

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2014

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 7:08 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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 the Public Hearing and Session.

MICROPHONES

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

ROLL CALL: Present: 23 Absent: 0

CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:

Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2014, County of Ulster. A Local Law Applying The Salary Revisions of Resolution No. 69 of 2014 To All County Officers Serving For Fixed Terms

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no speakers at tonight's public hearing.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:11 PM

BIRTHDAYS:

District No. 2 Legislator, Chris Allen - March 24th, District No. 5 Legislator, Peter Loughran - March 26th, Legislative Staff Krista Barringer - March 14th, and Legislative Staff Fawn Tantillo - March 17th.

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

Motion made by Majority Leader Gregorius, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk. All in Favor

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

Chairman John Parete

Letter, Legislator Richard Parete

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

	Appointment Letter, Leg. Jeanette Provenzano, Ways and Means Committee
	Appointment Letter, Leg. Kenneth Wishnick, Audit Committee
Chairman John Parete	Appointment Letter, Leg. Tracy Bartels, Audit Committee
	SUNY Ulster's Start-Up Program
	Re-Appointment Letter, Leg. Richard Gerentine, Stewart Airport Commission
	Appointment Letter, Leg. Richard Parete, Audit Committee
Minority Leader, Kenneth Ronk	Appointment Letter, Leg. Richard Gerentine, Audit Committee
	Appointment Letter, Leg. Kenneth Ronk, Audit Committee
Town of Shandaken	Town Clerk Certification – Resolution
Letters in Support	Save the Rails (18) Emails/Letters
Ulster County Alive	March 2014 Calendar of Events
NACO	County News Vol.46, No.3, 2/10/14
NYS Conservationist	February 2014 Magazine
UC Personnel Department	UC Civil Service Examination Announcements
Epilepsy Foundation, Northeastern NY	Volume 9, Issue 1, Winter 2014
Natalie Merchant	Invitation, Concert Film, Benefit Victims of Domestic Violence
Congressman Chris Gibson	Listening to Your Friends and Neighbors 2/25/14
	Update of Issues That Matter To You 3/7/14
Town Of Hardenburgh Town Board	Railroad Memorializing Resolution
ProAct, Inc.	Ulster County Discount Card 1/2014

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UC Rising Communities

UC Resource Recovery Agency

Claudia Forest, New Paltz, NY
State of New York Senate

Anderson Center for Autism

Public Meeting Wed. 2/26/14, 6-8PM UCCC, Stone Ridge, NY
Annual & Regular Board Mtg.
2/24/14, 5PM

Letter, County Road Incident
Receipt of Resolution No. 72, FER
News Letter

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Kathy Nolan

UC Library Association
UC Fire Advisory Board

Institute Project Management
UC Office of Employment

Central Hudson, A Fortis Company
Hudson Valley Economic Dev. Corp. (HVEDC)

UC Trails Advisory Committee
League of Women Voters
Town of Rochester Recreation Department

CFA News

Jane Smith

Thomas V. Raffaldi, Region 3 Fish & Wildlife

Mgmt. Advisory Board
Catskill Watershed Corporation

UC Attorney
Cafaldo Family
Ulster County Community Services Board

Letter, Putting the UC Rail Trail
Project in Context
Fund Distribution
February 26, 2014 Meeting
Minutes

Masters Certification Program
Nancy Schaefer, Dir. Employment
& Training Retirement
February 2014 Newsletter
The Next Big Thing Digital
Health March 20, 2014

CMRR 2014 Rail with Trail Plan
March 2014 Commentator
Spring Newsletter, Mar.~ May
2014
Newsletter, Vol.32 No.1 – Winter
2014

Letter, Lake Katrine NY Social
Security Office Impending
Closure
Requirements Member
Appointments

Notice Of Preliminary Decisions
Of The Catskill Watershed Corp.
3/5/14

County Action Report Feb. 2014
Thank You Note
Meeting Minutes, February 10,
2014

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UC Association of Town Supervisors & Mayors
Cornell University Cooperative Extension
County of Fulton, NY Board of Supervisors

ProAct Inc.

UC Finance Department

Meeting Agenda, March 18, 2014
Spring 2014 Brochure
Resolution No. 98, "SAFE ACT",
denying use of Fulton County
Seal
UC Discount Card, March 17,
2014
County of Ulster Public Auction
2014

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Appointment Letter, Environmental Mgmt. Council (EMC), Emilie Hauser
Term Expires, June 30, 2016
Appointment Letter, Fish & Wildlife Mgmt. Board, William Wilklow, Term Expires, December 31, 2014
Press Release, (3) Dept. Heads Retire
Press Release, Personnel Realignment
Press Release, Sales Tax Due
Press Release, Sales Tax Loss
Appointment Letter, Human Rights Commission, Richard Kelder, Term Expires, December 31, 2016
Appointment Letter, Youth Board, Ronald Fields & Ester Taylor-Evans Term Expires, April 19, 2017
Appointment Letter, Board of Health, Dominique Delma, MD, Term Expires, December 31, 2018
Appointment Letter, Board of Ethics, Alan Lomita, Term Expires 12/31/16

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Appointment Letter, Human
Rights Commission, Term
Expires 12/31/16
New Financial Mgmt. System
Implementation, April 1st

ANNUAL REPORTS:

DATE:

Ulster County Real Property
Ulster County Executive Departments

2013 Annual Report
2013 Annual Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DATE:

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit
Energy and Environment
Law Enforcement and Public Safety
Laws and Rules, Governmental Services
Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services
Public Health and Social Services
Public Works and Capital Projects
Ways and Means

February 04, 2014
February 11, 2014
February 4, 2014
February 24, 2014
January 29, 2014
February 18, 2014
January 22, 2014
February 12, 2014
February 06, 2014
February 18, 2014
February 12, 2014
February 18, 2014

SPEAKERS

Hon. John R. Parete – Chairman Address

Hon. Donald J. Gregorius – Majority Address

Hon. Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. – Minority Address

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were (10) speakers at tonight's meeting and (19) people watching the online webcasting including Ryan Lennox of Shandaken watching in support of the Catskill Mountain Railroad.

1. Paul J. VanBlarcum:

Sheriff VanBlarcum stated he provided the Legislature with the UC Sheriff's Office Annual Report 2013. The Sheriff voiced his support of Resolution 112. He made himself available to Legislators to discuss the Safe Act. He discussed training which would enable his officers to carry the drug Narcan. Sheriff VanBlarcum expressed an open invitation to all Legislators to attend his department's Monday morning meetings.

2. Peter Fluchere:

Mr. Fluchere spoke of upcoming Catskill Mountain Railroad events such as the Peanuts Great Pumpkin Patch ride, the Polar Express, and a Ride with Thomas the Tank Engine. Mr. Fluchere noted these events will increase bed tax and sales tax revenues.

3. Meg Carey, Town of Hurley Resident:

Ms. Carey also spoke to upcoming Catskill Mountain Railroad events and showed support for the upcoming programs.

4. Adele Ruger, Ulster County Resident:

Ms. Ruger spoke in favor of home rule – asking the County not to override. Ms. Ruger was not in support of the proposed Wilmorite IDA PILOT program.

5. Amy Cohen, New Paltz Resident:

Ms. Cohen expressed the need for jobs in New Paltz but not at the expense of taxpayers. She stated the IDA should be monitoring PILOT programs and asked the Legislature for oversight. Ms. Cohen feels that taxes are too high and has concerns that if they continue to increase she will not be able to send her three children to college.

6. Jessica Williams, New Paltz Resident:

Ms. Williams expressed the need for the IDA to respect the community they represent.

7. Tammy Friedina:

Ms. Friedina was not in support of the Park Point New Paltz developer Wilmorite's requested IDA PILOT – noting citizens can't afford increased taxes.

PUBLIC COMMENT (continued):

8. John Johnson, Resident of New Paltz:

Mr. Johnson was not in support of the Park Point New Paltz developer Wilmorite's PILOT program. He noted it is proposed to only bring (8) jobs to the community and felt ultimately will have a 20% vacancy rate.

9. Supervisor Susan Zimet, New Paltz:

Supervisor Zimet thanked everyone that spoke during public comment in regards to the Wilmorite PILOT program proposal. Supervisor Zimet noted that the Hampton Inn and CVS are opening new locations in New Paltz and plan to pay full taxes. Supervisor Zimet promoted the fact that New Paltz embraces business but not at taxpayer expense. She requested the UC Legislature to follow and honor home rule.

10. Tim Weidemann, Kingston Resident:

Mr. Weidemann stated he is a member of Bike Friendly Kingston and spoke in favor of bike/pedestrian infrastructure in the community. He also spoke to the upcoming YMCA Bike Fest event on May 4th.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Minority Leader Ronk motioned to go into Executive Session, seconded by Majority Leader Gregorius.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 **NOES: 2**
(Noes: Legislators Hector Rodriguez
and Tracey Bartels)

Majority Whip Briggs motioned to exit Executive Session, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk, all in favor.

As the sponsors of Resolution No. 84, Legislators Richard Parete and Kevin Roberts withdrew Resolution No. 84.

RESOLUTION NOS: 73 – 113 (No. 10 and 81 - Postponed; No. 84 and 92 - Withdrawn; 54.1 - Defeated in Committee)

Motion by Majority Whip Briggs, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk to move Resolutions Nos. 94, 107, 112, and 113 into the Consent Agenda. All in Favor

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

Resolution Nos. #73-80, 83, 85, 87-91, 93-94, 96, 98-113 were adopted unanimously as part of the Consent Agenda:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Resolution No. 75 was adopted as part of the Consent Agenda by the following vote:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Abstaining: Legislator Donaldson)

Resolution No. 91 was adopted as part of the Consent Agenda by the following vote:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Abstaining: Legislator Wawro)

Resolution No. 105 was adopted as part of the Consent Agenda by the following vote:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Abstaining: Legislator Wawro)

Resolution No. 106 was adopted as part of the Consent Agenda by the following vote:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Abstaining: Legislator Belfiglio)

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:

Linda Sweeney, Woodstock, NY
Katina Vlamis, Highland, NY
Elizabeth Ellsworth, Kingston, NY
Charles Cafaldo, Glasco, NY
Clara Rugg, Ellenville, NY
Clifford Knudsen, Alligerville, NY
Frances Grunewald, Kingston, NY
Kathleen Duff, Kingston, NY
Laurie Vertetis Smith, Kingston, NY
Gary Davis, Hurley, NY
Lorraine Wood, Homosassa, FL
Helen Guerin, Kingston, NY
Thomas Zulick, Saugerties, NY
William Rine Jr., Napanoch, NY
Irene Taylor, Rosendale, NY
Roberta Jehu, Woodstock, NY
Dorothy Anderson, Ulster Park, NY
Robert Colwell III, Kingston, NY
Louise Allen, Shady, NY
Mary Jane Sherwig, New Paltz, NY

Brad Burchell, New Paltz, NY
Carmen Fischang, Kingston, NY
William Edwards, Broadstreet Hollow, NY
Albert Carpino, Glasco, NY
Gisela Biro, New Paltz, NY
Pamela Sagar, Cottekill, NY
Barbara Watzka, Lake Katrine, NY
Nicholas Carl Sr., Kingston, NY
Etta Allred, Hurley, NY
Julia Palmer, Kingston, NY
Holly Sass, Kingston, NY
Anna Muller, Schenectady, NY
Alice Naccarato, Kingston, NY
Mary Jean Sprague, New Paltz, NY
Donald Myer, Saugerties, NY
Pearl VanHorn, Kingston, NY
Joan Sutton, Highland, NY
Norma Barry, Kingston, NY
Theresa Mauro, Saugerties, NY
June Constant, Ellenville, NY

Vice Chairman Donaldson motioned, seconded by Legislator Fabiano to adjourn. All in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:28 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on **April 15, 2014 at 7:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is **Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 12 Noon.**