

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

NOVEMBER 7, 2012

PUBLIC HEARING

7:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 6:42 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ROLL CALL:	Present: 18	Absent: 5 (Legislators Aiello, Belfiglio, Richard Parete and Robert Parete) (Legislator John Parete arrived at 7:00 PM)
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O'CONNOR & DAVIES, LLP PRESENTATION REGARDING THE 2013 BUDGET:

CHAIRMAN BERNARDO INTRODUCED CHAIRMAN OF THE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE, RICHARD GERENTINE, TO INTRODUCE MEMBERS OF O'CONNOR & DAVIES, LLP - NICHOLAS DESANTIS, CHRIS KOPF AND ALAN KASSAY WHO ALTERNATED IN THEIR REVIEW OF THE ANALYSIS AND REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED 2013 BUDGET REPORT (ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE).

Motion for recess called by Leg. Donaldson, seconded by Leg. Ronk called at 7:11 PM,

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PUBLIC COMMENT: There were two (2) public commentators.

- 1) Todd Schmidt, President of Ulster County Unit of the CSEA – Commented on the proposed layoff of 28 employees of the Mental Health Department and his objection to delegating services provided to a private entity.
- 2) Elliot Auerbach, Ulster County Comptroller – Comptroller distributed Memoranda re: Comments on Executive's Proposed Budget; Ensuring the Ability of the Comptroller's Office to Fulfill its Mandate and its Charter Obligations; Comptroller's Budget Appeal, Follow Up to Initial Budget Comment Meeting, Office Statistics thru 3Q12 and Account Summary (on file with the Clerk of the Legislature).

Presentation by members of O'Connor Davies, LLP commenced at 7:25 PM

As part of the discussion, Legislator Gerentine commented on discrepancies in tipping fees of the RRA and that Deputy Clerk Barringer was obtaining a letter from Pete Rose with fees that weren't included in the Executive's Budget. Legislator Provenzano asked for clarification and remarked that none of the information provided was provided by the Resource Recovery Agency. Legislator Gregorius concerned with regard to net service fee. During the course of the presentation, Legislator Gerentine recommended that O'Connor Davies, LLP members should meet with the Executive's office and report back to the members of the Legislature. He stated that hearings would be taking place and indicated the analysts may return in the early part of December. Legislator Gerentine also suggested that the analysts may wish to contact members of the Resource Recovery Agency.

Various Legislators left prior to the adjournment of the meeting – Leg. Ronk (7:55pm), Leg. Briggs (8:25 pm), Leg. Rodriguez (8:25 pm) and Leg. Fabian (8:05pm).

Motion by Leg. Donaldson, seconded by Leg. Ronk to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned 7:25 pm.