

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Minutes

November 14, 2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS & REGULAR MEETING

And via videoconference due to extraordinary circumstances pursuant to NYS Public Officers Law Section 103-A and Ulster County Local Law No. 8 of 2022, Zoom Meeting ID: 861 9911 9007 or by dialing (646) 558-8656

Also Available via *vimeo* Livestream <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>

7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR: 7:13 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND 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 for the duration of the 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 Petit in at 7:32PM)

7:00 PM – Call OF The 1st PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:15 PM

On the Proposed 2024 Budget & Proposed 2024-2029 Capital Program

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were two speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Craig Kelly, Ulster: Spoke regarding the 1st Public Hearing on the Proposed 2024 Budget
2. Rachel Gans, Bloomington: Spoke regarding the 1st Public Hearing on the Proposed 2024 Budget on housing.

Motion by Legislator Litts, second by Legislator Fabiano to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:21 PM

7:05 PM – Call OF The 2nd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:21 PM

On Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2023 (A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Amend Article II Legislative Branch §C-21 Filling Membership Vacancies)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Legislator Litts, second by Majority Leader Heppner to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:22 PM

7:10 PM – Call OF THE 3rd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:22 PM

On Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Program: Ulster County Home Repair Program 2021 (CDBG 1160HR306-21)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Legislator Litts, second by Majority Leader Heppner to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:22 PM

7:15 PM – CALL OF THE 4TH PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:22 PM

On Proposed Local Law No. 12 of 2023 (A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For the County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Modify The Term Of The Chair Of The Legislature)

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was One speaker signed up for public comment.

1. Chris Allen: was an Ulster County Legislator for District 2 from 2014-2017, spoke on Local Law No. 12 of 2023.

Motion by Legislator Litts, second by Majority Leader Heppner to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:25 PM

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Brian B. Cahill November 30th

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

Legislator Litts motioned, seconded by Majority Leader Heppner to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

Ulster County Legislative Chair, Tracey A. Bartels

Appts Loriman Rhodell to the Ulster County Housing Policy and Oversight Committee Majority Leader Representative

Copy of the UC Resolution No. 330 adopted by the UC Legislature On August 15, 2023 – Housing Policy and Oversight Committee (HPOC)

HPOC Member Summary

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

	Chair Bartels appoints herself to serve on the UC resource Recovery Agency Reform Committee as per UC Resolution No. 549 adopted on October 17, 2023
Legislative News	Ulster County Legislature Adopts ThinkDIFFERENTLY Program
NYS Public Service Commission	Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188 - Indian Point – Filing Letter Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188 - Indian Point – AOC 118 RIWP Approval Letter Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188 - Indian Point – Workplan AOC118.2023-07-12-A, B, C, D Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188 – Indian Point – Correspondence from Holtec Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188 – Indian Point – Filing Letter -HDI Letter to NRC 11-2-23 Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188 – Indian Point – IPCTF 2023 Annual Update
Catskill Watershed Corporation, L Ballard	Notice Of Preliminary Decisions Dated November 8, 2023
Central Hudson	Energy Central 2023 – Home Heating Assistance Grants
D. Lopez Martinez, Kingston	In support of Resolution No. 596
Hudson Valley Justice Center, J. Mays	In Support Resolution No. 596 and the Office of Housing Counsel
Minority Leader, UC Legislature, K. Ronk , Jr.,	Appoints Fawn Tantillo to the Ulster County Housing Policy and Oversight Committee (HPOC)
M. Murphy, Rockland County	In support of the expansion of the Catskill Mountain Railroad (CMRR)
NYIRC, M. Goodwin-Raab	Public Input invited on Congressional Districting

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Ulster County Board of Health	Agenda for September 12, 2023 and Minutes for August 8, 2023
Ulster County Clerk's Office	Approved Mortgage Tax Semi-Annual Report for April 1 st to September 2023
Ulster County Corporate Compliance Committee	Agenda for September 27, 2023 and Minutes for June 28, 2023
Ulster County Human Rights Commission	Agenda for November 1, 2023
Ulster County Personnel Department	Civil Service Announcements
Ulster County Planning Board	Agenda for November 1, 2023 & Minutes for October 4, 2023
Ulster County Purchasing Department, Edward Jordan	Affordable Housing Developer for Elizabeth Manor – Non-Commodity Solicitations -Compliance with Resolution NO. 370 of 2023 Non-Commodity solicitations -Compliance with Resolution No. 370 of 2023
Ulster County Substance Abuse Prevention Board	Agenda and Minutes for October 13, 2023
Ulster County Traffic Safety Board	Agenda for November 6, 2023 and Oct 2, 2023 Minutes
Ulster County Veteran Services, Director Mark Cozzupoli	Veteran Related Communications

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

UC Executive Jen Metzger	Launches Plan for Improved Emergency Housing at former Rodeway Inn Appoints Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle to serve in an ex-officio manner to the UC Resource Recovery Agency Reform Committee Appoints Sara Bayer to the UC Housing Policy and Oversight Committee Appoints Soham Dhesi to the UC Housing Policy and Oversight Committee (HPOC)
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COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Appoints Jamie Capuano as Deputy County Executive and Promotes Johanna Contreras to Chief of Staff

Released a statement in response to overreach by the County Comptroller

Julia Deyo, winner of the I VOTED sticker design contest, receives the Pride of Ulster County Award

Announces 'AA' County Bond Rating

Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes

UC to host community conversation in Spanish to gather Input on Trudy Resnick Farber Building

UC Dept of Mental Health & Youth Bureau to Host free "Mind, Body & Soul: Youth & Parent Expo" on November 18, 2023

UC Launches \$1.5 Million Affordable Rental Upgrades Program

Appt Europa McGovern as Director of the Department of Environment

Budget Transfer Cover Letter & Report for October 2023

MEMORIALIZING LETTER:

To Public Service Commission Opposing Central Hudson Rate Hikes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Economic Development, Planning, Education,
Employment, Arts & Agriculture
Energy, Environment & Sustainability
Health, Human Services & Housing

Law Enforcement and Public Safety
Laws and Rules, Government Services
Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation
Ways and Means

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

DATE:

October 3, 2023

October 5, 2023
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October 18, 2023
September 27, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT (on items currently before the Legislature): There was five speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Reverend Eileen Daunt: Thanked the County response for the Rescue Act of 2021 that provided vital support from the local gov't and addressing the negative health and economic impact of covid 19 in the communities.
2. Molly Holm: Spoke on Resolution No. 671 – REX
3. Meg Carey: Spoke on Resolution No. 670 - Authorizing The Issuance Of An Operating Permit To Catskill Mountain Railroad Company Inc.
4. Mike Baden: Spoke on Resolutions No. 674 & 675
5. Tina M. Buono: Spoke on Resolution No. 676

**RESOLUTION NOS: 469, 479, 554, 573, 596, 601 – 643, 645 – 650, 653 – 667, 670, 671, & 674 - 676;
309, 337, 364, 386, 462, 468, & 669 – NO ACTION TAKEN;
486 of 2022, 425, 432, 464, 552, 553, 559, 561, 597, 644, 652, 668, & 672 –
POSTPONED; 560 & 673 – DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE;
127, 423, 433, 551, 588, 589, & 651 – WITHDRAWN BY SPONSORS;**

Resolution 309: Placing A Spending Cap Of \$XX,XXX,XXX.00 On All Costs Related To The Proposed Government Operations Center At Paradies Lane In New Paltz
No Action Taken in Committee.

Resolution No. 337: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The City Of Kingston, Where The County Is A Subrecipient Of The City's ARPA-SLFRF Funds, For The Renovation Of Elizabeth Manor, Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience
No Action Taken in Committee.

Resolution No. 364: Establishing A Restricted Capital Reserve Fund For The Government Operations Center Of The County Of Ulster Under Section 6-C Of The New York State General Municipal Law
No Action Taken in Committee.

Resolution No. 386: Requesting Enactment Of A Senate Bill And Assembly Bill In The New York State Legislature To Amend Membership Of The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency
Postponed in Committee.
No Action Taken in Committee.

Resolution No. 462: Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 12 Of 2022, A Local Law Providing For The Protection And Restoration Of The Hudson River, Also Known As Mahicannituck, And For The Rights Of The Residents Of Ulster County And The River To Clean Water And A Healthy And Productive Ecosystem
No Action Taken in Committee.

Resolution No. 468: Amending The 2023 - 2028 Capital Improvement Program - Amending Capital Project No. 645 – Renovation Of 21 Elizabeth Street – Elizabeth Manor Emergency Housing
No Action Taken in Committee.

Resolution No. 669: Amending Resolution No. 488 Of 2015, Establishing A Policy For “Rail with Trail” Along The County-Owned Ulster And Delaware Railroad Corridor
No Action Taken in Committee.

Resolution No. 486 of 2022: Adopting The Ulster County Information Services/ Information Technology Security Policy – Department Of Information Services
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 425: Establishing A Policy To Liberalize Access To Public Spaces For Survival
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 432: A Policy Requiring Venders To Comply With All Applicable Ulster County Policies
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 464: Establishing A Policy To Provide Public Transportation In Relation To County Facilities And Sessions Of The Ulster County Legislature
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 552: Establishing A Policy To Replace Conventional Toilets With Composting Toilets At County Facilities
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 553: Establishing A Policy Compelling The Distribution And Publication Of Terms Of Settlement When Actions Involving Ulster County Are Settled
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 559: Funding American Rescue Plan Small Business And Economic Recovery For Low And Moderate Income (LMI) Businesses – Department Of Finance
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 561: Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Execute A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The United States Environmental Protection Agency And Ulster County, New York Regarding The Hertel Landfill Site, A Foreclosure Eligible Parcel – Department Of Planning
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 597: Establishing A Policy To Expand Paratransit Services - Department Of Public Transportation
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 644: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 18 Of 2023, A Local Law Establishing A Residential Rental Registry, To Be Held On Wednesday, December 6, 2023 At 6:10 PM
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 652: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$57,050.00 Entered Into By The County – Northeast Document Conservation Center, Inc. – Ulster County Clerk
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 668: Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget – Clarification And Correction Of Settlement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Civil Service Employee Association, For The Period Of January 1, 2021 Through December 31, 2023
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 672: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 14 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Create A Preamble And Ensure More Diverse Advisory Boards, To Be Held On Wednesday, December 6, 2023 At 6:15 PM
Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 560: Recording ARPA Revenue Loss – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience
Defeated in Committee.

Resolution No. 673: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 15 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), In Relation To The Periodic Compensation Review Committee And Various Provisions Regarding Elected Officials, To Be Held On Wednesday, December 6, 2023 At 6:20 PM
Defeated in Committee.

Resolution No. 127: Establishing A Policy To Prioritize Meals For Ulster County Residents Living In Emergency Housing
Withdrawn by Sponsor.

Resolution No. 423: Establishing A Policy To Reform Social Services – Temporary Assistance – Housing
Withdrawn by Sponsor.

Resolution No. 433: Urging The Governments Of The State Of New York And The United States Of America To Establish ~~Fossil Fuel Free~~ State And Federal Public Transportation Services
Withdrawn By Sponsor.

Resolution No. 551: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 11 Of 2023, A Local Law Providing For The Protection Of Vulnerable Road Users Bill Of Rights At Trail Crossings, To Be Held On Wednesday, December 6, 2023 At 6:00 PM
Withdrawn By Sponsor.

Resolution No. 588: Authorizing The Purchase Of An Approximately 1.47-Acre Parcel Of Land And Building For Warehouse, Storage And Office Space Purposes, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$1,500,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,500,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof
Withdrawn By Sponsor.

Resolution No. 589: Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Former Owner – Department Of Finance
Withdrawn By Sponsor.

Resolution No. 651: Appropriating Funds From The Office Of Violence Against Women Grant – Authorizing The Execution Of Inter-Municipal Agreements - Amending The Ulster County Budget To Provide A Coordinated And Centralized Response To Domestic Violence - District Attorney
Withdrawn By Sponsor.

602	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Marlborough, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Fund Improvements To Young's Park And Cluett Schantz Park – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
603	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Rosendale, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Fund Improvements To The Rosendale Community Center Park – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
604	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Saugerties, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Fund The Construction Of Pickleball Courts And Access Improvements At 3 Court Drive – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
605	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$92,532.00 Entered Into By The County – Hudson House Events, LLC D/B/A The Hudson House & Distillery – Department Of Economic Development MOVED TO NON-CONSENT
606	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$840,000.00 Entered Into By The County – MHV BF Developer LLC D/B/A MHV Development – Department Of Economic Development ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0

607	Authorizing The Department Of Planning To Submit An Application To The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Brownfields Program – Department Of Planning ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
608	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$340,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
609	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$7,696.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Flint Media Inc. – Tourism ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
610	Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending Part II, §218, Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster, To Extend Participation In The New York State Hunting Pilot Program For 12 – 13 Year Old Deer Hunters ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
611	Confirming The Appointment Of Europa McGovern As Director Of The Department Of Environment ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0

612	Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Environmental Management Council ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
613	Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Community Services Board's Persons With Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
615	Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget To Authorize The Transfer Of Funds For The Funding Of The New York State Office Of Mental Health Criminal Court Order Program - Department of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
616	Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget To Accept Additional Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health - Department Of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
617	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$798,970.00 Entered Into By The County – Access: Supports for Living Inc. – Department of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0

618	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$345,397.00 Entered Into By The County – Access: Supports for Living Inc. – Department of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
619	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$669,450.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services for Children & Families – Department of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
620	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$11,807.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Astor Services for Children & Families – Department Of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
621	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,493,795.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
622	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$52,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Institute for Family Health – Department of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0

623	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$5,744,262.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department of Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
624	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,111,339.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department of Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
625	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$71,289.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. d/b/a Gateway Hudson Valley – Office For The Aging ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
626	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$29,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Patricia O. Ricks – Office For The Aging ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
627	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,00.00 Entered Into By The County – Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth – Department of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0

628	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$80,00.00 Entered Into By The County – Bonadio & Co. LLP – Department of Social Services MOVED TO NON-CONSENT
629	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$400,00.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Department of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
630	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$139,787.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Department of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
631	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$333,448.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Department of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
632	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Department of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
633	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$385,311.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Department of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0

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640	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$46,800.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Resource Center for Accessible Living, Inc. – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
641	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$725,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The William George Agency for Children’s Services, Inc. – Department of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
642	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$525,780.00 Entered Into By The County – Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – Department of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
643	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$550,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Young Women’s Christian Association of Ulster County, Inc. – Department of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
645	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Corrections And Community Supervision (DOCCS) To Provide A Parolee Hearing Room Within The Sheriff’s Office – Ulster County Sheriff ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0

646	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Sign An Inter-Municipal Agreement Between The Orange County Sheriff And The Ulster Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (U.S.E.R.T.) – Ulster County Sheriff ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
647	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$23,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Bambini Pediatrics PC – Ulster County Sheriff ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
648	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$60,364.96, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Black Creek Integrated Systems Corp. – Ulster County Sheriff ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
650	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Legal Services Of The Hudson Valley – Department Of Probation ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
653	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Amended Funding Agreement Under The Absentee Ballot Pre-Paid Postage Grant With The NYS Board Of Elections – Ulster County Board Of Elections ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0

654	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Amended Funding Agreement For The Technology Innovation And Election Resource (TIER) Grant With The New York State Board Of Elections – Ulster County Board Of Elections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 23 NOES: 0</p>
655	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$96,117.92 Entered Into By The County – Tyler Technologies, Inc. – Department Of Information Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 23 NOES: 0</p>
656	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$228,100.63 Entered Into By The County – NTS Data Services, LLC – Department Of Information Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 23 NOES: 0</p>
657	<p>Authorizing Distribution Of Mortgage Tax Receipts Pursuant To Section 261 Of The Tax Law</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 23 NOES: 0</p>
658	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With Astor Services For Children & Families For Office Space At The Golden Hill Office Building, Kingston –To Provide Family Mental Health Services To The Community – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 23 NOES: 0</p>

659	Amending Capital Project No. 585 Bridge Substructure Repairs – Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget For Construction Of The Rosendale Bridge And Leggs Mills Bridge – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges) ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
661	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$3,070,307.03 Entered Into By The County – Harrison & Burrowes Bridge Constructors, Inc. – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges) ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
662	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$776,776.77 Entered Into By The County – Harrison & Burrowes Bridge Constructors, Inc. – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges) ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
663	Amending Capital Project No. 628, Galeville Bridge Replacement, Town Of Shawangunk For Construction Services, And Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges) ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0
665	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$4,689,315.00 Entered Into By The County – Bette & Cring, LLC– Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges) ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 23 NOES: 0

666	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$40,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Southeast Mechanical Corporation – Department Of Public Works</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 23 NOES: 0</p>
670	<p>Authorizing The Issuance Of An Operating Permit To Catskill Mountain Railroad Company Inc. For Use Of The Eastern Segment Of The Ulster And Delaware Railroad Corridor For Tourism Railroad Operations With Revenues To Exceed \$50,000.00 – Department Of Public Works</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 23 NOES: 0</p>
674	<p>Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 16 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Modify Various Provisions, To Be Held On Wednesday, December 6, 2023 At 6:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOVED TO NON-CONSENT</p>
675	<p>Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 17 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Modify Various Provisions, To Be Held On Wednesday, December 6, 2023 At 6:10 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOVED TO NON-CONSENT</p>
	Non-Consent
469	<p>Authorizing Commencement Of The Process Of Direct Sale Of The Property Located At 21 Elizabeth Street, City Of Kingston</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WITHDRAWN</p>

479	<p>Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute A Contract With The New York State Empire State Development Corporation For State Funding For The Implementation Of Restore New York Communities Initiative Grants, Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Economic Development</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 23 NOES: 0</p>
554	<p>Amending The Rules Of Order To Ensure A Structured Deliberative Process At The Monthly Meetings Of The Ulster County Legislature</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 8 NOES: 15 (Ayes: Legislators Corcoran, Fabiano, Hansut, Litts, Lopez, Maloney, Roberts, and Ronk)</p>
596	<p>Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Establish The Office Of Housing Counsel, To Be Held On Wednesday, December 6, 2023 At 6:05 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">POSTPONED</p>
605	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$92,532.00 Entered Into By The County – Hudson House Events, LLC D/B/A The Hudson House & Distillery – Department Of Economic Development</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 22 NOES: 1 (Noes: Legislator Maloney)</p>
614	<p>Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Community Services Board's Substance Use Subcommittee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 22 NOES: 1 (Noes: Legislator Erner)</p>

628	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$80,00.00 Entered Into By The County – Bonadio & Co. LLP – Department of Social Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 1 (Noes: Legislator Maloney) (Legislator Ronk left at 8:49 PM)</p>
630	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$139,787.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Department of Social Services</p> <p>MOVED TO CONSENT</p>
649	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$7,644.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 2 (Noes: Legislators Erner and Gavaris) (Legislator Ronk left at 8:49 PM)</p>
655	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$96,117.92 Entered Into By The County – Tyler Technologies, Inc. – Department Of Information Services</p> <p>MOVED TO CONSENT</p>
656	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$228,100.63 Entered Into By The County – NTS Data Services, LLC – Department Of Information Services</p> <p>MOVED TO CONSENT</p>
658	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With Astor Services For Children & Families For Office Space At The Golden Hill Office Building, Kingston –To Provide Family Mental Health Services To The Community – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)</p> <p>MOVED TO CONSENT</p>

<p>660 BOND</p>	<p>Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$4,350,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Bridge Substructure Repairs, In And For Said County</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Legislator Ronk left at 8:49 PM)</p>
<p>664 BOND</p>	<p>Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$5,800,315.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Replacement Of The Galeville Bridge, In And For Said County</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Legislator Ronk left at 8:49 PM)</p>
<p>667</p>	<p>Setting Additional Requirements In Relation To Capital Project No. 678, The Purchase And Acquisition Of Real Property Located At 1711-1715 Ulster Avenue For Warehouse, Storage, And Office Space, To Address Existing Single Family Occupied Dwelling</p> <p>POSTPONED</p>
<p>670</p>	<p>Authorizing The Issuance Of An Operating Permit To Catskill Mountain Railroad Company Inc. For Use Of The Eastern Segment Of The Ulster And Delaware Railroad Corridor For Tourism Railroad Operations With Revenues To Exceed \$50,000.00 – Department Of Public Works</p> <p>MOVED TO CONSENT</p>
<p>671</p>	<p>Authorizing The Issuance Of An Operating Permit To Rail Explorers Corporation For Use Of The Western Segment Of The Ulster And Delaware Railroad Corridor For Tourism Railbike Operations With Revenues To Exceed \$50,000.00 – Department Of Public Works</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 18 NOES: 4 (Noes: Legislators Hansut, Maloney, Petit, and Roberts) (Legislator Ronk left at 8:49 PM)</p>

674	<p>Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 16 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Modify Various Provisions, To Be Held On Wednesday, December 6, 2023 At 6:00 PM</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 2 (Noes: Legislators Hewitt and Maloney) (Legislator Ronk left at 8:49 PM)</p>
675	<p>Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 17 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Modify Various Provisions, To Be Held On Wednesday, December 6, 2023 At 6:10 PM</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 2 (Noes: Legislators Maloney and Nolan) (Legislator Ronk left at 8:49 PM)</p>
676	<p>Establishing The Ulster County Fleet Management Review Committee</p> <p>ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 14 NOES: 8 (Noes: Legislators Bartels, Bowen, Cahill, Heppner, Levine, Nolan, Sperry, and Uchitelle) (Legislator Ronk left at 8:49 PM)</p> <p>Legislator Hanut motioned, seconded by Legislator Corcoran, to amend the second Resolved clause to add the language indicated in bold font.</p> <p>MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 1 (Noes: Legislator Bowen) (Legislator Ronk left at 8:49 PM)</p>

November 14, 2023

Legislator Erner motioned, seconded by Legislator Maloney, to amend the fourth Resolved clause to add two members to the Committee as indicated in bold font.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21

NOES: 1

(Noes: Legislator Bowen)

(Legislator Ronk left at 8:49 PM)

PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *NOT* currently before the Legislature):

1. Leah Craus – Spoke to Legislator Erner on protecting the water in the Hudson River.
2. Mike Baden – Spoke in regard to the Charter Revision Commission

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:

Kevin V. Hunt, Wallkill (former Legislator)
Glen Hofstatter, Hurley
Martha M. Bragg, Highland
James D. Grossi, Pine Bush
Sharon Mackey, Marlborough
Matthew Bewick, Marlboro
Sally P. Buboltz, Kingston
Cecelia Keehn, Kingston
Joan Marie Cozza, Kingston
Bradley T. Raymond, Napanoch
Sylvia Helmset, Plattekill
Elsie Sheppard, Wappingers Falls
Matt Doyle, Plattekill
James Santora, Milton
Edward John Gaffney, Marlboro
Melinda Mack, Albany
Danny Johnson, Ellenville
Elsie Sheppard, Kingston

Mary Spada, Kingston
Frances A. Brooks, Highland
John M. Timko, New Paltz
James Santora, Sr., Milton
Jean Vanderlyn, New Paltz
Greg Ryan, Kingston
Alfred Hasbrouck, Sr., Kingston
Gerald Delmar, Clintondale
Richard Paul Ostrander, Boiceville
William A. Walkerwicz, Kerhonkson
Donald Kevan Koeppen, Sr., Inverness, FL
Leigh Benton, Newburgh
Ryan Cass, Plattekill
Allen Murphy, Saugerties
Betty Kawalchuk, Accord
Michael Baglio, Port Ewen
Kevin Hunt, Shawangunk

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:57 PM

Motion Made by Legislator Litts
Seconded by Majority Leader Heppner

NEXT MEETINGS:

Public Hearing on the Proposed 2024 Ulster County Budget and Proposed 2024 – 2029 Capital Program, Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM - Milton Train Station, 41 Dock Road, Milton NY 12547

The **Proposed 2024 Ulster County Budget and Proposed 2024 – 2029 Capital Program Vote** will be held on **Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

The next **Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature** will be held on **MONDAY, December 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM** in in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is **Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at 12 Noon.**



ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

1ST PUBLIC HEARING: ON THE PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET & PROPOSED 2024-2029 CAPITAL

PROGRAM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS, 244 FAIR STREET, KINGSTON, NY

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ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC COMMENT: (ON SUBJECTS CURRENTLY BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	CONTACT	TOPIC(S) TO BE DISCUSSED
✓ 1. Reverend Eileen Daunt	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	ARPA Thank you
✓ 2. Molly Holm	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL: mollyholm1pn@yahoo	Res. No. 671 Rex
✓ 3. Meg Carey	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	Res. No. 670
✓ 4. MIKE BADEL	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Rochester EMAIL:	Res 674 + 675
✓ 5. Tina M Buono (Bono)	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL: President@eseaunit0450.com	676
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ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC COMMENT: (ON SUBJECTS NOT CURRENTLY BEFORE THE
LEGISLATURE)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	CONTACT	TOPIC(S) TO BE DISCUSSED
1. Leah Kraviss LKA	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Connelly Esopus EMAIL: leah.d.kraviss@gmail.com	PLL 12 of 2022
2. Mike Baden	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	Charter Revision Commission
3.	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	
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November 14 2023

Hi, my name is Rachel Gans. I've owned a home in Bloomington for 25 years.

I came to speak to you all on the urgent need to focus the 2024 budget on housing. A policy of housing first can address many issues that spawn from, or made worse when any one of us, and any one of our neighbors doesn't have safe and stable housing. I appreciate the work being done by everyone here towards a better tomorrow. I know there are many obstacles but as I talk to people in this county, it's absolutely shameful for all of us that children are homeless, elders are homeless, our neighbors are homeless, or they are living in apartments with mold, asbestos, bugs, unsafe water and so many other problems that are basic human needs.

I mentioned before in this room, but will say again, that we are all bound to Native Treaty Law to take care of this land and all the people here to ensure the health of future generations. We all need to consider this every day that we walk on this stolen land, in cities, towns, and villages built by enslaved people from Africa. Respect for our true history and for our elders is vital for our future.

How can we have a budget of \$413 million and another \$400 million for the capital budget and still not be able to house the homeless and to stop evictions and foreclosures? Please vote yes to public hearings on resolution 596. I can see there are many important things in this budget, but I think we need to take the housing crisis more personally. If I was about to lose my home, or if I found black mold in my home I wouldn't spend time and money on building a better path to my front door, or putting up security cameras, I would put all my efforts into immediately securing my ability to live in safe and stable housing. Will repairing the basement of DSS for \$550,000 in any way sustain the person sleeping in a doorway of a building on a 33° rainy day?

I mention that this person is huddling against the elements on a 33° day, because the warming shelters only are open when it's 32° or below. I know I don't keep my house at 33°, it's far too cold. I don't know how the warming centers are funded, because I didn't find mention of them in the budget.

When we start with safe, stable, and accessible housing, safe, stable, and accessible public transportation, safe, stable, and accessible health care for all, we greatly increase public safety. People continue to move out of this county, good people and their families. We are losing our elders, our history, our families. Every day we are losing our community.

Tonight I want to address two topics that I've previously spoken to as they pertain to the 2024²⁹ Capital Budget. As an RFP/SOQ was sent out for a not-for-profit to take over Elizabeth Manor, it seems clear the county wishes to have no further involvement with this project. While I'm glad it's in keeping with the original intent behind the project, to me the question becomes if that's the case and the budget amended to reflect that position as stated in Resolution 468, what happens to the remaining previously allocated \$1.9 million dollars? I can think of two ways that money can be spent, either one of which would be in keeping with addressing the needs of the most vulnerable among us.

The RFP states that "County may also provide an additional contribution to assist with renovation costs." I assume any not-for-profit interested in taking on this urgently needed resource would need to invest not only the purchase price, but costs in line with the current estimate of at least \$3 million dollars just to make the building habitable. I don't know how many, if any, RFP's have been submitted, but if there haven't been any to date, I think contributing this remaining balance to help offset their substantial cost would certainly provide an incentive for them to do so.

The second beneficial way to use that money is establishing a second Respite House. If the proposed Capital Budget is adopted, \$1.5 million dollars would be allocated for this purpose. In a conversation with UCDMH Commissioner McDonald, I was told this amount would only be sufficient for one, not the two that were requested pursuant to the unanimously adopted Resolution 425 of 2021. That \$1.9 million dollars would provide an additional place for someone to go upon release from a mental health or substance abuse program. The need is greater now than it was then, so establishing a second place for someone to go for continued care just makes sense. I hope you will all give serious consideration to how that money will be spent, should Resolution 468 be adopted and hope you will continue to act in a way that considers the needs of all of our residents.

Thank you and good night.

To the Legislative Body,

I am here on behalf of myself and my neighbors to express our concerns about this contract.

While REX finally did address the noise of their bikes by coating a substance on the tracks, it was done for only half the neighborhood. We were told they would complete it if they got a new contract. Which is where we are today. In this contract our repeated pleas for modifying the schedule were ignored by the County. Instead, they introduced a new section giving permission for REX to build some kind of pilot green tunnel over the tracks, with no details of the size or scope. The County knows we never wanted that. The last time they did any kind of visual screening was back in 2019. The owners proposed a flower tunnel instead of a fence or trees. We said no. That wouldn't work here, it wouldn't be adequate for privacy, it's not fitting for the neighborhood or the tracks. They mentioned it again last year saying it would cost them over \$100,000 in steel alone which they would be happy to pay for, if they got their contract. I am bringing this up because it is written as if this is being done FOR us by the county for our privacy. We are telling you; this has nothing to do with our privacy, this is something the company has wanted to do for their riders for years. This kind of manipulation is what makes us so upset. No one in our neighborhood ever complained about the train. They had a moderate schedule. They moved quickly through, and it is something you expect to see on railroad tracks. REX is very different and has a much heavier footprint. In 2022 they had over 30,000 riders going by our properties. The bikes are horribly loud, the tourists shout often, we have flaggers on our road waving us by or stopping us every time we come and go. For their summer schedule they do ten runs a day past our homes from 8:30 am until after 8:00pm. Please imagine all day, into the night, 7 days a week this is happening by your property. CMRR would never have been allowed to do this. Why is it so different for this company? As our legislators we believe you can provide

oversight on our behalf. To put yourselves in our shoes and imagine what it's like, the effects on our property values, our peace and our feelings of powerlessness in trying to get help. We don't want the tunnel; we need their hours of operation modified and the rubber completed for all the neighbors. If the county wants to pay for those of us who need privacy screening, we'll put up the fences on our own properties. It's not asking too much. Rail Explorers now has 6 operations around the country. Most of my neighbors are older, dealing with illness, some still work full time. Most have lived here for over 30 years. Our homes are everything to us. We have to keep trying until fair solutions are reached. And just to end I have to say, the dangerous incidents and the risks they take that on our road crossings especially on Rte .28 are very serious. The County needs to pay more attention before people get hurt. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak and I hope you will consider our requests and concerns.

Molly Holm
38 Andrew Lane
Mount Tremper, NY 12457

Fw: Resolution #671, public comments on new contract for Rail Explorers

Jay Mahler <jmah@co.ulster.ny.us>

Mon 11/13/2023 3:03 PM

To: Lizvett Bost <lbos@co.ulster.ny.us>

Cc: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>

📎 1 attachments (183 KB)

NEW Town letter of support (1) (3).pdf;

Liz,

Add the attachment to your files.

Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Ulster County Legislature
244 Fair Street, 6th Floor
Kingston, NY 12401
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From: Molly Holm <mollyholm1pn@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 2:55 PM

To: Jay Mahler <jmah@co.ulster.ny.us>

Cc: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>

Subject: Resolution #671, public comments on new contract for Rail Explorers

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Jay could you please send this copy out to all the legislators?

Thank you!

11/13/2023

To the legislators,

I am writing this on behalf of a group of at least 8 to 12 property owners along the tracks in Shandaken in relation to the upcoming contract approval for Rail Explorers.

We have been trying to get mitigations done and concerns addressed for the last 5 years.

Included is a letter sent to the County last year from the town in support of proper mitigations being done.

The new contract about to go before the body has us very concerned.

There is no change in the schedule of their operations. The 6:30 to 9:00 pm run (the tenth time these bikes go by our homes each day) exceeds the Shandaken Noise Ordinance. We are asking to eliminate this last run which will solve the sound ordinance problem and avoid REX bikes crossing Rte. 28 and Andrew Lane in the dark.

We have concerns about their new Stop and Flag operations on our road crossing on Andrew Lane. The way it is written is opposite to what we were told they are supposed to do, which is stop the bikes at the crossing, not stop the cars. The crossing has been described as a low or moderate volume. This is also not accurate due to the Wedding Venue, Foxfire, at the end of Andrew Lane which creates a lot of traffic coming and going, particularly with their delivery trucks during the week.

We have serious concerns with the counties approval for REX to build a tunnel over the tracks in our neighborhood. There are no details about the size or scope of this, or any engagement with the town or neighbors. On page 7 it is written as a mitigation being done for property owners privacy but this has not been what we have been asking for which is more fences and the planting of evergreen trees and shrubs which would have a more immediate effect. There are some serious questions that should be answered by the company before this tunnel is given approval. Because this is happening in our neighborhood, which is already overburdened with commercial activity, we think our feelings about this should be in consideration.

While are we surprised and glad the application Rail Explorers did to the tracks this summer to deaden the noise helped, half of the neighborhood was left out. We are glad to see they put in the contract that they will complete the rubber for all of our neighbors this coming year. It's worth noting that the sound issue was never our only concern.

What we are looking for here is deeper consideration for the impacts this tourist company who was given the use of the tracks in our hamlet, has had on our neighborhood of what is mostly long time residents of Shandaken. I have been here for 43 years, others more than 30.

This company has had great success here in Shandaken, but we as Ulster County Citizens need you to show us equal care and respect, at the very least.

We value our homes for both quality of life, privacy and their property value which is, for some of us, the only security we have for our future.

As your residents we are asking this legislative body to please share in our concerns.

Thank you,

Molly Holm
38 Andrew Ln.
Mount Tremper, NY 12457
845-688-5444

My name is Susan Wayman , I reside at 40 Andrew Lane Mt.Tremper,
Where the railcars (REX) operate and travel through our neighborhood.

I would like to request the county legislators to vote to send the REX
contract back to be revised for the following reasons -

Article 7 vii -

With a green tunnel added I feel the quiet zone would become noisier than
ever. Mainly because of the echo which is created in a "tunnel" , as we all
have experienced driving through one. I believe It tends to make people
want to hear their echo, whereas they already yell and have to talk over the
noise of the railcars while riding as it is. There is also no location or design
criteria on said "green tunnel". I feel this should be something that should
be reviewed and brought before the neighborhood for review or input also.

We would also like the fencing which was provided for our neighbor , be
extended along our property line for noise reduction and more privacy.
The "quiet rail" rubber which was installed has helped greatly. We would
want it to be maintained and replaced as necessary throughout the span of
the REX contract.

Article 7 -

Referring to hours of operation , the feeling is that this area is loosely
written.

A last run out of Phoenicia at 6:30 p.m. does at times put the railcars
crossing RT. 28 in the dark. This has always been observed when they
pass through the neighborhood with lighting added to the cars after dark.
This is a dangerous situation.

Our request is that the 6:30 run be taken off the schedule , so as the
neighborhood may enjoy some evening privacy and for the safety of the
riders

Article 9.2 -

We feel flaggers should still be stopping the railcars at Andrew lane passing to allow through traffic to get past to get to work etc. It was noted in the contract that Andrew Lane is considered a low to moderate traffic way. We feel this is not accurate , as with the FoxFire wedding venue traffic , delivery trucks etc , and residents it is quite busy.

Our home life in our neighborhood has been directly affected by REX , which has impacted our daily lives and properties. We need local officials to hear our requests, and for all to work together to achieve a common ground.

Respectfully

Susan M Wayman
Randy R Harwood

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Mount Tremper , NY

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