

RESOLUTION

NUMBER 84-21

(RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF CORTLANDT BY UNIVERSAL TELEVISION LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILMING)

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt has received a request from Universal Television LLC to film the show “FBI Most Wanted” on the David R. Fahey Jr. Bridge in Cortlandt on February 26, 2021 with a rain date of March 5, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid bridge will be closed to traffic between the hours of 6:00 PM and 12:00 AM approximately, and

WHEREAS, Universal Television LLC has contracted a professional company to re-route traffic around the reservoir for the hours of closure, and

WHEREAS, Universal Television LLC has provided a certificate of insurance prior to filming, and

WHEREAS, Universal Television LLC will pay an hourly fee for closure of the bridge,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt does hereby authorize Universal Television LLC to film on public property within the parameters of their approved application.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF CORTLANDT
LAROUÉ ROSE SHATZKIN
TOWN CLERK**

**Adopted February 22, 2021
At a Special Meeting
Held at Town Hall**

RESOLUTION

NUMBER 85-21

(SUPPORT FOR HR 6422 CREATING A NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK)

WHEREAS, The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) states in its 2017 Report Card that the United States received a grade of D+ regarding the current state of infrastructure, and that more than four and a half trillion dollars would be needed to restore the nation's infrastructure to a state of good repair. Over two trillion dollars is currently not funded by the federal government, the remainder is inadequately funded, and new 21st Century projects are unfunded; and,

WHEREAS, The ASCE report card in 2015 gave the State of New York a grade of C+, with roads given a grade of D+, bridges D+, transit C-, and aviation C. Congestion costs the state \$6.3 billion annually; New York has more structurally deficient bridges than the country's average; and ASCE estimated that \$4.6 billion was needed to upgrade NYC area airports, which are a major contributor to national air delays. To repair, replace, and update New York's wastewater infrastructure would cost \$36.2 billion over 20 years; and,

WHEREAS, New York is a transportation hub for rail, highway, air and water, and major investments are needed now. The aging Hudson River tunnels must be repaired and replaced and new tunnels built to alleviate the rail congestion. 20% of the nation's Gross Domestic Product goes through the existing tunnels on a daily basis and any shutdown would be catastrophic. The expected cost of this project is \$30 billion. The New York City subway system needs to be repaired and modernized. The cost of that will be \$50-\$60 billion; and,

WHEREAS, the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the economy has been massive in the nation and the State of New York. Millions of people are unemployed and millions of businesses are now closed; and

WHEREAS, Congress introduced legislation, HR 6422, to create a new National Infrastructure Bank (NIB) to directly finance all of infrastructure projects not covered by budgets. This \$4 trillion bank will partner with states, counties and cities to create a 21st century infrastructure grid; and,

WHEREAS, the new National Infrastructure Bank is modeled on previous successful such institutions which built much of the nation's infrastructure and that of New York. Under Presidents George Washington, James Madison, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt, similar institutions financed the roads, bridges, dams, railroads, canals and other projects that made us the envy of the world. The last institution helped bring us out of the Great Depression and win WWII; and,

WHEREAS, the NIB will be capitalized by existing Treasury debt, requiring no new federal spending and no new federal taxes. It is authorized to spend \$4 trillion in urgently needed infrastructure projects and will create twenty five million new jobs. It will pay Davis-Bacon wages, mandate Project Labor Agreements, and ensure Buy American policies. It will hire labor from urban and rural areas devastated by the crisis and contract with all industries and disadvantaged businesses. Experts state that the NIB will increase Gross Domestic Product to the five per cent annual level, as did all previous institutions; and,

WHEREAS, the new National Infrastructure Bank is supported by many organizations. Seventeen state legislatures have introduced or passed resolutions, and city and county councils have done the same. Resolutions have been passed or introduced into: The National Congress of Black Women, National Association of Counties, National Federation of Federal Employees, the Westchester County Board of Legislators, the Westchester-Putnam Counties Central Labor Body, Westchester-Putnam Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, Peekskill NY Common Council, the Hudson Valley Building Trades, New York City Council, the Elevator Constructors Local 1 (NY-NJ) and many more;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of Cortlandt hereby calls upon the Congress of the United States to pass House Resolution 6422 to create a National Infrastructure Bank to finance urgently needed infrastructure projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to every member of the New York state delegation to Congress, the Governor of New York, and to the President of the United States

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