

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Public Works & Capital Projects Committee
DATE & TIME: May 2, 2011 @ 7:00 PM
PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor, County Office Building

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Deputy Chairman Peter Loughran, Legislators Frank Felicello, Roy Hochberg, James Maloney, Jeanette Provenzano

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Chairman Dean Fabiano, Legislator Kevin Roberts

OTHERS ATTENDING: Legislator Paul Hansut, Lee Ridgeway (LWV)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 7:00 PM

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 4, 2011 MINUTES:

Motion offered by Legislator Provenzano, Seconded by Legislator Hochberg, All in Favor, Carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1) **Resolution Draft No. 0506, May 17, 2011** - Establishing Capital Project No. 341 Reconstruction Of Various Roads In Ulster County - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges) (**Draft No. 0507 - Bond Resolution**)

Motion offered by Legislator Felicello, Seconded by Legislator Maloney, All in Favor, Carried.

Discussion: Legislator Provenzano requested the list of reconstruction that is to take place on the various roads. She would like that list attached to the Resolution for Caucus.

- 2) **Resolution Draft No. 0508, May 17, 2011** - Amending The 2011 Ulster County Budget- CHIPS Funding Adjustment - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Motion offered by Legislator Maloney, Seconded by Legislator Felicello, All in Favor, Carried.

Discussion: None

- 3) **Resolution Draft No. 0509, May 17, 2011** - Authorizing Appropriation Of Insurance Proceeds To The Road Machinery Repair And Maintenance Account - Amending The 2011 Ulster County Budget - Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

Motion offered by Legislator Maloney, Seconded by Legislator Provenzano, All in Favor, Carried.

Discussion: None

- 4) **Resolution Draft No. 0514, May 17, 2011** - Establishing Capital Project No. 343 Reconstruction Of County Box Culvert And Amending The Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges) (**Draft No. 0515 - Bond Resolution**)

Motion offered by Legislator Provenzano, Seconded by Legislator Maloney, All in Favor, Carried.

Discussion: None

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:

New Paltz Road Bridge Eliminations and Kerhonkson Bridge Update May 2, 2011

Kerhonkson Bridge: The grouting of the bridge beams, (or the pouring of concrete between the beams) was delayed by rain, but it was completed. Following the grouting, the rebar formation of the deck was begun. This was finished last week. The deck is ready to be poured. The pour was scheduled for tomorrow, but the threat of thunderstorms will likely postpone it until Wednesday, May 4, 2011. The completion date still stands at May 30, 2011, but the weather delay that prevented the grouting the beams is likely to prompt an extension request sometime in the near future.

New Paltz Road Bridges: Paving of the first bridge was originally scheduled for April 25th, but rain postponed it several times. The reason rain causes a delay is that NYS DOT specs require that the subsurface beneath the road surface must be dry when it is compacted. The "compaction" process is a slow process when it is repeatedly interrupted by rain. Nevertheless, the contractor has been able to do other required work in the rain in an attempt to mitigate the delay. Paving is now estimated to be done next week, and the first bridge should open the following week of May 20th. Preliminary work at the second bridge site has begun in order to mitigate the delay caused by the rain. Central Hudson has moved their poles and wires. Verizon and Cablevision have not yet started their work. We are trying to get them on site as soon as possible. They have had months of notice, and numerous calls regarding this project.

Addendum: Boices Lane & Enterprise Drive, Town of Ulster: DPW has begun to reconstruct these two road ways with in-house resources. We believe it can be done less expensively, and much faster than relying on NYS-DOT TIP assistance. Pour crews began work today.

Photos were also handed out at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Legislator Hansut made some comments with regards to the New Paltz Road Bridge Projects. He wanted to make sure that the Committee was aware that the Rail Trail portion of the project (the trail that runs under the bridge) was torn up and that the Contractor refused to fix it. As a result the County paved the Rail Trail under the bridge. There was continued discussion with regards to whether that was part of the Contract. Paul stated that the Contractor is saying that it wasn't. He added that he is very grateful that the County came out and paved the trail because they have events coming up. He just wanted to reiterate again that this is another example of the many problems that surround this project. The Committee thanked Legislator Hansut for bringing his concerns forward.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:10 PM

Motion offered by Legislator Maloney, Seconded by Legislator Provenzano, All in Favor, Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Wilson, Senior Legislative Employee