

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE



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MINUTES

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016

6:30 PM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY VICTORIA A. FABELLA,
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: 6:35 PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Legislator Tracey Bartels

NATIONAL ANTHEM: Vocal by Courtney Sheeley

INVOCATION: RCA Preaching Elder Ken Ronk, Sr.

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 and refrain from texting for the duration of the Meeting.

MICROPHONES

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

ROLL CALL: **Present:** 23 **Absent:** 0

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SWEARING IN OF LEGISLATORS

BY THE

HON. KERI E. SAVONA, ULSTER COUNTY FAMILY COURT JUDGE

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**NOMINATION OF THE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF THE
ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

Clerk Victoria A. Fabella called upon Legislator Mary Beth Maio for the purpose of the nomination of the Temporary Chairman.

Legislator Maio motioned, seconded by Legislator Hector Rodriguez to nominate Legislator Richard Gerentine as Temporary Chairman.

Clerk Fabella then asked if there were any other nominations.

Legislator Maio motioned, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez to close the nominations. All in Favor.

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NOMINATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Temporary Chairman Gerentine announced that nominations were open for the election of a Permanent Chairman.

Legislator Hector Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Manna Greene to nominate Legislator Thomas Briggs.

Temporary Chairman Gerentine then asked Legislator Maio to come up to the Chairman's seat so Legislator Gerentine could proceed to the podium to address the full Legislature.

Legislator Gerentine motioned, seconded by Legislator John Parete to nominate Legislator Kenneth Ronk.

Legislator Maio motioned, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez to close the nominations.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 14 NOES: 9
(Noes: Legislators Allen, Bartels, Berky, Briggs,
Delaune, Greene, Heppner, Loughran, Rodriguez)

CHAIRMAN'S ACCEPTANCE

Chairman Kenneth Ronk Jr. thanked everyone for their support and vowed to work with both sides of the aisle in a collaborative manner to move forward a legislative agenda that he said will include important and attainable measures.

THE FOLLOWING DESIGNATIONS ARE ON FILE:

Majority Leader – Mary Beth Maio, District No. 10

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Minority Leader – Hector S. Rodriguez, District No. 20

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OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

PUBLICATION OF LOCAL LAWS AND VARIOUS NOTICES

- (R) – Shawangunk Journal**
- (D) – Ulster Publishing**

PUBLICATION OF ELECTION NOTICES OF THE OFFICIAL CANVAS

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

UC Republican Legislature	Certification / Designation Majority Leader for 2016, Mary Beth Maio Designation of Southern Ulster Times as Official Publication for 2016 Election Notices Designation of Shawangunk Journal as Official Publication for 2016 Local Laws, Notices
UC Democratic Legislature	Certification/Designation Minority Leader for 2016, Hector S. Rodriguez Designation of Daily Freeman as Official Publication for 2016 Election Notices Designation of Ulster Publishing as Official Publication for 2016 Local Laws, Notices
UC Chairman, John R. Parete UC Resource Recovery Agency UC Personnel Department League of Women Voters	SEQRA Notice of Intent, UC Lead Agency Agenda, December 22 & 29 2015 Civil Service Exam Announcemts & Amend Commentator, December 2015-January 2016 Letter, Ulster County Charter Minutes, November 9, 2015 Vol. 47, No. 23 & 24 Nov. & Dec. 2015 2016 Meeting Schedule 2016 Meeting Schedule
UC Community Services Board NACO County News UC Youth Board UC Human Rights Commission SUNY Ulster Community College	UCCC Audited Financial Statements Yr. Ending August 31, 2015 & 2014 Fall 2015 News Brochure December 2015 Newsletter Sturgeon Pool Dam Emergency Action Plan Grand Opening Albany Location Calendar of Events, Jan. & Feb. 2016 Memo CMRR vs. Ulster County Judgment Cell Phone Drive Expedited Bail by Credit Card Program Security Measures in UC Office Bldg. Costs of Elections Financial Impact Report 2016 Calendar
New Horizons Resources, Inc. Central Hudson, A Fortis Co.	Mtg. Minutes 10/21/15, Agenda 12/7/15
C&S Companies UC Tourism Department UC Attorney, Beatrice Havranek UC Probation Department NYS Sheriff's Association Inc. UC Comptroller, Elliott Auerbach	
Ancient Order Of Hibernians UC Solid Waste Disposal Improve Comm.	

CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

NYS Sheriff's Association Inc.
UC Comptroller, Elliott Auerbach

Ancient Order Of Hibernians
UC Solid Waste Disposal Improve Comm.
U&D Corridor Committee
UC Planning Board
UC Traffic Safety Board

Expedited Bail by Credit Card Program
Security Measures in UC Office Bldg.
Costs of Elections Financial Impact Report
2016 Calendar
Mtg. Minutes 10/21/15, Agenda 12/7/15
Proposed Use Policy Color Coded Map
Agenda, Minutes 12/2/15
Attendance Sheet January 4, 2016

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Press Release, 2016 UC Budget Approval
Veto Message, Resolution No. 445 of 2015
Veto Message, Resolution No. 446 of 2015
Re-appointment Dr. Douglas Heller,
UC Medical Examiner
Appointment Ruth Jordan, Office
For The Aging Advisory Council; Term:
January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018
Corporate Compliance Minutes, 10/28/15
Press Release, UC Exec. Oath of Office
Letter, NYMIR Insurance Rates
County Executive Order of Succession

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

1. Sheriff Paul Van Blarcum: Sheriff Van Blarcum congratulated Chairman elect Ken Ronk Jr. and thanked Legislator John Parete for his work as Chairman over the past two years, and for their long standing friendship. The Sheriff welcomed the Legislative body to visit his office, learn about his office operations, and to have a conversation – open door policy.

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period for tonight's Organizational Meeting can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative website.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: 7:03 PM

Chairman Richard Gerentine recognized Majority Leader Maio for the purposes of a motion, seconded by Minority Leader Rodriguez to enter into the Legislature as a Committee of the Whole. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Kenneth Ronk called upon Legislator James Maloney to assume the role as acting Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

Legislator Maloney noted Resolution No. 7 was withdrawn by the sponsor.

MOTION NO. 1 Resolve to Block Vote - Resolution Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Motion Made By: Legislator Hector Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Mary Beth Maio

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 1: Adoption Of The Rules Of Order
Resolution No. 2: Appointing A Clerk Of The Ulster County Legislature
Resolution No. 3: Creating Standing Committees For The Year 2016
Resolution No. 4: Designation of Official Newspaper
Resolution No.5: 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.6: 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 2016 Real Property Taxes Based On 2015 Real Property Tax Assessments For The Current Fiscal Year Of Said County

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: (23)

Voting Against: (0)

Absent: (0)

Disposition: Carried

Adjournment of the Committee Of The Whole

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

No. of Votes in Favor: 23

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME 7:15 PM

RESOLUTION NOS: 1-7

Resolution No. 7 : Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2016 (A Local Law Prohibiting The Sale Of Personal Care Products Containing Microbeads In Ulster County) To Be Held On Tuesday, January 19, 2016 At 6:00 PM.

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

A motion was made by Legislator Maio, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez to Block Vote Resolution Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

1 Adoption Of The Rules Of Order

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

2 Appointing A Clerk Of The Ulster County Legislature

Clerk Victoria Fabella received accolades for a job well done from numerous legislators on both sides of the isle.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

3 Creating Standing Committees For The Year 2016

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

4 Designation Of Official Newspapers

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

5 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: 23 NOES: 0

6 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 2016 Real Property Taxes Based On 2015 Real Property Tax Assessments For The Current Fiscal Year Of Said County

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

7 Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2016 (A Local Law Prohibiting The Sale Of Personal Care Products Containing Microbeads In Ulster County) To Be Held On Tuesday, January 19, 2016 At 6:00 PM

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: Read by Legislator Mary Beth Maio.

Stephen "Pat" Doonan, Kingston, NY
Capt. Jack H.G. Rose, Saugerties, NY
John R. Relyea Jr., Marlboro, NY
Ava Hussey, Highland, NY
Erwin Gutkin, Kerhonkson, NY
Earl N. Carter, Milton, NY
Wendell A. Scherer, Kingston, NY
Lillian Aaron, Delray Beach, FL
Raymond E. Smith, Marbletown, NY
Domenica Parrinello, Marlboro, NY

Jennie M. Spada, Town Of Ulster, NY
Catherine E. Ott, Saugerties, NY
Logan P. Hood, Accord, NY
Margaret Conna, Plattekill, NY
John S. Corrado, Marlboro, NY
Michael Lecesse, Coats, NC
Jerry Vaughn, Milledgeville, GA
Taryn L. Knudsen, Alligerville, NY
William J. Sisler Jr., Pompano Beach, FL
Ann B. Morehead, Balmville, NY

BENEDICTION: RABBI YITZCHOK HECHT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:25 PM