

Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: July 18, 2017 – 5:30
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building,
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Gerentine, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Amber Feaster
PRESENT: Legislators Thomas J. Briggs, Chris Allen, Tracey Bartels,
Carl Belfiglio, Mary Beth Maio, Legislative Chairman
Kenneth Ronk (left at 5:53)
ABSENT: Legislator James F. Maloney
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Manna Jo Greene, Hector Rodriguez, David
Donaldson; Nicholas Pascale, Legislative Counsel; Kyle Barnett,
Legislative Counsel; Chris Ragucci, Minority Counsel; Burt
Gulnick, Commissioner of Finance; Ken Crannell, Deputy
County Executive; Marie Bing, County Attorney’s Office; Paul
Van Blarcum, Sheriff; Michael Freer, Undersheriff

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM**
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Motion No. 1: To approve Resolution No. 294 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 4 Of 2017,
(A Local Law To Provide For The Collection Of Village Real Property Taxes)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 4 by the Ulster County
Legislature, pending the approval of the County Executive.

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: Legislator Bartels expressed frustration in the Villages’
participation in related events. Legislator Briggs stated belief that
collection efforts will be much more effective in the Village of
Ellenville in upcoming years due to a change in personnel. Burt
Gulnick, Commissioner of Finance, expressed concerns over the
additional workload that the proposed law would require of his
department. Committee members discussed the financial impact of
the proposed law, the fact that the law currently requires the county
to make towns whole, and the potential for the consolidation of
Ellenville and what that consolidation would entail.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Allen, Belfiglio

Voting Against: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Maio
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 3
Disposition: Defeated

Motion No. 2: To approve Resolution No. 301 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services — Project GIVE — District Attorney, Sheriff And The Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the execution of a contract, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of Ulster County’s participation in the Gun Involved Violence Intervention (GIVE) initiative for the period from July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: Sheriff Paul Van Blarcum stated that a portion of the revenue therein is designated toward personnel at domestic violence and clarified that the allocation of the revenue is determined by the District Attorney’s office.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, and Maio
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 295 – Approving The Reallocation Of Funds Within The Ellenville Million Program –Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves adjustments to the original descriptions and allocations for the Ellenville Million Program as follows: Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvements (-105,000), Economic Development Fund (-50,000), Tourism and Marketing Campaign (+51,500), Improvements to Outdoor Recreational Opportunities (+24,600), Main Street Improvement Project (+25,000), Project Management Grant Writing and/or Similar Services (-26,100), Improve Access to High Speed Broadband Project (-75,000), Vocational Training and Workforce Transportation (+50,000), Grant Matching and Grant Writing Assistance (+105,000).

Motion Made By: Legislator Allen
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: Legislators Bartels and Rodriguez expressed concerns over the use of funds. Committee members discussed how monies have been spent and how the reallocation was considered necessary as plans have developed and changed since their origination.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, and Maio
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 306 – Authorizing Engineering Services In Connection With The Replacement Of The Wolven Bridge On Zena Road In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$191,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$191,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the issuance of \$191,000.00 in serial bonds for Capital Project No. 505 for the engineering services in connection with the replacement of Wolven Bridge on Zena Road over the Saw Kill Creek for the Department of Public Works (Highways and Bridges).

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, and Maio
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 5: To approve Resolution No. 308 – Authorizing Engineering Services In Connection With The Cost Of Reconstruction Of Various Road Shoulders On Lucas Turnpike, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$38,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$38,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$38,000.00 in serial bonds for Capital Project No. 506 for the reconstruction of various road shoulders on Lucas Turnpike for the Department of Public Works (Highways and Bridges Division).

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, and Maio
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 6: To approve Resolution No. 310 – Authorizing Engineering Services In Connection With The Horsenden Pavement Overlay Improvement In The Town Of New Paltz, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$13,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$13,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$13,000.00 in serial bonds for Capital Project No. 507 for the Horsenden pavement overlay improvement for the Department of Public Works (Highways and Bridges Division).

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, and Maio
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 312 – Authorizing Engineering Services In Connection With The Replacement Of The Fantinekill Bridge, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$191,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$191,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$191,000.00 in serial bonds for Capital Project No. 508 for the replacement of the Fantinekill Bridge in the Town of Rochester for the Department of Public Works (Highway and Bridges).

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, and Maio
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Chairman Gerentine asked if there was any other business or questions. There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made to adjourn.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gerentine
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 6:04 pm

Respectfully submitted: Amber Feaster
Minutes Approved: August 8, 2017