

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

DATE & TIME: October 6, 2016 – 6:30 PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, K. L. Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Dean Fabiano
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Loughran, Litts, Greene
ABSENT: Legislator Maloney
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator John Parete, Brian Cunningham Deputy Commissioner Department of Public Works, Legislator Chris Allen (arrived 7:10 PM)

Chairman Fabiano called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting**
Motion By: Legislator Greene
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Loughran
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Litts, Greene
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes approved

Resolutions for the October 18, 2016 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 364: Amending The Electric Vehicle Charging Station Policy To Encourage Tourist Use

Resolution Summary: This resolution would amend the Ulster County Electric Vehicle Charging Policy to add an additional section addressing fees for electric use for Ulster County residents.

Motion No. 2: **Resolution moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Loughran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Discussion:

Chairman Fabiano welcomed and called upon Legislator John Parete, sponsor of this resolution to once again address the committee regarding the county electric vehicle charging station policy. Legislator Parete expressed the policy in its current form is illegal, discriminatory and would like to modify the policy and have it brought to the floor. Legislator Parete provided handouts to the committee as well as his proposed amendments to the resolution. Legislator Parete read Article VIII Section 1. of the NYS constitution that states; “No county, city, town, village or school district shall give or loan any money or property to or in aid of any individual or private corporation or association, or private undertaking”. Also noting, the NYS Comptroller has held that a transfer of property is a gift if it is given without or for only nominal consideration. Legislator Parete expressed three attorneys with the county all ruled you cannot give away county assets for free. Legislator Parete reminded the committee it is not a conflict of interest if you vote against your own best interests.

Please note a copy of the resolution amendment was filed with the committee clerk for the record. The sponsor requested the following changes. Fifth whereas, replace the wording: ~~segment of Ulster County residents~~ with **group of individuals**. Also on the Policy: -Page 2- Remove the fourth paragraph in its entirety: ~~“Ulster County Resident” means any driver utilizing an Ulster County Electric Vehicle Charging Station whose driver postal code as indicated on the Usage report supplied by the Department of the Environment reflects a residence within Ulster County.~~ Section III. Fee For Electric Energy Use – Remove the wording: ~~Ulster County Residents~~

Legislator Greene expressed it was her understanding the cost to charge was .45 cents, noting that’s a far stretch from the \$5.00 previously mentioned. Committee discussion ensued. Chairman Fabiano once again expressed as long as the Chamber of Commerce funds the program and the taxpayers are not impacted, he’s fine with the current policy.

Motion No. 3: Moved to consider the adoption of Resolution No. 364.

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Loughran

Voting In Favor: Legislator Litts

Voting Against: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran

Abstention: Legislator Greene

Votes in Favor: 1

Votes Against: 2

Disposition: Resolution defeated

Resolution No. 435: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Southeast Plumbing Corp. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This contract with Southeast Plumbing Corp. covers Phase II of the New Paltz Pool Project – Domestic Water Upgrades, Contract dates 10/19/16 – 12/30/17. 100% County

Motion No. 4: Resolution moved for discussion

Motion By: Legislator Loughran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Discussion: Chairman Fabiano called on Deputy Commissioner of Public Works Brian Cunningham who explained the contract went out to bid through the normal process – lowest bidder awarded the project. The domestic water upgrades are in desperate need of replacement as original equipment currently in use dates back to the mid 1970’s.

Motion No. 5: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 435.

Motion By: Legislator Loughran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Loughran, Greene

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 436: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ray Palmer Associates, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This contract with Ray Palmer Associates, Inc. is for the Phase II of the New Paltz county pool - replacement of the filtration system. \$246,600.00, 100% County, 10/19/16 - 12/30/17.

Motion No. 6: Resolution moved for discussion

Motion By: Legislator Loughran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: Deputy Commissioner Brian Cunningham noted the new filtration system does not use sand and utilizes 80 percent less water to backwash the system. The system is more expensive but much more efficient. Pool water capacity is 500,000+ gallons. Current system was installed in 1999. The committee went on to discuss particulars about the pool liner in general. Legislator Litts noted the county pool footprint is the same as used for the Montreal Olympic pool.

Motion No. 7: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 436.
Motion By: Legislator Loughran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Loughran, Greene
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 439: Amending The 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 485 Water Storage Tank Replacement – SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends Capital Project No. 485 to include a 100,000 gallon glass fused to steel atmospheric replacement water storage tank with tank foundation, installation of site piping, valves, site preparation, maintenance, rock removal and restoration, at the UCCC Stone Ridge Campus. \$300K Bonding will be required. \$150K County (50% reimbursable from the NYS Dormitory Authority), and \$150K from the SUNY Construction Fund.

Motion No. 8: Resolution moved for discussion
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Loughran

Discussion: Chairman Fabiano noted this is a bond resolution.

Motion No. 9: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 439.
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Loughran

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Loughran, Greene
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 441: Amending The 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 486 Window Replacement Project – SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program, Project No. 486 to remove and replace windows at the Jacob Hardenbergh Hall at UCCC in Stone Ridge. Approx. (66) Efco Series 325X – High Energy Efficient windows including sub-frame, glass, spandrel, mullions and caulking.

Motion No. 8: Resolution moved for discussion

Motion By: Legislator Loughran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: Chairman Fabiano noted this upgrade will cost \$668,000.00, whereas \$334K County Dollars – Serial Bond (50% reimbursable from the NYS Dormitory Authority) \$334,000.00 – Capital Project Appropriations. Legislator Greene questioned and upon review on the contract confirmed the efficiency of the replacement windows.

Motion No. 9: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 441.

Motion By: Legislator Greene

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Loughran

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Loughran, Greene

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Old Business

- Legislator Herb Litts expressed his appreciation to Deputy Commissioner Cunningham and crew for a job well done on the Carmine Liberta Bridge in New Paltz, noting the speed, professionalism, and quality of work completed is exceptional. Legislator Litts surmised the cost to complete the project is probably half the cost if subcontracted out. Legislator Litts requested an exact cost breakdown of the project to share with the NYS Association of County Officials in January how counties can save taxpayer dollars when the work is done in house. Chairman Fabiano was very pleased to hear Legislator Litts comments.
- Legislator Greene emailed Commissioner Plonski and shared the same info with Brian Cunningham during the meeting on behalf of the Climate Smart Committee and the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee asking for clarifications as to what energy efficiency actions and renewable energy generation projects will be proposed for 2017. Is any of the Siemens energy savings recommendations included in the 2017 budget? Legislator Greene is aware that an RFP for additional solar generation on county buildings and county property is being developed. How is that included in the 2017 budget? Legislator Greene noted the next Climate Smart Committee meeting will be on October 24, 2016 at Vanderlyn Hall, SUNY Ulster at 6:00 PM.
- Legislator Greene also was pleased Deputy County Executive Bob Ludlow provided a facility tour of the BRC the same day the 2017 preliminary budget was presented to the public and dignitaries.

Chairman Fabiano asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

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

TIME: 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff
Minutes Approved: November 10, 2016

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