

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: June 13, 2016 – 5:00 pm
LOCATION: Vanderlyn Hall, Room 208, Cottekill
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard A. Gerentine, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Donald J. Quesnell
PRESENT: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio(@5:11), Maloney, Ronk(@5:11)
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislative Counsel Guerin, Pascale, Ragucci, Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick, County Attorney Bea Havranek, Tracy Steeves, Jon Engel, Josh Koplovitz, Mark Delacorte, Andrew Peck, Victoria Fabella

- Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:03PM

Motion No. 1: Approving the Minutes of May 10 and May 17 of 2016.

Text of Motion: Resolved to approve the Minutes of May 10 and May 17 of 2016.

Motion Made By: Legislator Allen
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: May 10, 2016 Minutes - Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney
May 17, 2016 Minutes - Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: May 10, 2016 Minutes – 6
May 17, 2016 Minutes – 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 2: Resolution No. 283 – June 21, 2016

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 283 – June 21, 2016- Authorizing Distribution Of Mortgage Tax Receipts Pursuant To Section 261 Of The Tax Law

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6

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

Motion No. 3: Resolution No. 284 – June 21, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 284 – June 21, 2016-** Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2016, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 2 Of 2006 (A Local Law Adopting A County Charter Form Of Government For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York) And Amending Local Law No. 10 Of 2008 (A Local Law Adopting An Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York) Altering The Periodic Compensation Review Committee Process To Allow For Timely Legislative Action

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion: Legislator Bartels asked for clarification regarding the June 30th deadline and if the committee will have enough time to turn around their report. A general discussion ensued on the topic. Erica Guerin stated she would be confident there would be enough time.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
**No. of Votes Against
Disposition:** 0
Carried

Motion No. 4: Resolution No. 285-286 – June 21, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Block the following resolutions:**

Resolution No. 285 – June 21, 2016 - Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2016, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 3 Of 2012 (A Local Law To Provide For An Exemption From Real Property Taxes For Real Property Owned By Veterans Who Rendered Military Service To The United States During The “Cold War”)

Resolution No. 286 – June 21, 2016 - Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2016, (A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 4 Of 2012, To Increase The Maximum Allowable Real Property Tax Exemption Pursuant To Section 458-a Of The Real Property Tax Law Entitled “Veterans’; Alternative Exemption”)

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

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 5: **Resolution No. 285-286 – June 21, 2016**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve the previously blocked resolutions.**

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 6: **Resolution No. 290 – June 21, 2016**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 290 – June 21, 2016-** Establishing And Reporting The Standard Work Day For Elected And Appointed Officials

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 7: **Resolution No. 298 – June 21, 2016**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 298 – June 21, 2016-** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc.– Office Of Employment And Training

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 8: Resolution No. 299 – June 21, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 299 – June 21, 2016-** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 9: Resolution No. 300 – June 21, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 300 – June 21, 2016-** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Standard Demolition Services, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

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

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 10: Resolution No. 302 – June 21, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 302 – June 21, 2016-** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Emergency Management

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: Legislator Bartels asked when the original contract was, she was provided the date.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 11: **Resolution No. 301 – June 21, 2016**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 301 – June 21, 2016-** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Drescher & Malecki LLP – Ulster County Legislature

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 12: **Resolution No. 303 – June 21, 2016**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Postpone Resolution No. 303 – June 21, 2016-** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Allscripts Healthcare, LLC – Department Of Information Services

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: Legislator Bartels stated this original contract was in 2003, and she asked why we did not go out to bid in so long. Burt Gulnick explained they may be a sole provider and he could research that for her.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Maloney, Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 13: **Resolution No. 304-308 – June 21, 2016**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Block the following resolutions:**

Resolution No. 304 – June 21, 2016 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – SKEO Solutions – Department Of Planning

Resolution No. 305 – June 21, 2016 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Department of Health – Rape Crisis and Sexual Violence Prevention Program -- Department of Probation

Resolution No. 306 – June 21, 2016 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept Additional Funding From The New York State Prosecutors Training Institute (NYPTI) – Amending The 2016 Ulster County Budget – District Attorney

Resolution No. 307 – June 21, 2016 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With New York State Office of General Services – Real Estate Planning & Development For The Department of Labor, For Office Space – Department of Public Works (Buildings and Grounds)

Resolution No. 308 – June 21, 2016 - Amending The 2016 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Children’s Case Management Programs – Department Of Mental Health

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: None.

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

Motion No. 14: **Resolution No. 304-308 – June 21, 2016**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve the previously blocked resolutions.**

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None.

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

Motion No. 15: **Resolution No. 310 – June 21, 2016**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 310 – June 21, 2016-** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Inter-Municipal For Computer Skills Education At The Ulster Works OneStop Center With Ulster County Board Of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) - Department of Employment And Training

Motion Made By: Legislator Allen

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

Motion No. 16: Resolution No. 313 – June 21, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 313 – June 21, 2016-** Supporting A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Accept 5339(B) Funding For Replacement of Buses And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding- Department of Public Transportation (UCAT)

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

Discussion: None.

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

Motion No. 17: Resolution No. 314 – June 21, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 314 – June 21, 2016-** Appropriating Funds From Advertising on Buses To Purchase Bus Parts And Equipment– Department Of Public Transportation (UCAT)

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

Discussion: Legislator Bartels said she would feel better if we used the advertising space to promote Ulster County and Ulster County services as opposed to local law firms. Legislator Gerentine state first we should evaluate the advertisement and see if they are paying what is on par with the area. He asked Burt Gulnick how much we made off of these advertisements. Burt explained that roughly \$15,000 is about what the county takes in. A general discussion ensued on the topic.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 18: Resolution No. 316 – June 21, 2016

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 316 – June 21, 2016- Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Properties To The Original Owners – Department Of Finance

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 19: Resolution No. 317 – June 21, 2016

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 317 – June 21, 2016- Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Accept A Bid For Purchase Of A Parcel Of County-Owned Property At The April 21, 2015 Public Auction - Department Of Finance

Motion Made By: Legislator Allen
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 20: Resolution No. 318 – June 21, 2016

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 318 – June 21, 2016- Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Accept A Bid For A Parcel Of County Owned Property At The April 20, 2016 Public Auction Previously Acquired By Court Order- Department Of Finance

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

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Legislator Maloney left the meeting prior to Resolution 319 being moved.

Motion No. 21: **Resolution No. 319 – June 21, 2016**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 319 – June 21, 2016-** Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Accept And Reject Bids For Purchase Of Parcels Of County-Owned Property At The April 20, 2016 Public Auction - Department Of Finance

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: Legislator Gerentine state Josh Koplovitz and Mark Delacorte are in attendance today regarding a property from the auction. He explained letters have been issued to the committee explaining the situation and offered Josh Koplovitz the floor. Mr. Koplovitz explained to the committee his clients request and what has caused the current situation to occur regarding the business change of address. He stated the County had received all the letters back as undeliverable and that the County is required to take reasonable steps to send the letters to the right address. Legislator Gerentine stated, the problem he has as a developer is that if my tax bill hasn't arrived in a couple years that the town, city, or county is paying my taxes. Mr. Koplovitz says the issue is that they spent all this money on the property. Erica Guerin stated Mr. Koplovitz has already stated that he is threatening litigation and as the attorney of the Legislature this is on the record and she has a client to protect. Legislator Bartels asked if the school taxes were paid. Mr. Koplovitz stated the 2011 – 2012 school taxes were paid. Bea Havranek said there is more to the issue than what is in the letter and she would be happy to explain them to the committee in executive session. Mr. Delacorte stated his opinions are expressed in the letter and they are here to answer any questions they have.

Text of Motion: **To enter executive session to discuss the information brought forward and the situation at hand.**

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Entered Executive Session at 5:36.

Text of Motion: **To exit executive session.**

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Ronk
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Exited Executive Session at 5:43.

Discussion Cont.: Legislator Belfiglio asked when the property would be conveyed. Burt said it would start next Tuesday. Legislator Belfiglio asked if there was any way both parties could come to an agreement. Mr. Koplovitz stated they engaged in extensive negotiations that did not end in an agreement. Mr. Delacorte stated they offered to give it back for the same price plus one dollar that they bid on it, which is identical to the reacquisition act.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Belfiglio, Maio, Ronk
Voting Against: Legislator Bartels
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 1
Disposition: Carried

New Business

Old Business

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

Dated the 28th day of June, 2016
Donald J. Quesnell, Fiscal Analyst
Minutes Approved On: July 12, 2016