

Public Works & Capital Projects Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: July 21, 2015, 6:50 PM
LOCATION: Majority Room, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Dean Fabiano
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators: Dean Fabiano, Peter Loughran, Lynn Archer, Manna Greene, Kevin Roberts
EXCUSED: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: None

Chairman Fabiano called the special meeting to order at 6:50PM.

At the last meeting Chairman Fabiano drafted a letter to County Executive Mike Hein regarding the Siemens Energy Audit conducted back in 2010. Chairman Fabiano made the request for the exact amount spent on the purchase of Green e-Energy Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) through the end of 2015, including a detailed explanation of the corresponding savings incurred to offset the expense. And in conclusion will the purchase of RECs continue, and if so what will be the estimated cost. The letter was well received by the committee, signed by Chairman Fabiano, and forwarded to the County Executive the next morning.

Tonight's Update:

Chairman Fabiano received the Executive's office written response and shared it with the committee. (See letter below)

Chairman Fabiano will request a meeting date with Ken Crannell and Bob Sudlow for this committee to be updated on the Siemens Report.

MICHAEL P. HEIN
County Executive

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ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

ROBERT SUDLOW
Deputy County Executive

KENNETH CRANNELL
Deputy County Executive

July 20, 2015

Hon. Dean Fabiano
Chair, Public Works and Capital Projects Committee
244 Fair Street
Kingston, New York 12401

Dear Legislator Fabiano:

I am writing in response to your letter dated July 9, 2015 regarding details related to Ulster County's procurement of 100 percent of its electricity through renewable resources and energy upgrades and efficiencies that were implemented to offset any resulting cost.

To ensure that 100 percent of the County's electricity is sourced through renewable energy sources, the County entered into a contract with OneEnergy Renewables in June 2014 for 6,000 megawatt-hours of energy generation by a renewable energy facility for 2014 and 12,000 megawatt-hours of energy generation by a renewable energy facility for 2015. The County paid \$7,500 for the RECs to cover July-December of 2014 and \$15,000 for the RECs to cover usage in 2015.

As was previously discussed with the Environment and Energy Committee, the additional cost of the RECs - \$1.25 per megawatt hour - was directly offset through energy cost reductions. The County contracted with Lime Energy to replace existing outdoor lighting at seven County facilities with energy efficient LED lighting through a program in which Central Hudson pays the bulk of the retrofit cost. The cost to the County, after Central Hudson covered approximately 60% of the total project cost, was \$75,833. The outdoor lighting replacement was extremely cost effective; annual energy savings are 386,499 kwh or approximately \$50,246 and the project will pay for itself in 1.5 years. . By considering a two year period of time after the completion of the lighting retrofits, we calculate that the cost of purchasing the RECs, was recouped in less than six months' time. Upgrades were completed in February of 2015 so by July 2016 the initial cost will be recouped by the County.

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RESOLUTION

Motion No. 1

Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 277

Text of Motion:

Authorizing The Required Steps For The Transfer Of 25 South Manor Avenue, Kingston New York

Discussion:

Legislator Archer noted her email sent to committee members on 7/16/15 (see below), and that she also received confirmation from the Executive and Attorney Office's being: once the transfer is made to the LDC an appraisal will be done.

7/16/15- Legislator Archer spoke with County Attorney's Havranek and Johnson, and they confirmed an appraisal will be conducted on 25 Manor Ave. once the property is transferred into the LDC. The language in the resolution was a reiteration of the LDC Act only and was not meant to exclude an appraisal being performed before marketing the property.

Motion Made By: Legislator Lynn Archer
Voting In Favor: Legislators Peter Loughran
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Legislator Loughran and seconded by Legislator Archer, all were in favor, and Chairman Fabiano declared the meeting duly adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Complete audio content is posted on the Legislative website.

Dated the 22nd of July, 2015
Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved on: August 6, 2015