

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: November 18, 2014 – 5:30 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Gerentine, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Donald J. Quesnell
PRESENT: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano, Rodriguez
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislative Chairman Parete, Legislators Allen, Archer, Donaldson, Greene, Gregorious, Litts, Loughran Wishnick Legislative Counsel Weiner, Ragucci, Guerin, Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick, Sheriff Paul Van Blarcum, Deputy Sheriff Perry Soule, County Attorneys Bea Havranek, Jonathan Engel, Susan Plonski, John McGovern, William Martin, Comptroller Auerbach, Howard Baul, Michael Cimorelli, Kathy Nolan, Dare Thompson, Patricia Doxseyof the Daily Freeman

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM**

General Discussion:

- Legislator Gerentine discussed the communications that were received by the committee including a letter from Deputy Comptroller Eriole and the time and attendance report from Comptroller Elliott Auerbach.
 - Legislator Gerentine acknowledged Sheriff Van Blarcum at the meeting. Sheriff Van Blarcum stated they are not just checking for warrants but they are looking to improve security of the building. He went on to say he is going to suspend his warrant search and asked for trust that he will and to withdraw the amendments regarding his office. Legislator Bartels said she takes the Sheriff at his word but she doesn't just want a suspension she wants it to be permanently ended. Legislator Gerentine stated Legislative Body can set a policy to effect the agreement by the end of the year. Legislator Gerentine asked if that is sufficient comfort to withdraw the amendments. Legislator Bartels verified the information presented. Legislator Bartels agreed to withdraw amendments 17-19 but wanted to be known if the policy was not created she would propose them again later on.
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Motion No. 1: Resolution No.373 – November 18, 2014

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 373– Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – UC Economic Development Alliance, Inc. – Department Of Planning

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

Discussion: None.

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 2: Resolution No.405 – November 18, 2014

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 405– Establishing A Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund Of The County Of Ulster Under Section 6-E Of The New York State General Municipal Law

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

Discussion: None.

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 3: Resolution No.407 – November 18, 2014

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 407– Adopting Amended Proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2014 (A Local Law Respecting the Outdoor Restraint of Companion Animals)

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

Discussion: None.

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 4: **Resolution No.449 – November 18, 2014**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 449**– Adopting the Ulster County Budget For Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2015 And Making Appropriations For The Conduct Of County Government

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

Motion To Amend: Legislator Briggs motioned to amend this resolution to reflect the amendments that have already passed. Including amendments 1-14 in the November 18th Packet.

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

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Discussion: Legislator Bartels stated she would be withdrawing amendment 20. She said she spoke to Bea regarding the legal proceedings. Bea Havranek said she is here for the Legislature whenever they need her. Legislator Maloney agreed there needs to be a wider umbrella regarding the awareness of legal proceedings. Bea Havranek said she would be happy to meet in executive session to discuss ongoing lawsuits. Legislator Belfiglio brought up contracts not exceeding \$50,000. Legislator Gerentine state currently they are working on a resolution regarding this. Legislator Gerentine stated on the floor he would read the vote for each amendment.

Legislator Rodriguez asked if we would be taking 1-14 as a block.
Legislator Gerentine verified that it would be.

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

Motion No. 5: **Resolution No.450 – November 18, 2014**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 373–** Adopting Ulster
County Capital Program For 2015 - 2020

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

Discussion: None.

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

New Business

Old Business

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Briggs,
seconded by Legislator Maloney and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:22pm.

Dated the 25th day of November, 2014
Donald J. Quesnell, Fiscal Analyst
Minutes Approved On: December 10, 2014