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MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING

6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 6:04 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Chairman John R. Parete

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

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MICROPHONES

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ROLL CALL:Present: 16Absent: 7 (Fabiano, Donaldson, Lopez,
Maloney, R. Parete, Roberts, Wawro)

Note: Legislator's Craig Lopez and Mary Wawro arrived at 6:05 PM

CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: Tonight's Hearing is being conducted to satisfy the public participation requirement for an application to the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

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

- 1. <u>Burt Samuelson</u>: Mr. Samuelson from the Ulster County Planning Department provided a brief overview of work completed for the Ulster County Housing Rehabilitation Program Phase III. This is the latest program funded by a Community Development Block Grant to have its housing rehabilitation work completed.
 - Work was completed by March of last year, 2014. In total, \$615K in rehabilitation and related work was completed.
 - Twenty-three households across the County had work done, one more than what was proposed in the grant application.
 - These households have forty-five people in total, eight of whom are elderly.
 - Five of the households were made accessible for those with physical disabilities.
 - The Town of Saugerties had the most households participate in the Program with seven.
 - Towns of Ulster and Woodstock, each with three. Plattekill and the Village of Saugerties each had two.
 - Ellenville, Town of New Paltz, Esopus, Gardiner, Rochester & Rosendale each had one.
 - The Rosendale home is an example of just how much of an impact such a program can have on the quality of life in the county. The major project in this home was refurbishing the basement due to mold. The home's air quality was very poor as

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moisture seeped in from the outside and saturated basement walls. To improve the air quality, the family had a routine established of opening the windows and doors. RUPCO's work through the contractor it hired, solved the problem. Work was done on both the interior of the house as well as on the lawn to redirect the drainage pattern.

<u>Please Note</u>: Complete content of the public comment period can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative website.

Minority Leader Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Herb Litts to adjourn.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:08 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held next **Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.