

**American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: March 8, 2023 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
PRESIDING OFFICER: Peter Criswell
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Amber Feaster, Deputy Clerk - Finance
PRESENT: Legislators Corcoran, and Levine
ABSENT: Legislators Lopez, and Sperry
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Erner, Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, and Petit; Legislative Counsel Christopher Ragucci; Director of ARP Administration Nate Litwin; ARP Administration Molly Scott, and Ashlee Long; Assistant Deputy County Executive Laura Nordstrom

Peter Criswell called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve Minutes of the February 8, 2023 Meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Chair Criswell thanked Director of ARP Administration Nate Litwin for his presentation at the last ARPA Committee meeting. Director Litwin, along with Ms. Molly Scott and Ms. Ashlee Long answered Chair and Committee member questions regarding the initial responses to the ARP Parks Program and progress on the following programs: CARES II, the second round of Water & Sewer, Boosts for Main Streets, Land Bank, and Jail Demolition. Further discussion took place on the Water & Sewer Program and qualifying municipal needs. Director Litwin disclosed that the ARP Administration is also overseeing the rehabilitation of 21 Elizabeth Street which is not funded by ARPA and followed up on questions pertaining to the Brownfields Project.

Chair Criswell reviewed the ARP Project Tracker, summarizing the total funding unassigned.

Resolutions for the March 21, 2023 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 541 of 2022: Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program – Amending Capital Project No. 604 – ARPA Water And Sewer Infrastructure – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends Capital Project No. 604 – ARP Water and Sewer Infrastructure to increase the amount of funding available by \$1,000,000.00.

Motion No. 2: **Resolution No. 541 of 2022 Moved For Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Discussion:

The Committee acknowledged that there are Water & Sewer funds remaining and expressed desire to see them fully expended for the designated purpose. The Committee expressed interest in opening up the current Water & Sewer program so that municipalities may be awarded funding for more than one project.

The Committee took no action on Resolution No. 541 of 2022.

Resolution No. 78: Amending The 2023 - 2028 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 659 - ARP Solar Infrastructure – Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 659 – ARP Solar Infrastructure in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 to establish a program to match up to 50% of the total cost of a solar infrastructure project with a maximum match of \$125,000.00 per project for local municipalities.

Motion No. 3: **Resolution No. 78 Moved for Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion:

Legislator Corcoran explained the proposed program, providing examples for the impacts that solar projects can have on municipalities, emphasizing how far the funding can go when utilized with other available grants, and explaining what types of projects are included in the proposal. Chair Criswell expressed support for the project. Legislator Levine reiterated this support. The Committee agreed to score the Proposal in preparation for the next meeting of the ARPA Special Committee.

Motion No. 4: **Resolution No. 78 Moved for Postponement**
Motion By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Levine, Lopez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

Resolution No. 88: Amending The 2023 Budget To Provide Hudson River Watershed Alliance With Funding For Administrative And Program Support Services To Assist Various Agencies In Ulster County - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2023 Ulster County Budget for the purpose of providing funding to the Hudson River Watershed Alliance in the amount of \$35,000.00 for a contract to be executed for administrative and programming support on behalf of the RCWA, the WRWA, and the Ulster County Water Quality Committee.

Motion No. 5: **Resolution No. 88 Moved for Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Discussion:

Chair Criswell expressed concern that this proposal does not equally impact all geographical regions of the County. Legislator Nolan suggested publishing a Request for Proposals for the services proposed herein. Further discussion pursued on how this proposal could be amended to expand its outreach.

Motion No. 6: **Resolution No. 88 Moved for Postponement**
Motion By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Levine, Lopez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

Resolution No. 89: Amending The 2023 Budget To Provide Funding To The Ulster County Historical Society (UCHS) To Create A Job Training & Mentorship Program - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2023 Ulster County Budget for the purpose of providing funding to the Ulster County Historical Society in the amount of \$6,880.00 for a contract to be executed for a job training and mentorship pilot program for one (1) year.

Motion No. 7: **Resolution No. 89 Moved For Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion:

Chair Criswell expressed concern that the proposal’s outreach is limited. Further, Chair Criswell acknowledged that the amount of ARPA Funding remaining is limited and the Committee must now consider whether funding is available. Legislator Nolan informed the Committee that she has found a doner who is willing to match the County’s support for this program. Legislator Litts confirmed that the Organization is a non-profit that did not apply to the ARP Non-Profit Recovery & Resilience Program.

Motion No. 8: Resolution No. 88 Moved for Postponement

Motion By: Legislator Corcoran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Levine, Lopez

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Postponed

Resolution No. 90: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Rosendale, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Partially Fund Replacement Of A Municipal Water Storage Tank – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an Inter Municipal Agreement with the Town of Rosendale to partially fund the replacement of a water storage tank in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney in the amount of \$500,000.00.

Motion No. 9: Resolution No. 90 Moved For Discussion

Motion By: Legislator Levine

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion:

Chair Criswell asked if there was any discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Levine, Lopez

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Unfinished Business

Director Litwin informed the Committee that budgetary funds were over-expended for the acquisition of the Crisis Stabilization Center.

Chair Criswell asked if there was further discussion, old or new business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:01 PM

Respectfully submitted: Deputy Clerk – Finance Feaster

Minutes Approved: March 29, 2023