

# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2016

### BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

6:00 PM

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 6:08 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by Chairman Kenneth Ronk.

**MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:**

### 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 for the duration of the Public Hearing.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: 18 (Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Berky, Briggs, Delaune, Donaldson, Gerentine, Greene, Heppner, Lapp, Lopez, Loughran, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez, Ronk, Wawro)

Absent: 5 (Fabiano, Litts, R. Parete, Roberts)  
(Legislator J. Parete arrived at 6:13 PM)

**CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:** Public Hearing On The Proposed 2017 Ulster County Budget And The Proposed 2017 – 2022 Capital Program

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were five speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Hon. Michael F. Conners II, Albany County Comptroller: Mr. Conners spoke in support of UC Comptroller Elliott Auerbach and his office and the importance of not cutting the watch dog's staffing from the 2017 budget. Mr. Conners as a previous Albany county legislator and current comptroller shared some experiences from his area.
2. Hon. Robert Antonacci, CPA, Esq. Onondaga Comptroller: Mr. Antonacci also spoke in support of UC Comptroller Elliott Auerbach maintaining funding for his office to perform their oversight duties.
3. Hon. Elliott Auerbach, UC Comptroller: Comptroller Auerbach shared some remarks spoken at the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce breakfast in support of his office. Comptroller Auerbach introduced his staff and defended his resolve to maintain his staff of seven.
4. Mike Dovich: Mr. Dovich spoke in favor of preserving the Comptrollers staff.
5. Howard Baul, Kerhonkson: Mr. Baul is a labor relations specialist for CSEA and an Ulster County resident for most of his life. Mr. Baul expressed his concern eliminating positions in the Comptroller's office noting the need for oversight of county business.

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period can be heard on the Ulster County website.

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Majority Leader Mary Beth Maio motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Hector Rodriguez to adjourn. All in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:29 PM**

**NEXT MEETING:**

There are two additional Public Hearings on the Proposed 2017 Ulster County Budget and the Proposed 2017 – 2022 Capital Program scheduled for:

- Tomorrow Night - Wednesday, November 16, 2016 – Town of Rochester Town Hall, 50 Science Road, Accord, New York, at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, November 17, 2016 – Town of Plattekill Town Hall, 1915 Rt. 44-55, Modena, New York, at 7:00 PM