

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice & Safety Committee
DATE: March 24, 2009
TIME: 4:45 PM
PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor, County Office Building

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Deputy Chairman Paul Hansut, Legislator Thomas J. (TJ) Briggs, Legislator James Maloney, Legislator Richard Parete, Legislator Kenneth Ronk Jr., Legislator Susan Zimet

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Chairman Frank Dart

OTHERS ATTENDING: Deputy Co. Executive Bea Havranek, Tom Kadgen, Heather Ohlson (Associate Director, Prevention Connections), Jack Bennett (Director, Ulster Prevention Project), Legislator Roberti, Lynette, Sherry, Janet Braatz (CVAP), Elizabeth Culmone (District Attorney's Office)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 4:53 PM

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2009 MINUTES:

Motion offered by Legislator Briggs, Seconded by Legislator Maloney, All in Favor, Carried.

Legislator Roberti:

Setting A Public Hearing On Introductory Local Law No. 4 Of 2009 (Enacting "Lynette's Law" - A Local Law Establishing A Charge Of Aggravated Harassment For The Throwing, Tossing Or Expelling Of Bodily Fluids On Residents Of Ulster County) To Be Held On Wednesday, May 6, 2009 At 6:15 PM

Discussion: Lynette attended tonight's meeting to advocate for the Legislation of ILL No. 4 of 2009.

Motion offered by Legislator Briggs, Seconded by Legislator Ronk, All in Favor, Carried.

Resolution Request:

Merging Certain Duties And Responsibilities Of Criminal Justice Council As Advisory Board To Alternatives To Incarceration Program Board And Local Re-Entry Task Force - Rescinding Resolution No. 430 Dated December 6, 2006

Discussion: Deputy Co. Executive Bea Havranek explained to the Committee that currently there are three committees (Criminal Justice Council, Local Re-Entry Task Force, Alternatives to Incarceration Program Board), consisting of volunteers, in some instances the same volunteers exerting time and energy often on the same issues. This resolution will take all three of these committees and combine them into one advisory board.

The following changes were made to the resolution in the seventh whereas:

#4 Added - Public Defender; or designee

#5 Will remain at 2 Legislators - Changing the total of number of members to 22

#8 Added - as may be appointed by the Chairman

The Committee will also be added to the Resolution

Motion offered by Legislator Maloney, Seconded by Legislator Ronk, All in Favor, Carried.

New Business:

Zimet: There is a need to formalize a Domestic Violence Council & Child Sexual Abuse Council. Will work on formulating more information for the committee, goal is to move forward in conjunction with the County Executive's office with a Resolution in the near future.

Power Point Presentation: Heather Ohlson, Associate Director of Prevention Connections and Jack Bennett, Director of the Ulster Prevention Project gave a power point presentation on the 2008 Annual Report of the Ulster Prevention Project and what projects will be moving forward in 2009. Both agencies serve community groups by coordinating activities and expanding the scope of substance abuse prevention services for Ulster County. See attached power point.

Old Business:

- Moving forward under the Charter/Inviting Departments and/or Boards to future meetings

Discussion: To be discussed at the April 21st meeting.

- Moving forward/recommendations made by the Special Committee to Investigate the Planning, Pre-Planning and Construction of the Ulster County Law Enforcement

Discussion: To be discussed at the April 21st meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 5:52 PM

Motion offered by Legislator Maloney, Seconded by Legislator Ronk, All in Favor, Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Tammy Wilson,
Senior Legislative Employee**
