

**NAME OF COMMITTEE:** Health Services Committee

**DATE:** July 16, 2009

**TIME:** 6:30 PM

**PLACE:** Library Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
County Office Building

**LEGISLATORS PRESENT:** Chairman Robert Parete, Legislators Joseph Stoeckeler, Philip Terpening and Kenneth Ronk

**LEGISLATORS ABSENT:** Legislators Thomas "TJ" Briggs, Laura Petit and Joseph Roberti

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Marshall Beckman, Deputy County Executive  
Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach  
Lee Cane, LVW

1. Chairman Robert Parete called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.
2. Approved minutes from meeting June 25, 2009.
3. **Resolution** - Confirming Appointment Of Members To Board Of Health

Pursuant to the Ulster County Charter and Administrative Code, the County Executive appoints members to the Board of Health. The appointments are confirmed by the County Legislature.

Deputy County Executive Marshall Beckman spoke to the resolution briefly. The appointments listed are the County Executive's first set of appointments. Dr. Tack and Dr. Delma are new members to the Board. Mr. Beckman will assist in obtaining the necessary resumes for the members.

Legislator Terpening motioned to approve resolution, seconded by Legislator Ronk. All in favor.

4. **Napanoch Water District** - newspaper article regarding subject was distributed to everyone present (copy attached).

Deputy County Executive Marshall Beckman discussed the leaking aqueduct. He agreed to keep the committee informed of any updates.

- There was discussion regarding DEP and responsibility
- The affect on housing market, well water contamination
- Formalized action against NYC DEP

- The projected cost to repair the leaking aqueduct is approximately \$200 million with a 15 year time frame to complete the project.

#### **5. New business:**

- There has been one death reported from the swine flu; the person had pre-existing compromised health issues (high blood pressure and diabetes).
- The Department of Health has been following up in writing and calling those who are operating food establishments without permits. Mr. Beckman commended Ms. Vetyia for her hard work. The full service establishments have been given priority and they hope to have everything in order by September.
- There was discussion regarding the DOH investigations. The audit took place last fall and was made available in April 2009.
- Legislator Ronk also asked Mr. Beckman to provide an update on the Public Health Director; Mr. Beckman provided where they are in the process.
- Lee Cane, LWV, asked about the subcommittee which was formed to look at the Long Term Health Care Report. Chairman Robert Parete said that Legislator Stoeckeler is no longer a member of the committee. Legislator Ronk will contact Legislator Thomas "TJ" Briggs to set up a meeting.
  - There was a brief discussion about the study, whether or not Golden Hill should be owned privately or by the County and mention of the moratorium on new beds which has been in place for years.

#### **6. Motion to adjourn.**

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Stoeckeler to adjourn. All in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Binder  
Deputy Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature