

# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## MINUTES

**JANUARY 30, 2014**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**7:00 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 7:10 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by Chairman Parete

**MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:**

## 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 Session.

### **MICROPHONES**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Present: 22 Absent: 1  
(Legislator Roberts)

**BIRTHDAYS:** None

**MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Legislative Clerk Fabella noted for the record that on file in correspondence with the Clerk of Legislature was County Executive Hein's veto message.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM:**

Chairman John Parete	Letter to County Executive
	Letter of Appointment – Herbert Litts, III
	Letter of Appointment – Chris Allen
Ulster County Legislature	2014 Legislative Committees
	2014 Legislative Regular Meeting Schedule
Senator James Seward	Acknowledgment of Receipt of Legislation
Assemblyman Kevin Cahill	Introduction of A.7949-B
Ulster County Attorney	Letter re: Real Property of Ulster County Acquired From Lower Esopus River Watch
NYS Unified Court System	Designation of Member to Fill Jury Board Vacancy
Ulster County Sheriff	Letter re: FCC Order Affecting Telephone Rates Charged To Inmates In Prisons and Jails
Family of Woodstock	February 9, 2014 Benefit Brunch
Kathleen S. Grambling, Ph.D.	Thank You
Hilliard A. MacDonald	Thank You
Concerned Citizens	32 Letters in Support of Catskill Mountain Railroad
Concerned Citizens	12 Letters Re: CMRR Litigation
Concerned Citizens	14 Letters in Support of Rail With Trail

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**CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)**

Catskill Watershed Corporation

Concerned Citizens

Sharon Rosen

Ulster County Health Department

ProAct, Inc.

Health Alliance of the Hudson Valley

Ulster County IDA

Ancient Order of Hibernians

NaCo

Dutchess County Arts Council

Ulster County Community Action

Fire Advisory Board

NYS Assembly Committee on Environmental  
Conservation

Community Services Board

Concerned Citizens

Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Frank Sottile

Ulster County Area Transportation

Mental Health Association In Ulster County, Inc.

January 8, 2014 Adoption of  
Resolution Nos. 2417 – 2425

2 Letters in Opposition to Closing  
Lake Katrine Social Security Office  
Prior Written Notice re: Pothole  
2014 Contact Information  
2014 NYSAC Legislative Conference  
*Health Alliance & You*, Winter 2014  
Notice of Public Hearing re: Proposed  
Park Point New Paltz, LLC Project  
March 16, 2014 St. Patrick's Parade  
*County News*, Volume 46, No. 1,  
January 13, 2014

2014 Annual Meeting Invitation  
Request For Appointees/Re-  
appointees  
Members of the UC Fire Advisory  
Board  
Legislative Report

November 4, 2013 Minutes  
2090 Petition Signatures "Ulster  
County Executive: Save Our Railroad"  
December 2013 Recycling Report,  
Recycling Commodities, Leachate  
Report, MSW Report, Recycling  
Program Report, Treasurer's Report,  
January 27, 2014 Annual Meeting  
Agenda, January 27, 2014 Regular  
Board Meeting Agenda, Resolution  
No. 2315

January 2014 Newsletter

2013 Annual Report

Thank You

Federal Drawdown - Grant #NY-90-  
X682-00

Anemones Fundraiser

**COMMUNICATIONS (continued)**

NYMIR

Jan Melchior  
Ulster County Department Mental Health

Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce  
HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley  
Ulster County BOCES  
Saugerties Town Clerk

Claudia Forst

SUNY Ulster Dean Komdat

2014 NYSAC Winter Legislative  
Conference Reception Invitation  
Property Tax Sale Issue  
Justina Ortlieb Resignation from  
Persons With Developmental  
Disabilities Subcommittee e-mail  
*Progress*, January 19, 2014  
Stop Smoking Cessation Program  
Newsletter  
Resolution for March 5, 2014 Public  
Hearing  
Prior Written Notice – North Putt  
Corner’s Road Potholes  
Audited Financial Statements Year  
Ending August 31, 2013

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:**

Resolution No. 297 Veto Message  
Adopted Budget 2014  
2014 Adopted Budget Personnel  
Listing  
Extension of 1% Sales Tax Rate  
Memorandum  
Notice of Appointment – Dorraine  
Whitney, Interim Insurance Officer  
Notice of Appointment – Marjorie  
Rovereto, Board of Ethics

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DATE:**

Economic Development & Tourism	December 10, 2013
Environmental, Energy & Technology	December 5, 2013
Health & Personnel	December 2, 2013
	December 17, 2013
Legislative Programs, Ed & Community Services	December 11, 2013
Social Services	December 2, 2013

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Chairman John R. Parete granted Privilege of the Floor to Duane Postupack representing Congressman Chris Gibson, who discussed the collective efforts to maintain a Social Security Office in Ulster County. A letter from Congressman Chris Gibson, read by Duane Postupack, is on file with the Clerk of the Legislature.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were five (5) speakers at tonight's meeting.

1. **Lynda Boryk:**

Ms. Boryk stated she is an employee of the Lake Katrine Social Security Office and noted the hardships that would be created if the local office was closed. She highlighted the alternative suggest by Senator Schumer to relocate the office. (Written comment on file with Clerk of the Legislature.)

2. **Ann Papelian:**

Ms. Papelian stated she was employed at the Lake Katrine Social Security Office for 37 ½ years. She spoke in support of keeping the local Social Security Office open. Ms. Papelian indicated that Ulster County had the same area comparison as the State of Rhode Island, which had five offices whereas Ulster County only maintained one office.

3. **Peter Fluchere:**

Mr. Fluchere spoke in support of the Catskill Mountain Railroad. (Written comment on file with the Clerk of the Legislature.)

4. **Tobe Carey:**

Mr. Carey stated he is a resident of Hurley and referenced Daily Freeman article regarding the safety of the oil tankers traveling through Ulster County and the codes presented on the tankers. (Written comment on file with Clerk of the Legislature).

5. **Walter Otto:**

Mr. Otto spoke on the topic of the costly litigation that was currently ongoing between the Catskill Mountain Railroad and the County of Ulster.

**RESOLUTION NOS: 11- 34 (Resolution No. 10- Postponed in Committee)**

Motion by Majority Leader Gregorius, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk to accept the Consent Agenda.

**Resolution Nos. 13, 15 - 30, 33-34** were adopted unanimously as part of the Consent Agenda by the following vote:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:                      AYES: 22        NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)  
(All, except 29 – 30, 33 – 34, approved by  
the County Executive)

**Resolution No. 12** was adopted as part of the Consent Agenda by the following vote:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:                      AYES: 21        NOES: 0  
(Abstaining: Legislator Wawro)  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)  
(Approved by the County Executive)

**Resolution No. 14** was adopted as part of the Consent Agenda by the following vote:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:                      AYES: 21        NOES: 0  
(Abstaining: Legislator Belfiglio)  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)  
(Approved by the County Executive)

**Resolution No. 11 - Appointing And Reappointing Members To The Ulster County Fire Advisory Board**

Vice-Chairman Donaldson motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk, to add the names of Legislators Rodriguez, Ronk and Lopez to the first RESOLVED, thereby making these three Legislators Members of the Ulster County Fire Advisory Board.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

Vice-Chairman Donaldson asked that Resolution Nos. 33 and 34 from the Consent Agenda be read out loud, with the vote count, for the benefit of Ms. Carol Olszanecki who was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Minority Leader Gregorius also asked that although the Resolution No. 29 was in the Consent Agenda, he requested that the Resolution be addressed.

**Resolution No. 31 - Restoring The Positions Of Counsel To The Legislature**

Majority Leader Gregorius motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk, to amend the salaries of the Legislative Counsel positions by redistributing the funds as indicated, with no change to the Financial Impact.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

**Resolution No. 32 - Designating Vice Chairman David B. Donaldson As The Ulster County Legislature's Member To Serve On The County Jury Board**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 17                      NOES: 5  
(NOES: Legislators Greene, Loughran,  
Provenzano, Rodriguez, and Wishnick)  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

**MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:**

Doris "Dottie" Ingraham, New Paltz	Patrick Fasso, Sr., Marlboro
Donald Ryan, Kingston	Patricia Ann Jones, Saratoga Springs
Vera Jane Birdsall, Ulster	Dr. Robert J. Markes, formerly of Kingston
Carter Berardi, Hurley	Elizabeth DeMicco, Ulster
Marie Helen Moshier, New Paltz	Claus Uhl, Clintondale
Ferdinand "Fred" Pesce, Malden-on-Hudson	Timothy Rowell, Rosendale
Deborah Bollin, Kingston	Jose Ortega-Nelson, Kingston
Bernard Binch Stahl, Olivebridge	Mary Ann Avallone, Saugerties
Rev. Albert Schofield, Jr., West Hurley	Charles Fischer, Kerhonkson
Jacqueline L. LaBarge, Lake Katrine	Pete Seeger, Beacon

Legislator Briggs announced Rabbi J.J. Hecht of Ellenville would be carrying the Ulster County Flag at the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

Majority Leader Gregorius motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk to adjourn. All in favor.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 7:51 PM

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on **Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.