

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**NAME OF COMMITTEE:** Public Works & Capital Projects Committee

**DATE:** August 27, 2009

**TIME:** 5:30 PM

**PLACE:** Library Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
County Office Building

**LEGISLATORS PRESENT:** Chairman Peter Loughran, Chairman of the Legislature David B. Donaldson, Frank Felicello, Kevin Roberts

**LEGISLATORS ABSENT:** Deputy Chairman Dean Fabiano, Legislator Jon Decker, Legislator Roy Hochberg

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Commissioner of Public Works David Sheeley, Deputy County Executive Robert Sudlow, President Katt (UCCC), Dean of Administration Cornelia Denvir (UCCC)

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 5:35 PM**

**APPROVAL OF THE JULY 7, 2009 AND AUGUST 5, 2009 MINUTES:** All in favor

**MEMORIALIZING**

- 1) **Draft Resolution Request** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Allow Western Avenue Located In The Town of Marlborough, New York, To Be Dedicated In Memory Of Ulster County Vietnam Veteran

Motion offered by Legislator Felicello, Seconded by Chairman Donaldson, All in Favor

Discussion: None

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

- 2) **Draft Resolution Request** - Amending Capital Project No. 286 - Planning & Design For Water Acquisition And Distribution - Ulster County Community College Campus Renovations And Reconstruction Phase I Facilities Master Plan - Amending the 2009-2014 Capital Program And Amending The 2009 Capital Project Fund - Ulster County Community College

Motion offered by Legislator Felicello, Seconded by Chairman Donaldson, All in Favor

Discussion: President Katt spoke on the issue and explained to the Committee that due to the fact that the addition to the Senate Gymnasium became cost prohibitive the funds will be reallocated for the new project components of the Planning and Design for Water Acquisition and Distribution.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Refund Application Fee Crossroads Ventures, LLC

Motion offered by Legislator Felicello to refund the application fee to Crossroads Ventures, Seconded by Legislator Roberts, All in Favor

Discussion: It was unclear as to who will actually authorize the refund; the Committee asked that the Planning Department be contacted as to the procedure. Additionally the Committee asked that a letter be written on their behalf to Counsel Daniel Heppner regarding this matter, inclusive of the reasoning.

The Committee feels the \$500 fee should be returned for the following reasons:

- There is no statement on the application form indicating fees are non-refundable
- The extended amount of work and effort that went into this application was created by our own Legislative body
- As a County we want to work with businesses to encourage economic development and in this instance, it would be business friendly to give them back their fee

At the same time, the Committee feels the application form should be reviewed administratively and perhaps a statement added that fees are non-refundable so going forward, we do not need to treat applications arbitrarily and on a case by case basis.

Chairman Loughran stated that next month he will bring forth a new Resolution supporting the Crossroads project, and will be asking for support from his Committee. With the economy the way it is, he feels that it is time to move forward.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Kerhonkson Bridge

Discussion: Deputy County Executive Robert Sudlow explained to the Committee that the bids were open on the twentieth. The contract has been approved and will be included on the Abstract for September 9, 2009. They are pending written DOT approval; they have verbal approval. They are looking for approval from this Committee that it will be on the September Abstract. Motion offered by Chairman Donaldson, Seconded by Chairman Loughran, All in favor.

**Motion to adjourn @ 5:50 PM**

Motion offered by Chairman Donaldson, Seconded by Legislator Roberts, All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,  
Tammy Wilson  
Senior Legislative Employee