

**Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee
Special Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: June 17, 2014 - - 5:50 PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, Karen Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman TJ Briggs
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk/Confidential Secretary
PRESENT: Legislators Ronk, Gregorius, Maio, Loughran
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Ken Wishnick, Lynn Archer, Jeanette Provenzano, Tracey Bartels and Art Snyder from the Ulster County Department of Emergency Management

Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order at 5:52 PM.

Motion No. 1: Resolution No. 203 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 203** - Approving And Adopting The Updated Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan For Ulster County – Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gregorius

Resolution No. 203 Summary: This Resolution will approve and adopt the updated Ulster County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

Discussion:

Chairman Briggs advised the committee that Art Snyder, Director of the Ulster County Department of Emergency Management was present to answer any questions the committee might have.

Legislator Maio suggested that future revisions to the plan be submitted for the Legislators approval in a “track changes” form so that amendments can be easily identified.

Director Sndyer said that he would be happy to do that and advised the committee that two legislators had seats on the committee as the changes were developed.

Legislator Ronk asked who them Legislators were and was informed that Legislators Rich Parete and Dean Fabiano were on the committee.

Legislator Gregorius asked about specifications for transportation of oil, etc on the rails and recommended that future revisions include a more comprehensive look at the safe transport and reporting of spills to local authorities.

Director Snyder said that has been identified as a goal of the committee moving forward.

Legislator Loughran asked if the Department of Emergency Management was notified by CSX when they are transporting toxic or other hazardous materials.

Director Snyder stated that just about every train that passes through Ulster County contains hazardous materials on it and that municipalities are not generally notified by haulers when hazardous materials are part of the cargo. He continued by saying that they have had a hard time getting CSX to improve communications regarding derailments. The only notification currently made about the cargo they carry is to the NYS Fusion Center.

Legislator asked for the reason the information is not shared with local municipalities and authorities.

Director Snyder explained that CSX considers the sharing of the information to be a security breach.

Chairman Briggs asked if the committee had any other questions about the Comprehensive Plan.

Roll Call Vote:	No
Voting In Favor:	Legislators Briggs, Gregorius, Loughran, Maio, Ronk
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	5
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Carried

Chairman Briggs asked if there was any other business.

<u>Adjournment At:</u>	5:57 PM
Motion Made By:	Legislator Gregorius
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Ronk
No. of Votes in Favor:	5
No. of Votes Against:	0

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of June, 2014
Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Minutes Approved: June 30, 2014