

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

DATE & TIME: May 24, 2023 – 5:00 AM
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
PRESIDING OFFICER: Peter Criswell
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Amber Feaster
PRESENT: Legislators Corcoran, Levine, and Sperry
ABSENT: Legislator Lopez
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Erner; Director of ARP Administration Nate Litwin; ARP Administration Molly Scott, and Ashlee Long

Peter Criswell called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM

Chair Criswell acknowledged that May is Nationally declared Mental Health Awareness month, summarizing the ways that Ulster County has leveraged over \$5 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds to support and enhance Mental Health and Addiction programming within the community.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve Minutes of the April 26, 2023 Meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, and Sperry
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Chair Criswell opened the floor for Director of ARP Administration Nate Litwin to update the Committee on the status of open ARPA projects. Director Litwin provided a detailed description of each project’s status. Committee members requested additional information on the Mental Health for Schools Project relating to the transition into summer break. Director Litwin confirmed that Chair Criswell will be able to review the Boost for Main Streets Program before it is published. Further discussion pursued on the advertising plan for the Eviction Services program. Additionally, Director Litwin explained the timing delay with the Elizabeth Manner renovation which is due to the discovery of led and asbestos.

Chair Criswell provided a brief overview of a summary sheet displaying approved ARPA projects, asking Committee members to communicate any feedback they may have. Committee members vocalized desire to include the partner name(s), if any, associated with each project.

Chair Criswell discussed the definitions used amongst various financial spreadsheets and reports. and created a plan for staff to meet for review and final decision. The Committee discussed the level of APRA funding that is currently at risk of a claw back provision if one were to be successfully adopted.

Deputy Clerk of the Legislature – Finance Amber Feaster provided a brief overview of a reconciliation that was created to compare the Legislature’s initial ARPA assignments against current APRA assignments.

Resolutions for the June 13, 2023 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 322: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Gardiner, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Fund The Rehabilitation Of An Existing Sewer District – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Gardiner to partially fund the necessary repairs to the existing wastewater system, including the rehabilitation of manhole covers, replacement of septic risers, and sewer pipe repairs in the amount of \$148,896.00.

Resolution No. 323: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Saugerties, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Fund The Extension Of The Kings Highway Water And Sewer System – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Saugerties to partially fund the extension of the existing water and sewer system to include 14 new users and the Mt. Marion Fire Department in the amount of \$364,297.00.

Resolution No. 324: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Shawangunk, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Fund The Extension Of The Route 208 South Sewer Extension – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Shawangunk to partially fund the extension of the existing sewer system in the amount of \$500,000.00.

Resolution No. 325: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Wawarsing, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Fund The Rehabilitation Of Two Wells Part Of The Napanoch Water District – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Wawarsing to fund the rehabilitation of two wells in the amount of \$24,361.00.

Resolution No. 326: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Woodstock, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Fund The Replacement Of A Well Supply For The Woodstock Water District – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Woodstock to partially fund the well replacement in the amount of \$66,000.00.

Motion No. 2: MOTION TO BLOCK Resolutions No. 322, 323, 324, 325, 326
Motion By: Legislator Sperry
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, and Sperry

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolutions BLOCKED

Discussion: None

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

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, and Sperry

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolutions No. 322, 323, 324, 325 and 326 APPROVED

New Business

Village of Saugerties – Wastewater Treatment Plant – Letter Dated: April 6, 2023

Chair Criswell introduced a letter to the ARPA Committee from Mayor Murphy from the Village of Saugerties regarding Water & Sewer assistance. Committee members discussed the request for consideration and expressed concern over setting a precedent that cannot be applied equally across other open and ongoing ARPA Projects. Committee members further discussed the ability to make special exceptions. Legislator Levine agreed to reach out to the Village to inquire about the Project’s funding needs and time sensitivity.

Unfinished Business

Chair Criswell provided the Committee with a definition for “Community Kitchens” and for “Commissary Kitchens”, explaining the differences between the two and asking the Committee which they feel better fits the needs of the community. Chair Criswell asked that Committee consider who could partner with the County to oversee and manage the kitchen(s) once established, such as a local Town or Village or a non-for-profit. Further discussion pursued on analyses that are available regarding local food security needs. The Committee discussed the option and complexity associated with a mobile option.

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Sperry
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:33 PM

Respectfully submitted: Deputy Clerk – Finance Feaster
Minutes Approved: June 28, 2023