

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: September 23, 2014 – 5:30PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, Sixth Floor, County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Gerentine, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Donald J. Quesnell
PRESENT: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels ,Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez (@ 5:40)
ABSENT: Legislator Maloney
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Archer (@5:45), Greene (@ 5:50), Legislative Counsel Weiner, Ragucci, Guerin, County Attorneys Bea Havranek, Jonathan Engel, Tracy Steves, Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell, Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick, Frank Faluotico, Kathy Nolan, Clerk of the Legislature Victoria A. Fabella

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM**

Motion No. 1: **Resolution No. 309 – September 23, 2014**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 309 - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2014 (A Local Law Respecting the Outdoor Restraint of Companion Animals) To Be Held On Wednesday, October 15, 2014 At 6:00 PM**

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: Legislative Counsel Weiner stated minor changes were to be made to this resolution due to minor flaws. He went on to explain the changes he believed that were to be made. Legislator Briggs stated one of the changes Cappy Weiner was recommending that their committee added on purpose and explained the reasoning. Bea Havranek and Legislator Provenzano both made suggestions for the flaw Cappy Weiner brought up. Cappy Weiner stated that there was a larger problem that Don Quesnell brought to his attention. He explained that if you tied your dog to a post while you got a cup of coffee it would be a violation of this law. Legislator Rodriguez stated he believed Legislator Ronk and Wishnick had a recent conversation about this resolution. Legislator Gerentine asked Legislator Rodriguez as one of the sponsors why are we considering this. Legislator Rodriguez said

there have been several instance where there have been neglected animals and he feels that cruelty to animals in any shape or form should not be allowed. Legislator Bartels said it is still a concern to her that the section regarding weather alerts can be accidentally violated due to the 12 hour span you are allowed to tether your animal. Legislator Provenzano stated she feels that most people who are well intentioned she feels would take care of their animal if there was a possible weather alert. Legislator Bartels said but it could still be blue skies and no forecast for bad weather and then a storm could come; in addition to the 12 hour allowance this causes a problem. Legislator Gerentine said he was voting in favor with reservations.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels ,Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 2: Resolution No. 316 – September 23, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 316-** Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2014, A Local Law Authorizing The Award Of Purchase And Service Contracts On The Basis Of Best Value Criteria Pursuant To New York State General Municipal Law And New York State Finance Law

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: Legislator Gerentine asked about the financial impact. It was explained it was due to advertising costs.+

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels ,Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 3: Resolution No. 317 – September 23, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 317 -** Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2014, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 5 of 1989 (A Local Law Requiring Regulations Regarding The

Sale Of Motor Vehicle Fuels) To Establish Certain Consumer Protection Practices In Ulster County

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels ,Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: Legislator Gerentine

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against 1

Disposition: Carried

New Business:

- Legislator Gerentine gave Legislator Bartels the elevator maintenance contract information she requested.
- Legislator Bartels asked about the lease agreement for the printers that was brought up in the last meeting. She stated the purchase price was \$500,000 and she inquired as to the the overhead costs of purchasing per the lease agreement was \$900,000. Burt Gulnick said he would get Legislator Bartels some information.
- Legislator Belfiglio asked how many elevators there are in the county. Jonathan Engel listed them all.
- Legislator Belfiglio asked about UCRRA and the flow control process. He brought up the requirement to hold 25% of their operating budget. He asked if they could demand that money through the Net Service Fee. The response was yes they could. A discussion took place over contractual obligations. Legislator Bartels stated that the RRA came to their last environment committee. She explained the supervisor association was asking for relief. The board suggested the county take over the hauling and other expenses. Legislator Gerentine quoted a conversation from the past recalling specific finances of the RRA. Legislator Bartels brought up the possibility of closures and how it could affect the county and we need to start planning for the future. She mentioned a potential local or regional landfill. Legislator Rodriguez stated he felt that a regional land fill in his opinion is most reasonable. Legislator Provenzano stated that the RRA board had a charge to originally to site a landfill and that it should have been done 20 years ago. Legislator Belfiglio said after flow control a conversation took place on amending the contract. A conversation took place on this topic.
- Legislator Gerentine introduced Tracy Steves the new attorney in the Attorney's office.

Old Business:

General Discussion:

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Belfiglio, seconded by Legislator Briggs and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm.

Dated the 25th day of September, 2014
Donald J. Quesnell, Fiscal Analyst
Minutes Approved On: October 15, 2014