

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: June 11, 2014 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Ulster County Community College (Van 203), Cottekill NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Gerentine, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Donald J. Quesnell
PRESENT: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez(at 5:01)
ABSENT:
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislative Chairman Parete, Legislators Archer, Greene, Legislative Counsel Weiner, and Guerin, County Attorneys Bea Havranek, Jonathan Engel, Roland Bloomer, Deputy County Executive Kenneth Crannell, Director of Finance Burt Gulnick, Director of Purchasing Marc Rider, County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach, Village of Saugerties Trustee’s Terry Parisian, Vincent Buono, Mayor of Ellenville Jeff Kaplan, Former Legislatures Mary Sheeley, Joe Stoeckler, William Kemble, Clerk Victoria A. Fabella

- Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

MOTION NO. 1 **Approving the Minutes of May 14, 2014 and May 20, 2014**

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve the Minutes of May 14, 2014 and May 20, 2014

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: May 14, 2014 Minutes - Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez
May 20, 2014 Minutes - Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: April 9, 2014 Minutes – 8; April 15, 2014 Minutes - 8

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 2: Resolution No. 124 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 124** - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2014 (A Local Law To Provide For The Collection Of Village Real Property Taxes) To Be Held On Tuesday, July 15, 2014 At 7:00 PM

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion: A discussion ensued topics included the following:

- Legislature Gerentine Spoke about the correspondence from finance and how finance feels the county should not proceed through with this.
- Legislature Provenzano asked if anyone would lose their jobs. Mary Sheeley responded with no one would lose their current position.
- Legislature Maio asked if the executive office would have to hire additional staff if this passed. Burt Gulnick explained he would need additional staff as well as the Attorney's department.
- Legislature Rodriguez stated he is still looking in to everything and hasn't decided how he is voting yet.
- Legislature Belfiglio stated having the public hearing would help benefit the legislature if the villages came and voiced their opinion.
- Legislature Gerentine asked Burt Gulnick if the resolution is retroactive. Burt stated that is a question for the attorney's.
- Bea Havranek spoke in regards to the article tax law and how the village is currently running under a different article.
- Legislature Bartels said she was open to the public hearing. She went on to ask Burt Gulnick how many properties there where. She was interested in knowing how many properties the figures given represent.
- Legislature Provenzano said it would help to know what effort and what time the county provides the village.
- Legislature Rodriguez asked Burt Gulnick how much the delinquent taxes are broken down to in terms of each village
- Legislative Chairman Parete spoke stating the proposal was brought up two months ago and that it was delayed to June to give time to answer all the questions. He went on to say he received a piece of paper from Finance which was a

bland piece of paper. He stated it didn't have the information that was asked for and he had his department research 5 towns because of it. He stated that 158% of the taxes that were owed on these towns were collected. He went on to say nothing was stated as to why these additional people would need to be hired.

- Legislature Gerentine asked Burt Gulnick to respond in writing to all the questions that were brought up in this meeting. Burt complied. Legislature Gerentine also brought up the Casino that is possible for Ellenville and how it could affect the property delinquency rate.
- Burt Gulnick spoke how he was addressed by this committee just to get the expenses and not the backup for them and he would be happy to retrieve it for them.
- Legislature Briggs stated this was just for a public hearing
- Comptroller Auerbach stated that he believes we may be comparing apples to oranges. That we are collecting delinquent taxes and not all taxes.
- Legislature Maloney asked about the structure of the process.
- Legislative Chairman Parete brought up the concept of shared services.
- Jeff Kaplan from Ellenville stated he doesn't understand why Ulster County is one of the last counties not to make their villages whole.

Voting In Favor:	Legislators Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against:	Legislators Gerentine
No. of Votes in Favor:	7
No. of Votes Against	1
Disposition:	Carried

Motion No. 3

Resolution No. 159 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion:

Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 159- Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2014 (A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 10 of 2008 (A Local Law Adopting An Administrative Code for the County of Ulster, State of New York) To Require Certain Resolutions Approving The Execution Of Contracts And Contract Amendments In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County For Public Services Be Supplemented With Standardized Information Upon Filing) To Be Held On Tuesday, July 15, 2014 At 7:05 PM

Motion Made By:

Legislator Maloney

Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 205 - Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Additional Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Mental Health – Department Of Mental Health

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

Discussion: Ken Crannell stated these were individual housing units.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 10 Resolution No. 206 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 206-** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into a Lease Agreement With Family Services, Inc. For Office Space At The Trudy Resnick Farber Center In The Village Of Ellenville – Department of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hector

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 11 Resolution No. 207 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 207** - Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget For Extreme Winter Recovery Funding Appropriation From The New York State Department Of Transportation - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Provenzano
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 12 Resolution No. 208 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 208-** Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget- CHIPS Funding Adjustment - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 13 Resolution No. 209 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 209-** Establishing Capital Project 414 – New Paltz Pool Repairs –Amending the 2014-2019 Capital Program - Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: Legislatore Maio discussed the cost to repair the pool.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 14 Resolution No. 211 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 211-** Amending Capital Project No. 262 - Bridge Replacement On Mud Tavern Road Over The Dwaarkill – Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) Not On The State Highway System – Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Provenzano

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 15 Resolution No. 213 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 213-** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For Participation In The Crimes Against Revenue Program – District Attorney

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 16 Resolution No. 214 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 214 -** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division of Criminal Justice

Services For The Gun Involved Violence Intervention Initiative
(GIVE) – District Attorney, Sheriff And Probation

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 817 **Resolutions No. 215-216**

Text of Motion: Motion was made to block resolutions 215-216.

Motion Made By: Legislator Provenzano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs
Discussion: none
In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 18 **Resolutions No. 215-216, June 17, 2014**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 215** - Adopting An Updated Procurement Manual Pursuant To General Municipal Law Section 104-b – Department Of Purchasing

Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 216 - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2014 (A Local Law Known As The Ulster County Best Value Procurement Law) To Be Held On Tuesday, July 15, 2014 At 7:10 PM

Motion Made By: Legislator Provenzano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggss
Discussion: Marc Rider gave a brief description about what the resolutions

were about. It was asked that he explain more at the public hearing.

In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 19 Resolution No. 217 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 217** - Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Accept And Reject Bids For Purchase Of Parcels Of County-Owned Property At The April 23, 2014 Public Auction - Department Of Finance

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Provenzano

Discussion: None

In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 20 Resolution No. 218 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 218** - Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Original Owner – Department Of Finance

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Provenzano

Discussion: None

In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 21**Resolution No. 219 – June 17, 2014**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 219** - Authorizing The Reacquisition Of Residential Property To Original Owner – Department Of Finance

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 22**Resolution No. 220 – June 17, 2014**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 220** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey A Confirmatory, Quitclaim Deed To A Party Who Purchased Real Property Which Was Formerly County-Owned - Department Of Finance, Division Of Real Property Tax Service

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: Jonathan Engel spoke about the process. Bea Havranek spoke about residents being able to sue and trying to avoid the process. Legislature Bartels asked about the foreclosure process and how it happened.

In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 23**Resolution No. 221 – June 17, 2014**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 221** - Authorizing The Required Steps For The Transfer Of Real Property Located At 300 Flatbush Avenue And Additional Real Property Located In The Town Of Ulster

Motion Made By: Legislator Provenzano

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: Legislature Rodriguez spoke on behalf of clarity and who it was being transferred to. Bea Havranek spoke on behalf of the sale process. Erica Guerin asked if there was an appraisal. Bea Havranek stated they were concerned the appraisal would be undervalued.

In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 24**Resolution No. 222 – June 17, 2014**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 222** - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2014 (A Local Law To Establish A Sustainable Energy Loan Program In The County Of Ulster) To Be Held On Tuesday, July 15, 2014 At 7:15 PM

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: Legislature Bartels spoke stating that this has been moving through the environment committee. Legislature Provenzano asked about the cost to the county. Legislature Bartels stated only when a loan defaults. Ken Crannel stated about the process and how it goes through an agreement with the organization and the County.

In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Resolution No. 223 – June 17, 2014

Text of Motion: **Discussion only No. 223** - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2014 (A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, Local Law No. 2 Of 2006, To Modify Various Provisions Of The Ulster County Charter To Amend The Terms of the Ulster County Legislature) To Be Held On Tuesday, July 15, 2014 At 7:20 PM

Discussion: Legislature Gerentine said it would go through committee and then come back to this one.

New Business

Old Business

General Discussion

- Legislature Maloney spoke about the governor's past budget and what could be happening to local governments. He stated if local government's don't consolidate they are going to hold back rebate checks for constituents.
 - Legislature Gerentine explained the report on new hire's and budget transfers.
 - Legislature Gerentine said they would speak about the Budget Schedule next meeting.
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There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Briggs, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 pm.

Dated the 16th day of June, 2014
Donald J. Quesnell, Fiscal Analyst
Minutes Approved On: July 9, 2014