



Committee on Seniors & Constituencies

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Monday, May 13, 2019

10:01 AM

Committee Chair: David J. Tubiolo

Committee Room, 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601

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CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is joint with the Committee on Budget & Appropriations.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
David J. Tubiolo	Chair	Present	
Damon Maher	D10 Legislator	Present	
MaryJane Shimsky	D12 Legislator (Majority Whip)	Present	
Alfreda Williams	D8 Legislator (Vice Chair)	Absent	
Lyndon Williams	D13 Legislator	Absent	
Benjamin Boykin	D5 Legislator (Chairman)	Absent	

Others In Attendance: BOL: Leg. K. Covill, Leg. C. Parker, Leg. N. Barr, Leg. M. Cunzio, Leg. J. Testa, Leg. C. Borgia, D. Linhardt, A. Restiano, T. Limengo, M. Clark, J. Boxhill, E. Hendrickx.

MINUTES APPROVAL

- Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- (ID # 11843) Act – IMA - Mt. Vernon Summer Basketball Program:**

AN ACT authorizing the County to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Mount Vernon pursuant to which the City will provide a summer basketball program for the period July 8, 2019 through August 16, 2019 for a total amount not to exceed TWENTY ONE THOUSAND FIFTEEN (\$21,015) DOLLARS.

Item #11843 is an Act submitted by the Chairman of the Board of Legislators that would authorize the County to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Mount Vernon to provide the City with a summer basketball program. This will operate for 4 hours a day, five days a week from July 8, 2019 through August 16, 2019. It will be held at AB Davis Middle School in Mount Vernon from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The County will pay a total not to exceed amount of \$21,015. Leg. Cunzio asked if there was any increase this year. Leg. Borgia stated that everything that is a holdover from the 2018 budget received a small increase. Leg. Shimsky asked that if there is a change in the amount could we put a sentence in the Committee report? Leg. Barr agreed and noted that if the amount has been changed from last year, it would be helpful to see it. Legislators Shimsky and Barr requested that the Committee report be amended to reflect the increase from 2018 to 2019. It was agreed that the Budget staff will confirm the correct amount from 2018 and it will be included in the Committee report. The exact language the committee wants put in to this item is "an increase of \$ from the 2018 allocation." The members also requested that

going forward, the Committee reports are to reflect increases or decreases made to the contract year to year.

With a motion by Legislator Shimsky and seconded by Legislator Maher the item was amended with a vote of 3 - 0.

With a motion by Legislator Maher and seconded by Legislator Shimsky the item was approved as amended by a vote of 3 - 0.

RESULT: SIGNED BY COMMITTEE

II. OTHER BUSINESS

Unfinished Business and any other agenda items to come before the Committee.

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Maher, the Committee adjourned at 11:00am.



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CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Legislator Tubiolo called the meeting to order at 10:14am.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
David J. Tubiolo	Chair	Present	
Damon Maher	D10 Legislator	Absent	
MaryJane Shimsky	D12 Legislator (Majority Whip)	Absent	
Alfreda Williams	D8 Legislator (Vice Chair)	Present	
Lyndon Williams	D13 Legislator	Absent	
Benjamin Boykin	D5 Legislator (Chairman)	Present	

Others In Attendance: SENIOR PROGRAMS & SERVICES: Jean Pici BOL: Leg. M. Shimsky(on phone), D. Linhardt GUESTS: D. Chen, C. Harper, M. Lobel-Esrig, A, St. Evers, J. Phillips, J. Felder, A. Mahs.

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM

On motion of Legislator Boykin, seconded by Legislator A. Williams, the minutes were approved 3 - 0.

2. Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM
3. Monday, March 25, 2019 at 10:01 AM

On motion of Legislator Boykin, seconded by Legislator A. Williams, the minutes were approved 3 - 0.

4. Monday, April 01, 2019 at 10:01 AM

On motion of Legislator Boykin, seconded by Legislator A. Williams, the minutes were approved 3 - 0.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guest: Marci Lobel-Esrig, Founder of SilverBills, a service that helps seniors deal with their bills to ensure that their bills are paid correctly and on time.

Ms .Lobel-Esrig, founder and general counsel of SilverBills introduced herself and noted that she is sits on the Westchester County Elder Abuse Collaborative noted that there might be an

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interest in our services in Westchester. As many of you know the senior population is rapidly growing in Westchester and throughout the county. 87% want to stay in their homes. However, bill paying is often a problem for seniors who want to stay in their homes. Seniors often need help paying and monitoring bills. Senior may struggle with paying bills correctly. Due to cognitive and physical limitations, individuals may forget to pay bills, incur late fees, fail to discover credit card mistakes, be unable to write checks, lose documents and suffer from poor vision and manual dexterity.

SilverBills can help people deal with all these issues. The problems that these situations can cause are: suspension of vital services; financial exploitation; eviction or foreclosure; guardianship. She gave several examples of the results of not being able to pay your bills promptly.

SilverBills receives clients bills, scrutinizes and safely stores them and ensures that they are paid correctly and on time. Clients no longer need to open bills, write checks or worry about late fees. They continue to receive their bank statements. Clients pay an economical, flat monthly fee. They will negotiate the rate if the government is involved. If the client is on Medicaid, they pay even less. SilverBills is a concierge service. All bills are scrutinized and if necessary we will contact the client and the business to work out any problems. You don't deal only with a computer. There no long term contract and the client can cancel at any time. Seniors do not need a computer and guarantee correct and timely payments. They will receive monthly statements.

The Brookings Institute has found that money managers save \$60,000 per person compared to nursing home placement and are highly cost effective.

A question and answer period followed.

To view this meeting, please go to:
<http://westchestercountyny.iqm2.com/Citizens/default.aspx>

1. **SilverBills presentation**
2. **DFTA Silverbills Partner**
3. **Brookdale Study**

II. OTHER BUSINESS

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III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator A. Williams, seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the Committee adjourned at 10:58AM.

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