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)

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ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF CHAIRMAN JOHN PARETE

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THE FOLLOWING DESIGNATIONS ARE ON FILE:

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

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

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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

UC Republican Legislature
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”

Governing
Public Officials of the Year, December 2013

Concerned Citizens
15 Letters in Support of Railroad
15 Letters in Support of Rail With Trail
Letters in Support of Railtrail

Concerned Citizens
19 Support Letters Resolution 315

Central Hudson
Energy Bulletin, December 2013

Margaret Tremper
Thank You

Town of New Paltz
Tuesday January 14, 2014 Public Hearing Notice

Youth Board
Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2013, October 17, 2013 and November 21, 2013

New York State Sheriff’s Association, Inc.
Letter re: Expedited Bail by Credit Card Program

NaCo

Senator John Bonacic
Acknowledgment of Receipt of Resolution No. 315

Ulster County Tourism
Trending, January & February 2014

Birchez Associates, LLC
Fall 2013 Newsletter

NYSAC
2014 New York State of Mind, February 3-5 Conference

Ulster County Corporate Compliance
November 2013 Minutes
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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 Minutes

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
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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.

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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 Cragsmoor
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