

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: June 17, 2014 – 5:15 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, Sixth Floor, County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Gerentine, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Fawn A. Tantillo
PRESENT: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels (arrived at 5:19), Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez(arrived at 5:17)
ABSENT: none
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Archer, Wishnick, Legislative Counsel Guerin, County Attorneys Clinton Johnson, Jonathan Engel, and Roland Bloomer, , Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell, County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach, Deputy Comptroller Joe Eriole, Jay Mahler, Clerk Victoria A. Fabella

- Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM

Motion No. 1: Resolutions No. 210 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 210 - Authorizing The Reconstruction Of The New Paltz Pool, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$500,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$500,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: Legislator Maloney asked to discuss the scope of the construction. Ken Crannell explained the project and that it was expected to be done in the spring before it was reopened next summer and that it is still currently in use. Legislator Belfiglio asked if out of county residents could use it. Legislator Provenzano stated swim meets are often held there.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 2: Resolutions No. 212 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 212** - Authorizing The Construction Of A Replacement Bridge On Mud Tavern Road, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$1,278,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,278,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay Part Of The Cost Thereof

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

New Business:

- **Tentative Draft Budget Discussion Topics Included:**
 - Legislator Gerentine explained how the schedule is more compact.
 - The public hearing locations were brought up, it was decided these locations are a diverse representation of the County.
 - Ken Crannell asked for a copy of the Budget Schedule.
 - Legislator Maio asked if the election day conflict be changed.
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Old Business:

General Discussion:

- Legislator Gerentine brought up the SUNY Ulster Budget changes.
 - Legislator Provenzano brought up the salary increases for the members of the college. Legislator Maloney stated it was for contract steps.
 - Legislator Gerentine talked about how it was discussed that the legislators receive the budget a week before the budget is reviewed by the committees.
 - The inability to line item veto line items in the Budget was discussed by Legislator Bartels and Legislator Gerentine.
 - Legislator Bartels asked for a resolution pertaining to when the Legislature would receive the budget.

- Legislator Archer talked about not just a last minute discussion, but a dialogue with SUNY Ulster throughout the budget process.
- Legislator Rodriguez stated there was a break down in communication this year and it has showed.
- Legislator Briggs recalls never receiving the budget early before the vote.
- Legislator Belfiglio discussed how he felt they did a good job with the budget.
- Ken Crannell explained the amendment to the budget and where the savings came from.
- Legislator Wishnick asked about the BRC space and how it would be used after the College stopped using it.
- Legislator Gerentine asked the committee to write a letter to Don Katt expressing the committee's opinion on receiving the budget.
- Legislator Briggs stated the committee needs to look at the budget before the board of trustee approves it. He after they approve it it is too late to make changes.

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Briggs, seconded by Legislator Maio and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:43pm.

Dated the 19th day of June, 2014
Donald J. Quesnell, Fiscal Analyst
Minutes Approved On: July 9, 2014