

**Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: April 15, 2015 – Immediately Following Ways & Means
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, Karen Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman TJ Briggs
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk/Confidential Secretary
PRESENT: Legislators Provenzano, Ronk and J. Parete
ABSENT: Legislators Fabiano and Wishnick
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislative Counsel Cappy Weiner and Christopher Ragucci

Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 134** – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2015, A Local Law To Authorize The Sale And Use Of Sparkling Devices

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Provenzano

Discussion:

Legislator Ronk said he is in favor of the Local Law, as he has been. He thanked Chairman Briggs for his favorable comments to the Mid-Hudson News. He added that since the last meeting he spoke with more fire companies in his district and none of them had a problem with adopting the law.

Legislator Gerentine addressed the committee saying that he was aware that there would be some push back by fire companies when he introduced the law. He added that he spoke to the Ulster County Fireman’s Association and gave them information on the law, and spoke to many other fire districts regarding their concerns. He emphasized that the law was to help local businesses and included regulations for the sale of the fireworks and reminded the committee that it only allowed the sale for a few weeks each year. He continued by acknowledging the concerns expressed by the Fire Fighting community, but read some statistics of other items that caused injuries and added that if the Legislature was going to legislate against sparklers, they would also need to address the safety risks associated with: toilets, walking for exercise, vacuum cleaners, light bulbs, bathtubs, and pillows.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Provenzano, Ronk and J. Parete
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Chairman Briggs advised the committee that although he does not support the Local Law, he was voting in favor in committee to ensure that the legislation gets to the full legislature for a vote.

Chairman Briggs asked if there was any other business; hearing none.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Provenzano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:07 PM

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of May, 2015

Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: May 4, 2015