

## Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** June 19, 2018 – 5:30  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building,  
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Richard Gerentine, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Amber Feaster  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Laura Petit, Lynn Archer, Tracey Bartels, Craig  
V. Lopez, Mary Beth Maio, James F. Maloney, and Joseph  
Maloney; and Legislative Chairman Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr.  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Julius Collins, Dean Fabiano, Manna Jo Greene,  
Herbert Litts III, Kathy Nolan, Hector Rodriguez, and Brian  
Woltman; Nicholas Pascale, Legislative Counsel; Kyle Barnett,  
Legislative Counsel; Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive;  
Chris White, Planning; Jennifer Clark and Marie Bing, County  
Attorney; Patricia Doxsey, Daily Freeman; Tom Kadgen, League  
of Women Voters

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM**
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**Motion No. 1: To discuss Resolution No. 197, As Amended** – Establishing A Policy To Limit Participation In Party Politics By Appointees Of Ulster County Elected Officials

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes a policy to prohibit disclosed positions within Ulster County from holding any position of authority within any political party and prohibiting disclosed positions from making a contribution of any sum of money to any committee on behalf of any candidate for an Ulster County elected office.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Petit  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** Legislator Joseph Maloney explained that the Board of Elections has been removed from the purview of the Resolution and that he intends to remove the clause "...would directly protect Ulster County residents from corrupting forces" from the Resolution. Chairman Gerentine expressed concerns with the Resolution, stating that he believes it does a disservice to the volunteers that serve Ulster County. Discussion pursued on the variances between the proposed policy and that which was adopted by Nassau County. Legislator Bartels affirmed agreement in the intent of the Resolution but expressed concern over the inclusion of volunteers.

Legislative Counsel, Nick Pascal confirmed that the proposed policy does cover all appointees which would include volunteer board members. Further, Nick Pascal disclosed Counsels' concerns over the proposed form of the policy, stating that the intent is most appropriate in the form of an amendment to the ethics law as opposed to a Resolution, that local party official has not been defined therein, and that the policy does not appear to apply to prospective appointments. Discussion pursued on the difference between the two forms of presentation. Legislative Chairman Ronk stated respect for the intent of the Resolution, but admitted ideological concerns, stating that political speech and participation in the political process in the way that an individual sees fit is one of the hallmarks of democracy, and that he disagrees with the assumption that serving in the included capacities is a conflict of interest. Legislator Joseph Maloney asked that Committee members consider the effects of the policy on a Federal level. Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive, stated that the intent of the Resolution takes away the rights of American Citizens to participate in the democratic process. Legislator Rodriguez affirmed support for the intent of the Resolution. Legislator Bartels stated discomfort in making last minute amendments to the Resolution, expressing desire to make sure all respects of the policy are as intended prior to voting. Legislator Joseph Maloney requested that all concerns be presented to him prior to the next meeting of the Committee.

**Motion No. 2: To postpone Resolution No. 197, As Amended** – Establishing A Policy To Limit Participation In Party Politics By Appointees Of Ulster County Elected Officials

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**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney (Joseph)  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Mary Beth Maio, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney, and Legislative Chairman Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Postponed

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**Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 244** – Authorizing The Purchase And Installation Of Emergency Communications Equipment, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$524,993.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$524,993.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$524,993.00 bonds for amendments to Capital Project No. 482 – Countywide Radio System to account for the revenue and additional Other Equipment appropriations.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Mary Beth Maio, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney, and Legislative Chairman Ronk

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 4: To Bundle Resolution No. 262, 268, 270, and 272**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Mary Beth Maio, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney, and Legislative Chairman Ronk

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 5: To approve the following Resolutions:**

**Resolution No. 262 --** Authorizing The Reconstruction And Furnishing Of Classrooms At Ulster County Community College Stone Ridge Campus And Kingston Center, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$435,284.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$435,284.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$435,284.00 bonds for Capital Project No. 527 – SUNY Ulster Classroom Renovations for replacement furniture- including ADA compliant desks and chairs, repairs and replacement of aging ceiling tiles, repairs and upgrades to heating and cooling systems, new paint and other interior renovations including energy efficient upgrades, and additional new furniture components.

**Resolution No. 268** – Authorizing The Frost Valley Road S-Turn Reconstruction Project, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$1,880,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,650,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay Additional Costs Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$1,650,000.00 bonds for amendments to Capital Project No. 504 – Frost Valley Road S-Turn Reconstruction Project.

**Resolution No. 270** – Authorizing The Engineering Costs (Phase II) For The Reconstruction Of Horsenden Road, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$80,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$80,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$80,000.00 for engineering costs for Capital Project No. 507 – Horsenden Pavement Overlay In The Town of New Paltz (PIN 8761.93) – Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) Not On The State Highway System.

**Resolution No. 272** – Authorizing The Reconstruction And Restabilization Of Watson Hollow Road Slope, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$593,976.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$181,976.00 Additional Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$593,976.00 for amendments to Capital Project No. 511 – Watson Hollow Slope Stabilization for an increase in design, construction inspection, and construction costs to complete the project.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney (James)

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Mary Beth Maio, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney, and Legislative Chairman Ronk

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 6: To approve Resolution No. 276** – Amending Capital Project No. 334 - Kingston Rail Trail (PIN 8758.04) - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Agreements, Certifications And Reimbursement Requests For Federal Aid On Behalf Of Ulster County With The New York State Department Of Transportation For Funding Right-Of-Way Acquisition And – Amending The 2018 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 334 – Kingston Rail Trail (PIN 8758.04) to appropriate an additional sum of \$60,000.00 to cover the cost of participation in the right-of-way acquisition phase of the project, authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute all necessary agreements, certifications, and reimbursement requests for federal aid on behalf of Ulster County with the New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project, and amends the 2019 Ulster Capital Fund Budget accordingly.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney (James)

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Mary Beth Maio, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney, and Legislative Chairman Ronk

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 277** – Authorizing The Financing Of The Acquisition Of Land Or Rights-In-Land For The Kingston Rail Trail Project, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$60,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$60,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$60,000.00 bonds for Capital Project No. 334 – Kingston Rail Trail (PIN 8758.04) to cover the cost of participation in the right-of-way acquisition phase of the project.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels asked if the acquisition of land will be necessary. Chris White, Planning, explained that the Resolution is for the connector Rail Trail going from Hurley to Washington Avenue, moving alongside the historic ONW Railroad, and that the property is owned by three landowners, two of which the County anticipates will donate the easements. Further, Chris White

explained that the project is 100% reimbursable and will hopefully be moved into construction prior to the end of the year.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Mary Beth Maio, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney, and Legislative Chairman Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 278** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Harrison & Burrowes Bridge Constructors, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Harrison & Burrowes Bridge Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$1,542,532.53 from June 20, 2018 through November 30, 2018 for construction for Capital Project No. 504 – Frost Valley Road S-Turn Reconstruction Project.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Mary Beth Maio, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney, and Legislative Chairman Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Old Business:** None

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**New Business:**

Legislative Chairman Ronk explained that he has appointed Legislator Maio to the Ways & Means Committee. Legislator Bartels expressed concerns for the balance of power between the Majority and Minority parties. Discussion pursued between Legislative Chairman Ronk and Legislator Bartels on the balance of power. Chairman Gerentine congratulated Legislator Maio and stated that she is an asset to the Committee.

Legislator Archer explained to the Committee that she has been working with Chairman Gerentine to create a recommendation to enhance the budget process which is intended to prompt conversations and improve Legislative comprehension of the County Executive Recommended Budget. Chairman Gerentine commended Legislator Archer on her hard work, noting that the County Executive must concur with the recommendations proposed. Discussion pursued on what changes will potentially be included within the recommendation.

Legislator Greene explained to the Committee that the Green Business Challenge is officially ready to be launched and that a breakfast will be hosted for businesses on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am at the Best Western and that preregistration is available. Further, Legislator Greene explained that at the breakfast case studies will be presented by Green Business Leaders, green experts will be available to converse with, there will be a vendor show, and information will be available on the existing incentives and financing available for businesses wishing to take green initiatives.

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Chairman Gerentine asked if there was any other business or questions. There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made to adjourn.

### **Adjournment**

<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Petit
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Maio
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	9
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	0

<b>Time:</b>	6:05 PM
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<b>Respectfully submitted:</b>	Amber Feaster
<b>Minutes Approved:</b>	July 10, 2018