

**Public Works and Capital Projects Committee
Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: August 7, 2019 – 5:30 PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, K. L. Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Laura Petit
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Nolan (left 5:52), Greene, Litts
ABSENT: Legislator Fabiano
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Deputy County Executive Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive John Milgrim, DPW Commissioner Tom Jackson, DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell, Town of Rochester Supervisor Michael Baden

Chair Petit called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion No. 1: Moved to Approve the Minutes of the July 3, 2019
Motion By: Legislator Greene
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Petit, Greene, Litts, Nolan
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes **APPROVED**

Resolutions for the August 20, 2019 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 351: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – T. McElligott, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with T. McElligott, Inc. to perform HVAC upgrades including the removal of nine existing water source heat pump units and the existing air handler unit, and supply and install nine new water source heat pump units, and one new Aaon air handler unit at the Joseph Y. Resnick Department of Public Works Building located at 313 Shamrock Lane, Kingston. County 100% \$184.3K

Motion No. 2: Motion to Discuss & ADOPT Resolution No. 351

Motion By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Discussion:

Legislator Litts noted he will be abstaining from the vote as his employer designed the system that will be installed.

Voting In Favor: Legislator Petit, Greene, Litts, Nolan

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 0

Abstention: 1 - Legislator Litts

Disposition: Resolution **ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 362: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Government Entity Lease Disclosure Sheet – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This authorizes the Chair of the UC Legislature to execute a Government Entity lease disclosure sheet to the Division of Real Estate Services at NYS Office of General Services (OGS), to enter a sublease with the New York State Dept. of Labor (NYSDOL.) \$80K Revenue Dollars.

Motion No. 3: Motion to Discuss & ADOPT Resolution No. 362

Motion By: Legislator Greene

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislator Petit, Greene, Litts

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution **ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 363: Amending The 2019 Ulster County Budget – Extreme Winter Recovery Funding Appropriation – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2019 Ulster County budget to accept additional funding from New York State Dept. of Transportation for Ulster County road and bridge repairs for the fiscal year 2019-2020. \$401.7K State Revenue Dollars

Motion No. 3: Motion to Discuss & ADOPT Resolution No. 363

Motion By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Discussion:

Chair Petit confirmed the funding is additional, whereas typically we receive funding every year and not due to the County inventory being depleted. Legislator Litts noted the Governor had removed this funding from his original budget and after lobbying very hard it was added back into the State budget.

Voting In Favor: Legislator Petit, Greene, Litts

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution **ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 364: Supporting Notice Of Intent Of Ulster County To Serve As Lead Agency For Capital Project No. 488 – Installation Of Shoulders Along Route 299, Towns Of New Paltz And Gardiner – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Not On The State Highway System – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution supports the notice of intent of Ulster County to serve as lead agency for Capital Project No. 488 for the installation of shoulders along Route 299 in the Towns of New Paltz and Gardiner – TIP program. Financial impact none.

Motion No. 3: Motion to Discuss & ADOPT Resolution No. 364

Motion By: Legislator Greene

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion:

Deputy County Executive provided an overview of extending the shoulders along Route 299 in New Paltz and Gardiner between Butternut Road to Route 44/55. Work will start somewhere between 2020 and 2021 as there will be significant properties effected – 94 properties will be faced with acquisitions / eminent domain.

Voting In Favor: Legislator Petit, Greene, Litts

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution **ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 365: Establishing Capital Project No. 550 – Fairground Improvements And Amending The 2019 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 550 for the Ulster County Fairground to fund design work for infrastructure improvements -amending the 2019 Capital Fund budget. County \$90K. A Bond resolution will be required.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Discuss & ADOPT Resolution No. 365**
Motion By: Legislator Greene
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion:

Deputy County Executive Rider expressed this will fix the storm water drain on the parking lot side. The entire committee noted the DPW employees did a great job with the County ADA compliant parking lot, utilizing the new equipment to complete the job in time for the County fair – not to mention saving the taxpayers a lot of money. Legislator Litts confirmed the Capital Project design work funding is \$90K and the contract to do the engineering work - Resolution 367 is set for \$84.8K. Once we go out to bid and additional funding is required a resolution amendment will come before the Legislature. The work will be done in house.

Voting In Favor: Legislator Petit, Greene, Litts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution **ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 367: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P.C. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Pitingaro & Doetsch for architectural and engineering services for the Ulster County Fairgrounds improvements for two projects that will improve the water and sewer infrastructure. 100% County \$84.8K, Time Frame 9/1/2019 – 12/31/2021

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Discuss & ADOPT Resolution No. 367**
Motion By: Legislator Greene
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: Contract for Capital Project No. 365 above.

Voting In Favor: Legislator Petit, Greene, Litts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution **ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 368: Amending The 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Program, Establishing Capital Project No. 551 Creekside Drive Road Settlement, Town Of Shandaken, And Amending The 2019 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Program by establishing Capital Project No. 551 and amending the 2019 Capital Fund budget to correct the excessive subsurface settlement, along Creekside Drive located in the Town of Shandaken. The County desires to use soil nailing to fix the unsafe conditions as a long-term solution. \$360K County. A Bond resolution will be required.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Discuss & ADOPT Resolution No. 368**
Motion By: Legislator Greene
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion:

Chair Petit confirmed this resolution amends the 2019-2024 Capital Improvement five year plan for the Creekside Drive. Rd. shoulder work. Legislator Litts confirmed the rates/unit pricing remain the same from earlier this year.

Voting In Favor: Legislator Petit, Greene, Litts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution **ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 370: Abandoning A Portion Of County Road Number 29A Located In The Town Of Rochester, Removing A Portion Of County Road Number 29A From The County Road Map, And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Sign Intermunicipal Agreement(s) With The Town Of Rochester – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution allows the County to abandon a portion of county road 29A located in the Hamlet of Alligerville, in the Town of Rochester, and authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to sign an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Rochester. The Town of Rochester is willing to accept the abandoned portion of Creek Road and will maintain the road. The County previously relocated and replaced the Alligerville Bridge resulting in the portion of the road serving only as an access point. Financial Impact, None.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Discuss & ADOPT Resolution No. 370**
Motion By: Legislator Greene
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion:

Supervisor Baden explained the need for the additional property allowing the town to expand the Alligerville Fire House by removing and enlarging one bay creating a space for an emergency shelter. This addition however would put the building over the existing property boundary line – thus the need for the intermunicipal agreement to move the project forward. The County

abandoned the property in the 1970's when they relocated the Alligerville bridge. The town has maintained the property and plan to convey a portion of the property to the fire district. Supervisor Baden noted the balance of the land will be offered to adjoining property owners at a later date. This is a New York Rising project.

Voting In Favor: Legislator Petit, Greene, Litts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution **ADOPTED**

New Business

September's Introduction of Resolution No. 375

Chair Petit called upon Legislator Nolan as sponsor of September's introduction of Resolution No. 375 to provide an overview for the committee. Res. No. 375 - Declaring Ulster County A Pollinator Friendly Municipality And Promoting Landscape Maintenance and Practices To Attract And Sustain Pollinator Species

Legislator Nolan created this resolution after learning Albany County has established themselves as a pollinator friendly county, noting Ulster County is already meeting some of the requirements. DPW Commissioner Tom Jackson expressed support however noting this practice cannot conflict with roadside mowing, maintenance, and sight distance viewing – highway safety must be the priority. Secondly, pavement preservation includes the air flow to the pavement – canopy moisture degrades the pavement. The commissioner would like the ability to select from a preferred list of pollinator plants that are low growing – ground cover and such, noting again he is totally on board with the idea where practical. The committee discussed chemicals and the overgrown invasive plant - Japanese Knotweed along the Linear Park on Downs Street. Legislator Litts expressed he does not want to see any unintended consequences that would affect the agricultural community harvesting their crops when pollinator plants are in bloom.

As a side bar prior to leaving the meeting, Legislator Nolan expressed her thanks to DPW and Senior Engineer Andrew Emrich for his persistent efforts with the State addressing the sight line problems on the bridge on Route 28.

Old Business

Legislator Greene reminded the committee Legislator's Petit, Nolan and herself will be formulating legislation/policy for roofs and insulation requirements by implementing very clear guide lines that follow the various sustainability policies that have been passed over the years. Chair Petit noted at least if our policy stated that any replaced or new county roof was engineered in such a way that it would support solar. Deputy County Exec. Rider expressed Building and Grounds have concern regarding design cost and premature roof failure such as the New Paltz salt shed. Solar ballast installations need a lot more weight bearing load/support, and penetration installations reduce the life of the roof. He would like to see verbiage that includes exceptions when determined it is cost prohibitive or not a candidate for solar based on shade, trees, etc. Legislator Litts expressed the county could do an inhouse analysis which would cost less. Chair Petit confirmed currently no county buildings have solar panels installed on roof tops other than the salt shed. The county will be at 40 percent of all electricity used by county government once a second ground installation located in Saugerties (former Syska Tire Recycling-brown field) installation is complete (currently in the RFP process.)

Adjournment

Chairwoman Petit asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:30 PM
Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff
Minutes Approved: September 4, 2019