

**Ways & Means Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** March 11, 2015 – 5:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Karen L. Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, COB  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Richard Gerentine, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Donald J. Quesnell  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Maio(@5:10) Maloney, John Parete, Rich Parete  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Belfiglio, Briggs  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Archer Bartels, Ronk, Legislative Counsel Weiner, Ragucci, Guerin County Attorneys Bea Havranek, Jonathan Engel, Tracy Steeves, Deputy County Executive Kenneth Crannell, Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick, Mike Freer, Perry Soule, Sheriff Van Blarcum, Clerk of the Legislature Victoria A. Fabella, Patricia Doxsey of the Daily Freeman

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM**

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**Motion No. 1:** Approving the Minutes of February 11, 2015 and February 17, 2015.

**Text of Motion:** Resolved to Approve the Minutes of February 11, 2015 and February 17, 2015.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Parete  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** February11, 2015 Minutes - Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Maloney, Parete  
February 17, 2015Minutes - Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Maloney, Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** February11, 2015 Minutes – 5  
February 17, 2015 Minutes – 5

**No. of Votes Against** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 2:**

**Resolution No.42– March 17, 2015**

**Text of Motion:**

**Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 42– March 17, 2015 -**  
Establishing An Environmental Remediation Reserve Account

**Motion Made By:**

Legislator Rich Parete

**Motion Seconded By:**

Legislator Allen

**Discussion:**

Burt Gulnick handed out to the committee members a document regarding the auction summary. He stated the county every year has a loss regarding the auction. He went on to say the resolution before us plans to use money made by the auction to fund the reserve and according to his document no money is being made. Burt Gulnick reviewed his document with the committee. He said they have been talking to the state regarding the cleanup process. Legislator John Parete asked how many properties have been cleaned up in the last 5 years. Burt Gulnick explained we have not taken title to them but we have tried to sell them. Legislator Bartels asked how long each of these properties have not been having taxes paid. Burt said he could get that information. Legislator Bartels asked said the way the reserve is set up she wanted to know if monies could be withdrawn from the reserve if they choose to. It was agreed they could through resolution. Legislator Rich Parete said this resolution does not say you have to remediate a property. He asked when they started meeting with the environmental attorney. Bea Havranek stated judge Williams would no longer entertain assignments of properties and this is when they decided to meet the environmental attorney. Legislator Rich Parete this said this resolution is basically budgeting money for that purpose. He said they are arguing the financing of the remediation not the plan of remediating properties. Legislator Ronk spoke regarding potential growth of unpaid taxes. Legislator Archer spoke regarding the process of reviewing of toxicity. Legislator John Parete said there was a lack of communication between offices. He asked if properties in one year can be sold in the next year. He mentioned the fiscal analyst has created a report. Legislator Gregorious asked regarding liability on these properties in regards to the County. Legislator Bartels spoke regarding potentially setting a cap on the amount of money being put into the reserve account. Legislator Allen asked about funding regarding the state in terms of remediation. Counsel Weiner spoke regarding resolution 43 and that nothing in that resolution prevents a resolution from receiving stat funding for being redeemed. Legislator Maloney asked Bea Havranek about being able to gain access to the property to do our due diligence if we do not take title. She stated it is called a temporary incident of ownership and

explained the details regarding it. Legislator Rich Parete said it seems that Bea and Burt are on the same page and they acknowledge this needs to be done but the question is how to fund it. Legislator Gregorius spoke regarding amount to cap what goes into the reserve. Legislator Gerentine strongly suggested we keep working on this and we hold this over; he asked Legislator John Parete if he would mind holding on this resolution. Legislator Parete said he does not mind working on things.

**Disposition:** Legislator Parete and Legislator Allen withdrew their motions with the intent of the committee of discussing this again next week.

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**Motion No. 3:** **Resolution No.43– March 17, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to Postpone Resolution No. 43– March 17, 2015 -**  
Establishing Policy And Procedure For Use Of The Environmental Remediation Fund

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rich Parete  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gregorius

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Maio, Maloney, John Parete, Rich Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Postponed until 3/17/15

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**Motion No. 4:** **Resolution No.97– March 17, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 97– March 17, 2015 -**  
Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Daniel J. Nichols d/b/a Nichols Construction – UCCC

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rich Parete  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Maio, Maloney, John Parete, Rich Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against  
Disposition:** 0  
Carried

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**Motion No. 5:** **Resolution No.98– March 17, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 98– March 17, 2015 -**  
Appropriation For The Ulster County Soil And Water  
Conservation District

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rich Parete  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gregorius

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Maio, Maloney, John Parete,  
Rich Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 6:** **Resolution No.99-107 – March 17, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to Block:**

**Resolution No. 99 – March 17, 2015 -** Authorizing The Chairman  
Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With  
Arts Mid-Hudson For The 2015 Appropriation – Legislature

**Resolution No. 100 – March 17, 2015 -** Authorizing The  
Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An  
Agreement For The Maintenance Of Facilities For The Ulster  
Performing Arts Center For The 2015 Appropriation – Legislature

**Resolution No. 101 – March 17, 2015 -** Authorizing The  
Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An  
Agreement With Ulster County Community Action Committee,  
Inc. For The 2015 Appropriation – Legislature

**Resolution No. 102 – March 17, 2015 -** Authorizing The  
Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An  
Agreement With Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) For  
The 2015 Appropriation – Legislature

**Resolution No. 103 – March 17, 2015 -** Authorizing The  
Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An

Agreement With Family Of Woodstock, Inc., For The Supervised Visitation Program For The 2015 Appropriation – Legislature

**Resolution No. 104 – March 17, 2015** - 2015 Appropriation For The Ulster County Libraries Program

**Resolution No. 105 – March 17, 2015** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Of Ulster County For 2015 Appropriations

**Resolution No. 106 – March 17, 2015** - 2015 Appropriation For The Walker Valley Chemical Engine No. 1

**Resolution No. 107 – March 17, 2015** - 2015 Appropriation For Awareness, Inc. – Legislature

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rich Parete  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Maio, Maloney, John Parete, Rich Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

**Motion No. 7:** **Resolution No.99-107 – March 17, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to Approve Blocked Resolutions**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rich Parete  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Maio, Maloney, John Parete, Rich Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 8: Resolution No.115– March 17, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 115– March 17, 2015 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation To Fund The Ulster County Transportation Council With the Ulster County Planning Department As Host Agency – Department Of Planning

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Maio, Maloney, John Parete, Rich Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 9: Resolution No.116– March 17, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 116– March 17, 2015 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Contracts And Agreements With The New York State Department Of Economic Development To Allow The County Planning Board to Act As A Census Designated Affiliate – Department of Planning

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rich Parete

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Maio, Maloney, John Parete, Rich Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 10: Resolution No.117– March 17, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 117– March 17, 2015 - Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Apply For And

Accept Section 5311 Federal And State Funding Under the Terms Of An Existing Continuing Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation For The Purchase of One Diesel Low Floor Medium Duty Bus For Fiscal Years 2015/2016  
Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Maio, Maloney, John Parete, Rich Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 11:** **Resolution No.118– March 17, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 118– March 17, 2015 -**  
Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Economic Development Alliance – Department Of Planning

**Motion Made By:**

**Motion Seconded By:**

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:**

**Voting Against:**

**No. of Votes in Favor:**

**No. of Votes Against:**

**Disposition:** No action was taken with the intent of voting on the resolution at the next meeting.

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**Motion No. 12:** **Resolution No.119-120 – March 17, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to Block:**

**Resolution No. 119 – March 17, 2015 -** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Alliance Medical Alert – Office For The Aging

**Resolution No. 120 – March 17, 2015 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Atlantic Pavement Marking, Inc – Department Of Public Works**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Maio, Maloney, John Parete, Rich Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

**Motion No. 13: Resolution No.119-120 – March 17, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** Resolved to Approve Blocked Resolutions

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Maio, Maloney, John Parete, Rich Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 14: Resolution No.122– March 17, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 122– March 17, 2015 - Confirming The Appointment Of Susan Plonski As Commissioner Of The Department Of Public Works

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gregorius  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Maio, Maloney, John Parete, Rich Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7



**No. of Votes Against** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 15:** **Resolution No.123– March 17, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 123– March 17, 2015 -**  
Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget To Accept An  
Additional Allocation Of Funds from the New York State Office  
Of Children And Family Services To Expand Services Under The  
Supervision And Treatment Services For Juveniles Program  
(STSJP) – Department Of Social Services

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rich Parete

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Maio, Maloney, John Parete,  
Rich Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 16:** **Resolution No.124– March 17, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 124– March 17, 2015 -**  
Establishing Capital Project No. 449 For The Purchase Of Aegis  
Mobile For The County Sheriff’s Office – Ulster County Sheriff’s  
Office

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rich Parete  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Maio, Maloney, John Parete,  
Rich Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 17:**                      **Resolution No.128– March 17, 2015**

**Text of Motion:**                      **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 128– March 17, 2015 -**  
Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The  
Original Owner – Department Of Finance

**Motion Made By:**                      Legislator Maloney  
**Motion Seconded By:**                      Legislator Rich Parete

**Discussion:**                              None.

**Voting In Favor:**                      Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Maio, Maloney, John Parete,  
Rich Parete

**Voting Against:**                      None

**No. of Votes in Favor:**                      7

**No. of Votes Against**                      0

**Disposition:**                              Carried

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**New Business**

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**Old Business**

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There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Maio, seconded by Legislator Allen and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm.

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**Dated the 19th day of March, 2015**  
**Donald J. Quesnell, Fiscal Analyst**  
**Minutes Approved On: April 15, 2015**