

VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF THE RELEASE OF WATER FROM THE INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR
PLANT AND AGAINST THE CONTAINMENT (STORAGE) OF
THE WATER WITHIN THE VILLAGE

Introduced by: Mayor Knickerbocker
Seconded by: Trustee Capicotti
Dated: July 5, 2023

WHEREAS, the Village of Buchanan had been the Host Community to the Indian Point Energy Center for almost 60 years. The Energy Center was the largest taxpayer, employer and good corporate neighbor to not only the Village of Buchanan but to many other communities and organizations. Unit 2 ceased operations April 2020 and Unit 3 ceased operations April 2021. The premature closure was due to anti-nuclear groups and fear mongering about Nuclear. The closure severely impacted the Village of Buchanan with a 50% loss of revenue and the Village is still trying to recover from the loss and

WHEREAS, Holtec International was one of two companies to bid on the Decommissioning of Indian Point. We were fortunate to have someone take on the risk of decommissioning and bring the site back for reuse decades before it was scheduled to be. “The closure agreement of January 2017 Appendix D explicitly authorized to treat and release of radioactively contaminated water to the Hudson River and the PSC order approving ownership transfer from Entergy to Holtec found thorough and timely Decommissioning and site restoration to be unquestionably in the Public interest.” Also, the Joint Proposal in 2021 signed off by Holtec, the State of NY, Westchester County, the Town of Cortlandt, the Village of Buchanan, Hendrick Hudson School District, the Public Utility Law Group, and Riverkeeper agreed that Holtec’s plan for Decommissioning yields considerable economic and environmental benefits to the surrounding community and

WHEREAS, “the Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board is charged with assessing how to protect the financial, environmental and physical interests of the communities affected by Decommissioning including the interests of the current workforce as it relates to continuing the public safety of surrounding communities” and

WHEREAS, the Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board holds regular meetings and brings in experts in the field such as the EPA, and NRC who presents facts and data and has experience, education and expertise. Also, Dave Lochbaum is an Independent Technical Expert with a Nuclear Background. Dave Lochbaum has investigated alternate ways and presented at many DOB Meetings and the Village of Buchanan special meeting of May 3, 2023, He feels the best way to eliminate the water from Indian Point is through treating the

water and discharging into the River in small batches as has been done for over 60 years. He was not in favor of storing the water in large containers throughout the Indian Point property. First of all, the containers have been known to leak, secondly the containers are vented through the top which allows the contents to settle on the ground outside the container or become airborne on windy days and

WHEREAS, the International Atomic Energy Task Force concluded that the Fukushima nuclear plant water should be released into the ocean and that the radiological impact on people and the environment is negligible, and

WHEREAS, prior to the closure agreement of Indian Point, the same anti-nuclear groups that have no nuclear education, experience or expertise are demanding the Decommissioning be done according to their wishes. Unfortunately, many of the same elected officials that are supposed to be representing the Village of Buchanan have not been in contact or concerned how this will affect the Village again. They are only listening to the anti-nuclear groups and not the science, data or facts. These anti-nuclear groups have appointed themselves to be the “experts “in decommissioning and demanding the Decommissioning process is done according to their wishes. They are also demanding the water not be discharged into the River but stored in containers that are known to leak and vent through the top or an alternate to be stored underground for an indeterminate time and

WHEREAS, the Village of Buchanan’s voice is not being heard and being drowned out by the anti-nuclear activists once again using fear mongering and disregarding experts, data and facts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Buchanan will protect its residents and any property located within the Village of Buchanan against groups trying to once again dictate to the Village of Buchanan. The Village of Buchanan strongly feels that it is not in its best interest to store in containers that leak or vent through the top any chemicals or radioactive treated water either above ground or below in any type of container within the Village boundaries. The storage of these containers will impact the Decommissioning process and delaying for many years, once again negatively impacting the beautiful Village of Buchanan. To make it very clear, The Village of Buchanan will not be issuing any permits for any type of container to store the treated water above or below ground.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker Yes

Trustee Anthony Capicotti Yes

Trustee Steven Laker Yes

Trustee Daniel Stewart Yes

Trustee Robert Wheeler Yes

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

I, CYNTHIA KEMPTER, Village Clerk of the Village of Buchanan, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Buchanan at a meeting of said Board held July 5, 2023.

CYNTHIA KEMPTER, Village Clerk