousand Eighteen.

ACT NO. _____ of 2017

AN ACT adopting the County Budget and making appropriations and levying real property taxes for the conduct of the County Government for the year Two Thousand Eighteen.

Be it enacted by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The accompanying County Budget including the current plan and the capital program for the County of Westchester and the several districts therein, as listed below, is hereby adopted for the fiscal year Two Thousand and Eighteen:

County of Westchester	
Environmental Facilities, Department of	Saw Mill Valley Sanitary Sewer District
Blind Brook Sanitary Sewer District	South Yonkers Sanitary Sewer District
Bronx Valley Sanitary Sewer District	Upper Bronx Valley Sanitary Sewer District
Central Yonkers Sanitary Sewer District	North Yonkers Pump Station
Hutchinson Valley Sanitary Sewer District	Joint Treatment Plant (Yonkers)
Mamaroneck Valley Sanitary Sewer District	Water Agency
New Rochelle Sanitary Sewer District	County Water District No. 1
North Yonkers Sanitary Sewer District	County Water District No. 2
Ossining Sanitary Sewer District	County Water District No. 3
Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District	County Water District No. 4
Port Chester Sanitary Sewer District	Refuse Disposal District No. 1

Section 2. During the Calendar Year 2018, the Commissioner of Finance shall verify and provide the Board of Legislators quarterly with a statement of the County's cash flow for the General Fund.

Section 3. The several amounts specified in the above mentioned budget under the column heading "Allowed 2018" or so much of such amount as shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated are hereby appropriated for such purposes under the following general classifications:

- Personal Service (Code 100 and 101)
- Purchase of Equipment (Code 200)
- Materials and Supplies (Code 300)
- Expenses (Code 400 and 599)
- Relief (Code 501)
- County Debt Service (Agency 51)
- Miscellaneous (Agency 52)
- Capital Projects

Section 4. Within 30 days after the close of the Second Quarter and the Fourth Quarter for the Calendar Year 2018, the Commissioner of Finance shall verify and provide the Board of Legislators with:

- (i) A combined statement of the County's cash balances for all accounts
- (ii) A statement of the County's cash balances for all enterprise funds

Section 5. With respect to the Executive Branch of County government, the positions shown in the budget are hereby authorized, created and/or continued and the number appearing on the line items of the positions shall be the number of positions under such title.

Section 6. All elective officers, appointive officers and other positions are to be paid at salaries set in accordance with the provisions of the personnel rules and amendments thereto adopted by this Board and with respect to the Executive Branch of County government, may be filled only in accordance with procedures approved by the County Executive.

Section 7. Where personal service is required to accomplish the intended purpose of an appropriation, such personal service may be employed in accordance with the provision of the personnel rules and amendments thereto adopted by the Board, when approved and allocated by the Budget Director as appropriate.

Section 8. Where personnel are employed under a trust or grant, such employment shall terminate at the expiration of the funds provided by the trust or grant.

Section 9. The Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized to advance from funds on hand to Year 2018 Budget accounts such amounts as may be required, pending receipt of taxes and/or other revenues.

Section 10. Transfer of appropriations between departments and transfer of appropriations between a department and the Miscellaneous Budget are made upon the prior recommendation of the County Executive with the prior authorization of the County Board of Legislators.

Section 11. Transfer of appropriations between general classifications of expenditures within the same department and transfers of appropriations between account lines in the Miscellaneous Budget are made with the prior authorization of the County Executive on the recommendation of the Budget Director and with the prior approval of the Committee of the County Board designated by resolution of such Board.

Section 12. The "Trusts" section presented after the operating budget of a department is provided for informational purposes only. Adoption of this budget act shall not be considered to be acceptance of any grant requiring the expenditure of County funds.

Section 13. The invalidity of any provisions, paragraphs, or portions of this Act shall have no effect upon the validity of any other part or portion hereof. Should any provision(s) of this Act be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or for any reason unenforceable, the remainder shall nonetheless be of full force and effect.

Section 14. The amounts of the County and Special District Taxes for 2018 resulting from the County Budget are hereby fixed and determined as indicated below:

County of Westchester:		
Metropolitan Transportation Authority	28,104,182	
Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Mobility Tax	1,333,175	
County Operating Purposes	518,986,111	
Total County		548,423,468
Special Districts:		
Blind Brook Sanitary Sewer District		8,679,362
Bronx Valley Sanitary Sewer District		20,450,007
Central Yonkers Sanitary Sewer District		1,202,042
Hutchinson Valley Sanitary Sewer District		5,509,275
Mamaroneck Valley Sanitary Sewer District		15,715,494
New Rochelle Sanitary Sewer District		17,866,279
North Yonkers Sanitary Sewer District		4,337,048
Ossining Sanitary Sewer District		4,419,629
Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District		4,466,909
Port Chester Sanitary Sewer District		2,829,543
Saw Mill Valley Sanitary Sewer District		12,126,044
South Yonkers Sanitary Sewer District		1,522,284
Upper Bronx Valley Sanitary Sewer District		1,389,158
County Water District No. 1		2,279,971
Refuse Disposal District No. 1		43,380,793

Section 15. The foregoing amounts are hereby levied and assessed upon the real property liable therefore in the County, and in the several special districts indicated.

Section 16. This ACT shall take effect immediately.

DATED: December _____, 2017
White Plains, New York