

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE



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MINUTES

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014

6:30 PM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY VICTORIA A. FABELLA, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:
6:40 PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones and refrain from texting for the duration of the Meeting.

MICROPHONES

Please be reminded when speaking to use your microphones so that you are recorded for the official records.

ROLL CALL: Present: 23 Absent: 0

SWEARING IN OF LEGISLATORS

BY THE

HON. ANTHONY MCGINTY, ULSTER COUNTY FAMILY COURT JUDGE

**NOMINATION OF THE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF THE
ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

Clerk Victoria A. Fabella called upon Legislator Wishnick for the purpose of the nomination of a Temporary Chairman.

Legislator Wishnick motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk, to nominate Legislator Gregorius as Temporary Chairman.

NOMINATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Temporary Chairman Gregorius announced that nominations were open for the election of a Permanent Chairman.

Legislator Provenzano motioned, seconded by Legislator Wishnick, to nominate Legislator Rodriguez.

Temporary Chairman Gregorius then asked if there were any other nominations.

Legislator Robert Parete motioned, seconded by Legislator Maio, to nominate Legislator John Parete.

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Briggs, to close nominations.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

Legislator Rodriguez – 10 (Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Briggs, Greene, Gregorius, Loughran, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Wishnick)

Legislator J. Parete - 13 (Legislators Belfiglio, Donaldson, Fabiano, Gerentine, Litts, Lopez, Maio, Maloney, John Parete, Rich Parete, Roberts, Ronk and Wawro)

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF CHAIRMAN JOHN PARETE

THE FOLLOWING DESIGNATIONS ARE ON FILE:

Majority Leader – Donald J. Gregorius, District No. 23

Minority Leader – Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr., District No. 13

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

PUBLICATION OF LOCAL LAWS AND VARIOUS NOTICES

- (D) – Ulster Publishing**
- (R) – Saugerties Post Star**

PUBLICATION OF ELECTION NOTICES OF THE OFFICIAL CANVAS

- (D) – Daily Freeman**
- (R) – Southern Ulster Times**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

UC Democratic Legislature	Certification/Designation Majority Leader for 2014, Donald J. Gregorius Designation of Daily Freeman as Official Publication for 2014 Election Notices Designation of Ulster Publishing as Official Publication for 2014 Local Laws, Notices
UC Republican Legislature	Certification / Designation Minority Leader for 2014, Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. Designation of Southern Ulster Times as Official Publication for 2014 Election Notices Designation of Saugerties Post Star as Official Publication for 2014 Local Laws, Notices
Clerk of the Legislature	Notice to Involved Agencies re: “Sophie Finn Project” <i>Public Officials of the Year</i> , December 2013
Governing	15 Letters in Support of Railroad
Concerned Citizens	15 Letters in Support of Rail With Trail
Concerned Citizens	Letters in Support of Railtrail
Concerned Citizens	19 Support Letters Resolution 315
Concerned Citizens	<i>Energy Bulletin</i> , December 2013
Central Hudson	Thank You
Margaret Tremper	Tuesday January 14, 2014 Public Hearing
Town of New Paltz	Notice Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2013, October 17, 2013 and November 21, 2013
Youth Board	Letter re: Expedited Bail by Credit Card Program
New York State Sheriff’s Association, Inc.	<i>County News</i> , Vol. 45, No.24, December 16, 2013
NaCo	Acknowledgment of Receipt of Resolution No. 315
Senator John Bonacic	<i>Trending</i> , January & February 2014
Ulster County Tourism	Fall 2013 Newsletter
Birchez Associates, LLC	2014 <i>New York State of Mind</i> , February 3-5
NYSAC	Conference
Ulster County Corporate Compliance	November 2013 Minutes

CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Concerned Citizens	2080 Petition Signatures Supporting Catskill Mountain Railroad
Community Services Board/Subcommittee	January 2014 Meetings

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Veto Message, Resolution No. 297 of 2013
December 2013 Budgetary Transfers
Intermunicipal Collaboration Council
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PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public commentators.

RESOLUTION NOS: 381 of 2013, 382 of 2013, 1- 6

Chairman John Parete recognized Minority Leader Ronk for the purposes of a motion, seconded by Majority Leader Gregorius to enter into the Legislature as a Committee of the Whole. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee of the Whole: Majority Leader Gregorius to commence the review of Resolutions by the Committee of the Whole.

Resolution No. 381 - Authorizing The Purchase Of Loaders, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$547,340, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$547,340 Bonds Of Said County To Pay Part Of The Cost Thereof

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Resolution No. 383- Authorizing The Construction Of A New Hurley Bridge, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$1,129,000, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$929,000 Bonds Of Said County To Pay Part Of The Cost Thereof

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Majority Leader Gregorius motioned to take Resolution Nos. 1 - 2 and 4 - 6 as a block, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

RESOLUTIONS NOS. 1 – 2 and 4 – 6 ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Resolution No. 3 - Creating Standing Committees For The Year 2014

Majority Leader Gregorius motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk, to move Technology and the Department of Information Services from the Energy and Environment Committee to the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee in the first RESOLVED.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

COMMITTEE AS THE WHOLE ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn by Minority Leader Gregorius, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk, and with all Legislators voting in favor, adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Resolution No. 381 - Authorizing The Purchase Of Loaders, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$547,340, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$547,340 Bonds Of Said County To Pay Part Of The Cost Thereof

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0
(Approved by County Executive)

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0
(Approved by County Executive)

Motion by Minority Leader Ronk to take Resolution No. 2 out of order, seconded by Majority Leader Gregorius.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Resolution No. 2 - Appointing A Clerk Of The Ulster County Legislature

Legislators Ronk, Donaldson, Gerentine, and Gregorius commended the selection of Victoria Fabella as Clerk of the Legislature and congratulated her on a job well done.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Minority Leader Ronk motioned to take Resolution Nos. 1 and 4 - 6 as a block, seconded by Majority Leader Gregorius.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Resolutions 1 and 4 – 6 ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0
(Resolutions 4 – 6 Approved by County
Executive)

Resolution No. 3 - Creating Standing Committees For The Year 2014

Majority Leader Gregorius motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk, to move Technology and the Department of Information Services from the Energy and Environment Committee to the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee in the first RESOLVED, as indicated above in bold font.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Legislator Gerentine indicated that there was a strict timeframe within which to make a decision regarding Home Rule and the Sales Tax issue which Minority Leader Ronk stated sufficient notice would be given for a special meeting to take place on Thursday evening at 6:30 PM, if notice was given Wednesday morning. Discussion ensued with regard to the date and time of the proposed Special Meeting and that waiting until Monday was too close to the deadline.

Chairman Parete announced a Special Meeting would take place on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 7:00 PM and that an alternate date if inclement weather became an issue, would be Friday, January 10, 2014.

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: By Legislator Carl Belfiglio

Virginia S. Carnright, Saugerties
Peter M. Aiello, Saugerties
Lance R. "Lonny" McAndrew, Modena
Wilma Muller, formerly Cragmoor
Margaret Flaherty, Accord
Jesse David Cobb, formerly of Lomontville

Ruth Culver, Kingston
Eleanor C. Sears, Kingston
Kenneth Ticknor, Hurley
Michael J. Sottile, Kingston
Michael Tiano, Kingston
Jack Coby Pekovich, Saugerties

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Ellen Madden, Kingston

Donald Cole, Port Ewen

Donald Broekema, formerly of Mt. Tremper

Russell G. Merrihew, Sr., Kingston

Frank P. Caffrey, Saugerties

Cornelius Charles Taylor, Gardiner

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:40 PM