

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE



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MINUTES

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023

6:30 PM

**244 FAIR STREET, KINGSTON, NY 12401
COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, 6TH FLOOR**

**MEETING ALSO AVILABLE BY LIVESTREAM:
<https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY VICTORIA A. FABELLA, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:
6:36 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:
Led by Legislator Megan Sperry**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Meeting.

MICROPHONES

Please be reminded when speaking to use your microphones so that you are recorded for the official record.

ROLL CALL:

Present: 21	Absent: 2 (Legislators Maloney & Walter)
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NOMINATION OF THE TEMPORARY CHAIR OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Clerk Victoria A. Fabella called upon Legislator Uchitelle for the purpose of nominating a Temporary Chair.

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Cahill to nominate Majority Leader Heppner as Temporary Chair.

Clerk Fabella then asked if there were any other nominations. Motion to close nominations by Minority Leader Ronk, seconded by Legislator Litts.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0

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NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Temporary Chair Heppner called upon Legislator Uchitelle for the purpose of making a nomination of Chair.

Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Hansut to nominate Legislator Tracey Bartels as Chair.

Temporary Chair Heppner then asked if there were any other nominations. Motion to close nominations by Legislator Litts, seconded by Legislator Cahill. Clerk Fabella called the long roll.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Ronk)

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CHAIR'S ACCEPTANCE

Chairwoman Bartels thanked Legislators Uchitelle and Hansut for their nominations, and thanked everyone for their confidence and support. "I appreciate both sides of the aisle, and the ability for us to disagree, but always agree to work together. I believe that this seat is a seat among equals, and I see each of you as my equal. We have an equal vote each time. There is a lot of work ahead of us. I look forward to working with the new County Executive. This is going to be a year of a lot of productivity, and we're going to do that together."

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THE FOLLOWING DESIGNATIONS ARE ON FILE:

Majority Leader – Jonathan R. Heppner, District No. 23

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Minority Leader – Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr., District No. 13

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OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

PUBLICATION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS, ELECTION NOTICES ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND THE OFFICIAL CANVASS

(D) – Daily Freeman
(R) – Southern Ulster Times

PUBLICATION OF LOCAL LAWS AND VARIOUS NOTICES

(D) – Hudson Valley One
(R) – Shawangunk Journal

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Gina Hansut, January 12th
Legislator Dean Fabiano, January 24th
Legislator Laura Petit, January 28th

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

UC Legislative Chair, Tracey A. Bartels

UC Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella

Ulster County Public Works, Capital Projects &
Transportation Committee
New York State Department of Transportation

NYS Public Service Commission

UC Department of Planning Director, Dennis Doyle

UC Compliance Officer, Tom Gibney

UC Public Defender
UC Veteran Services Director, Mark A. Cozzupoli

Appt. Donna Egan, UCRRA Board
Appt. Andrew Ghiorse, UCRRA Board
Agency Notification of UCRRA Appts.
Thank You, Charles Landi
Thank You, Katherine J. Beinkafner
Thank You, Julie Noble
Thank You, Michael Boms
Thank You, Shannon Harris
Thank You, Frank Fauble
Ulster County Tax Apportionment
Minority & Majority Leader Designations
Correspondence re: Rail Crossings on
Kings Highway
Response re: Rail Crossings on Kings
Highway
Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-
01188, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
Study
Subsequent Filing – Case No. 17-T-0816,
Minor Changes 3.5.6 HSB 12.23.22 Final
Ulster County Legislature SEQRA Notice
of Intent to Serve As Lead Agency &
Environmental Assessment Form for the
Ulster County Government Operations
Center
Compliance Committee October Meeting
Materials
Order of Succession
Veteran Related Communications

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

UC Personnel Department
UC Comptroller, March Gallagher

Civil Service Announcements
Re: Rail Explorers Contract Approval

New York State Sheriffs' Association, Inc.
Charles Landi
UC Planning Board

Letter re: Expedited Bail by Credit Card
Letter re: UCRRA Concerns
January Meeting Materials
Financial Report
Email, Re: Rail Explorer Mitigations

M. Holm

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Press Release, Acting Ulster County
Executive Johanna Contreras Recognizes
Second Vax-to-School Scholarship
Winner, 12.17.22

Press Release, Acting Ulster County
Executive Johanna Contreras Signs 2023
Budget, 12.21.22

Press Release, Year in Review: 2022,
12.28.22

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was (1) speaker signed up for public comment.

1. Tyrone Wilson: Mr. Wilson thanked the Legislative Body for listening to what he stated at December Legislative Session, and expressed a desire to collaborate with the Body in this year.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Chair Tracey Bartels designated Majority Leader Heppner to Chair the Committee of the Whole.

Committee Chair Heppner called the Committee of the Whole to Order.

MOTION NO. 1 Resolved to consider - Resolution Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 as a Block

Motion Made By: Minority Leader Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Herbert Litts

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 1: Creating Standing Committees For The Year 2023
 Resolution No. 2: Designation of Official Newspapers
 Resolution No. 3: Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Up To
 \$15,000,000.00 Revenue Anticipation Notes Of The County Of Ulster,
 New York, In Anticipation Of The Collection Or Receipt Of Revenues
 Estimated To Be Received From Sales And Compensating Use Taxes
 During The Current Fiscal Year Of Said County
 Resolution No. 4: Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Up To
 \$20,000,000.00 Tax Anticipation Notes Of The County Of Ulster, New
 York, In Anticipation Of The Collection Or Receipt Of 2023 Real Property
 Taxes Based On 2022 Real Property Tax Assessments For The Current Fiscal
 Year Of Said County

Discussion:	None
Roll Call Vote:	No
Voting In Favor:	21
Voting Against:	0
Absent:	2

Disposition: Carried, Resolutions Blocked

Committee Chair Heppner called the question on the blocked Resolutions.

Discussion:	None
Roll Call Vote:	No
Voting In Favor:	21
Voting Against:	0
Absent:	2

Disposition: Resolution Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 Adopted

Adjournment of the Committee Of The Whole

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Minority Leader Ronk

No. of Votes in Favor: 21
No. of Votes Against: 0

RESOLUTION NOS: 1 - 4

1	Creating Standing Committees For The Year 2023 ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 20 NOES: 1 (Noes: Legislator Ronk) (Absent: Legislators Maloney & Walter)
2	Designation Of Official Newspapers ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Maloney & Walter)
3	Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Up To \$15,000,000.00 Revenue Anticipation Notes Of The County Of Ulster, New York, In Anticipation Of The Collection Or Receipt Of Revenues Estimated To Be Received From Sales And Compensating Use Taxes During The Current Fiscal Year Of Said County ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Maloney & Walter)

4	<p>Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Up To \$20,000,000.00 Tax Anticipation Notes Of The County Of Ulster, New York, In Anticipation Of The Collection Or Receipt Of 2023 Real Property Taxes Based On 2022 Real Property Tax Assessments For The Current Fiscal Year Of Said County</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Maloney & Walter)</p>
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MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:

Michael D. Croce, Wallkill, NY
Lisa Ann Dachenhausen, Ruby, NY
Vincent J. Giuffre, Kingston, NY
Dianne C. Sleight, Kingston, NY
William J. Cozza, Kingston, NY
Richard F. Keller, Bloomington, NY
Angelo R. Russo, Shokan, NY
Robert Brandt, Saugerties, NY
Jose M. Colon, Sr., Ellenville, NY
Archibald Reid, Wallkill, NY
Chris Seaton, UK (Abe)

Pamela Ross, Saugerties, NY
Yolanda Viviani, Lake Katrine, NY
Robert Elander, Saugerties, NY
Clyde A. Russell, West Hurley, NY
Donald McAuley Tinnie Jr., Ulster, NY
Richard Mullen, Stone Ridge, NY
Salvatore Scilla, Marlboro, NY
Teresa Crawford Jones, Highland, NY
Frances McClintock, Pine Bush, NY
Christine Torrasco, Kingston, NY

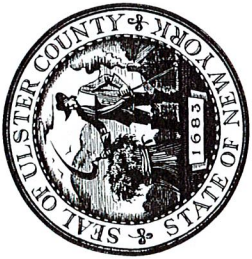
PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no speakers signed up for public comment.

Motion by Legislator Herbert Litts, seconded by Legislator Cahill, to adjourn the Organizational Meeting. All in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:11 PM

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4, 2022

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	CONTACT	TOPIC(S) TO BE DISCUSSED
1. <i>Tyrone Wilson</i> <i>HR Commissioner</i>	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	
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DESIGNATION OF A MAJORITY LEADER OF
THE 2023 ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

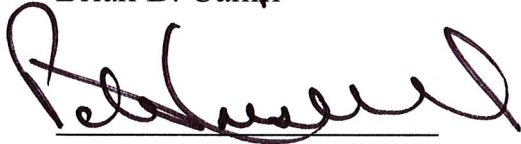
We, the undersigned, a Majority of the members of the Ulster County Legislature, representing the Democratic Party, one of the two principal parties into which said County is divided, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the Democratic members of said County Legislature hereby elect Jonathan Heppner to be Majority Leader of the Ulster County Legislature for the year 2023.



Tracey A. Bartels



Brian B. Cahill



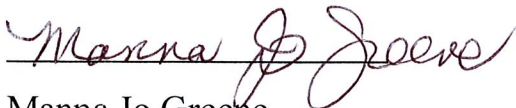
Peter J. Criswell



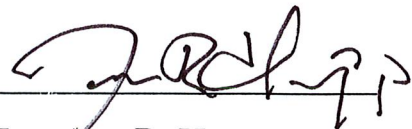
Philip Erner



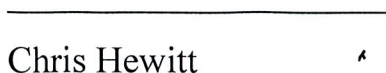
John Gavaris



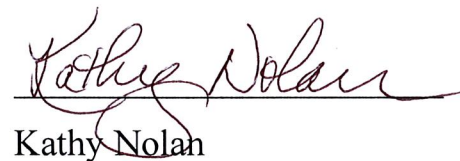
Manna Jo Greene



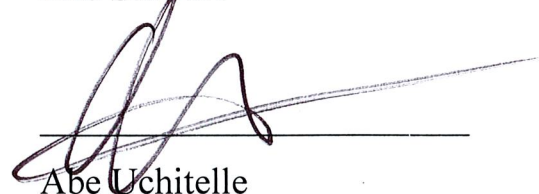
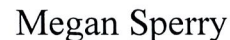
Jonathan R. Heppner



Chris Hewitt



Kathy Nolan



Abe Uchitelle



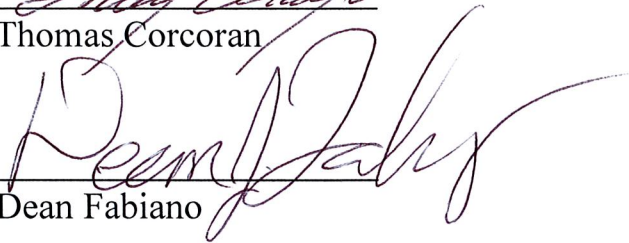
Eve Walter


**DESIGNATION OF A MINORITY LEADER OF
THE 2023 ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

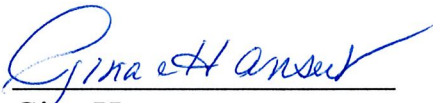
We, the undersigned, a Minority of the members of the Ulster County Legislature, representing the Republican Party, one of the two principal parties into which said County is divided, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the Republican members of said County Legislature hereby elect Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. to be Minority Leader of the Ulster County Legislature for the year 2023.


Thomas Corcoran



Craig Lopez


Dean Fabiano


Kevin Roberts


Gina Hansut

Kenneth Ronk, Jr.


Herbert Litts, III

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