**Ways & Means Committee**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME: December 15, 2015 – 5:00pm**

**LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB**

**PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Gerentine, Chairman**

**LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Donald J. Quesnell**

**PRESENT: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maloney, J. Parete**

**ABSENT: Legislator Maio, R. Parete**

**QUORUM PRESENT: Yes**

**OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Bartels, Greene, Litts, Provenzano, Ronk Legislative Counsel Weiner, Ragucci, Guerin, County Attorneys Jonathan Engel, Tracey Steeves, , Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell, Dennis Doyle, Chris White, Marissa Hansen, James Nani**

* **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:07PM**

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**Motion No. 1: Resolution No. 445 – December 15, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 445 – December, 2015 -** Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget To Reimburse The Town Of Denning For Flood Mitigation Work Performed On Clair Road In The Wake Of Hurricane Irene

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Motion Seconded By**: Legislator Briggs

**Motion to Amend: A motion was made to amend the resolution as written.**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Motion Seconded By**: Legislator Briggs

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6

**No. of Votes Against** 0

**Disposition:**  Amendment Carried

**Discussion:** A general discussion took place regarding the resolution and the financial figures involved. It was explained how these funds affected one town and other possible towns may qualify. Legislator Bartels asked about the resolution stating the County has failed to complete the required steps to complete the reimbursement process. She went on to ask how soil & water was involved in this process. A general discussion ensued on the topic. Counsel Ragucci said this money was originally approved in 2012 and as part of this program the County was facilitated to pay out the funds for this program. He stated, it was due to the failure of the County at the county level that the funds were not distributed. Legislator Briggs asked what process we would have to go through to get the other towns their money as well. Counsel Ragucci explained the process as requested. Legislator Bartels asked what the failure of the County was; Counsel Ragucci explained the failures of the county.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maloney

**Voting Against:** Legislator Gregorius

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5

**No. of Votes Against** 1

**Disposition:**  Carried

**Motion**: **Legislator Belfiglio made a motion to rescind the committee’s votes.**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Motion Seconded By**: Legislator Maloney

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6

**No. of Votes Against** 0

**Disposition:**  Motion Carried to rescind the votes

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 445 – December, 2015 -** Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget To Reimburse The Town Of Denning For Flood Mitigation Work Performed On Clair Road In The Wake Of Hurricane Irene

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Motion Seconded By**: Legislator Briggs

**Discussion:** Dennis Doyle said he believed the issue was procurement at the town level. Legislator Gerentine asked if the county would be reimbursed for this. Dennis Doyle said he could not answer that. Legislator Parete said everyone always asks about the other three towns, but they did not come and talk to us. Legislator Maloney asked if Counsel Ragucci would share his research. Counsel Ragucci said he would not have a problem sharing his research.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maloney, J. Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against** 0

**Disposition:**  Carried

**Motion No. 2: Resolution No. 455 – December 15, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** **Withdrawn by Sponsor.**

**Motion No. 3: Resolution No. 458 – November 17, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 458 – December 15, 2015 -** Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 19 of 2015 (A Local Law Applying Salary Revisions for Certain Elected Ulster County Officials Serving For Fixed Terms)

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Briggs

**Motion Seconded By**: Legislator Maloney

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6

**No. of Votes Against** 0

**Disposition:**  Carried

**Motion No. 4: Resolution No. 479 – December 15, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 479 – December 15, 2015 -** Authorizing Preliminary Planning And Design For The Replacement Of The Carmine Liberta Bridge In The Town Of New Paltz, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of $30,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of $30,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Briggs

**Motion Seconded By**: Legislator Belfiglio

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6

**No. of Votes Against** 0

**Disposition:**  Carried

**Motion No. 5: Resolution No. 480 – December 15, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 480– December 15, 2015 -** Establishing Capital Project No. 459 To Provide for Design and Engineering Work for the Ulster County Rail Trail Project along the Ashokan Reservoir (“Ashokan Rail Trail”)

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gregorius

**Motion Seconded By**: Legislator Maloney

**Discussion:** Chris White thanked the U&D committee for their work. Legislator Ronk thanked the executive office for their support.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maloney, J. Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against** 0

**Disposition:**  Carried

**Motion No. 6: Resolution No. 486 – December 15, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to Approve Late Resolution No. 486 – December 15, 2015 -** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of $50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Multi County Community Development Corp – Department of Social Services

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Briggs

**Motion Seconded By**: Legislator Allen

**Discussion:** Legislator Belfiglio asked if these where new services. Ken Crannell explained it was a new provider.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maloney, J. Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against** 0

**Disposition:**  Carried

**Motion No. 7: Resolution No. 487 – December 15, 2015**

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 487 – December 15, 2015 -** Declaring Certain County-Owned Real Property Located In The Town of Wawarsing, Acquired by the County Through the Greater Catskill Flood Remediation Program To Be Surplus Property And Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Sell Said Real Property To The Highest Bidder Pursuant to Section 215 (6) Of New York State County Law

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Briggs

**Motion Seconded By**: Legislator Maloney

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maloney, J. Parete

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against** 0

**Disposition:**  Carried

**New Business**

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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 5:40pm.

**Dated the 28th Day of December, 2015**

**Donald J. Quesnell, Fiscal Analyst**

**Minutes Approved On: January 26, 2016**