

**Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** November 2, 2015 – 5:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** COB, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Karen Binder Library  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman TJ Briggs  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk/Confidential Secretary  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Fabiano, Provenzano, Ronk, and Wishnick  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Sheriff VanBlarcum, Under Sheriff Freer, Major Louis Russo – UC Jail Warden

Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

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**Motion No. 1: RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of the October 5<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup> meetings**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:**

None

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Provenzano, Ronk and Wishnick  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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Resolution No. 357 – November 17, 2015

**Resolution No. 357** – Setting A Public Hearing On Amended Proposed Local Law No. 12 of 2015 (A Local Law Of The County Of Ulster For The Regulation Of Pet Sellers) To Be Held On Tuesday, November 10, 2015 At 7:10 PM

**Discussion:**

Chairman Briggs explained that the Resolution was on the agenda just for the purpose of updating the Committee on its status. He reminded the members that the committee passed the Resolution at the October 14<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. He informed the committee that the Resolution was postponed in the Laws and Rules Committee on October 19. He said that a number of the breeders who came to the special meeting attended the Laws and Rules Committee. He asked that concerns with the law from members of the Laws and Rules Committee are sent to the Law Enforcement Committee.

Legislator Ronk expressed his disappointment and relayed that the two main concerns expressed by the breeders who attended the Laws and Rules meeting were the number of puppies in a litter being nine and that a non-Law Enforcement or County Employee would be conducting inspections. He advised the committee that he was willing to increase the number of puppies to 12 or 15. It was his impression that the compromises agreed to at the special meeting were acceptable to both sides. He added that the individuals who attended the special meeting on behalf of animal advocacy groups did not attend Laws and Rules because they too thought the bill was acceptable to all parties at the close of the special meeting.

There was some discussion on the Rules of the Legislature and the responsibilities of the Laws and Rules and Ways and Means Committee as they pertain to the evaluation of Local Laws.

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**Motion No. 2:** Resolution No. 390 – November 17, 2015

**Text of Motion: Resolved to approve Resolution No. 390** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Maximum Security Products Corp – Department of Public Works

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Resolution No. 390 Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Maximum Security Products Corp \$112,686 for the repair and replacement of sallyport doors and operating devices in the jail.

**Discussion:**

Sheriff VanBlarcum introduced Major Russo, Ulster County Jail Warden who was asked to attend to answer any questions.

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Provenzano, Ronk and Wishnick  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 3:** Resolution No. 437 – November 17, 2015

**Text of Motion:** Resolved to approve Resolution No. 437 – Amending Capital Project No. 456 – Ulster County Law Enforcement Center Lighting – Department Of The Environment

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Provenzano

**Resolution No. 437 Summary:** This resolution amends Capital Project No. 456 – Ulster County Law Enforcement Center Lighting – Department Of The Environment totaling an increase of \$5,000.

**Discussion:**

There was a brief discussion as to why a bond was necessary for the \$5,000 increase.

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Provenzano, Ronk and Wishnick  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 4:** Resolution No. 442 – November 17, 2015

**Text of Motion:** Resolved to approve Resolution No. 442 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A License Agreement With U.S. Coast Guard ANT Saugerties, For Boat Docking Space at 154 Lighthouse Drive Saugerties, NY 12477 – Sheriff's Office

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Provenzano

**Resolution No. 442 Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the US Coast Guard ANT in Saugerties for use of their boat dock by the Ulster County Sheriff's Office for a term October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2025.

**Discussion:**

Sheriff VanBlarcum explained that the Sheriff's Office has been using this dock space for as long as he could remember. He added that his office has a great relationship with the Coast Guard.

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Provenzano, Ronk and Wishnick  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 5:** Resolution No. 443 – November 17, 2015

**Text of Motion: Resolved to approve Resolution No. 443** – Approving Ulster County's 2016 STOP DWI Program Plan And Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute All Inter-municipal Agreements Required Under The Plan – Ulster County Probation, DWI Division

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Wishnick

**Resolution No. 443 Summary:** This resolution approves Ulster County's 2016 STOP DWI Program Plan and authorizes the Chairman to execute all intermunicipal agreements required under the plan.

**Discussion:**

Legislator Wishnick asked Sheriff VanBlarcum if there were any statistics on the program that could demonstrate the efficacy and value of the program. He also asked if there were regular program evaluations and any plans to change the program to improve effectiveness in the future. Sheriff VanBlarcum responded that the program was run out

of the Department of Probation rather than his office. He added that he thought someone from Probation should be present to answer questions. He stated that some of the funding from the program would go to his office for DWI checkpoints. Chairman Briggs offered to reach out to Melanie Mullins from the Department of Probation and/or the STOP DWI Program coordinator to attend the December meeting to provide more information on the program.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	No
<b>Voting In Favor:</b>	Legislators Briggs, Fabiano, Provenzano, Ronk and Wishnick
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	5
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	Carried

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### **Sheriff's Report**

Sheriff VanBlarcum assured the committee that his Office was still on target to meet their 2015 budget projection. He added that the telephone revenue was down slightly because of the reduction in the inmate population.

He advised the committee that they were up slightly with board-ins because Dutchess County is lacking space to house female inmates and have sent them to Ulster.

Chairman Briggs asked the Sheriff about the budget amendment he was requesting. Sheriff VanBlarcum explained that he needed two Legislators to sponsor his amendment to change a part time IT person to full time. He explained that the Information Services Department was not able to keep up with the technology needs at his facility and that the part time position needed to be made full time to compensate. Legislators Briggs said he would sponsor the budget amendment and Ronk agreed to second the request. Legislator Ronk pointed out that the budget amendment as submitted needed to be adjusted to reflect the deletion of the part-time position.

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### **Old Business**

Chairman Briggs asked if there was any old business. None was offered.

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## **New Business**

Chairman Briggs asked if there was any new business. None was offered.

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Chairman Briggs asked if there was any other business and hearing none,

## **Adjournment**

<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Fabiano
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Wishnick
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	5
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	0

**TIME:** 5:56 PM

**Respectfully submitted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015**

**Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk**

**Minutes Approved: November 30, 2015**