

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Public Works & Capital Projects Committee
DATE & TIME: May 3, 2010 @ 7:00 PM
PLACE: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building

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

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: All were in attendance

OTHERS ATTENDING: Deputy County Executive Robert Sudlow, Lee Ridgeway (LWV)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 7:00 PM

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 5, 2010 MINUTES:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution Draft No. 0508, May 18, 2010 - Amending Capital Project No. 292 - Reconstruction Of Various Roads In Ulster County

This Resolution requires a Bond Resolution: (Draft No. 0509) Authorizing The Reconstruction Of Various Roads Throughout And In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$350,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$350,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

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

Discussion: See attached 2010 Seal List. There was discussion to the increase in funding and the wording of this Resolution.

2. Resolution Draft No. 0510, May 18, 2010 - Amending Capital Project No. 284 For Purchase Of Highway Equipment - Amending The 2010 Capital Project Fund Budget

This Resolution requires a Bond Resolution: (Draft No. 0511) Authorizing The Purchase Of Highway Equipment Of And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost of \$475,000.00 And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$475,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

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

Discussion: See attached the 2010 DPW requested equipment list equaling \$475,000. Chairman Fabiano explained to the Committee that this Resolution is being done in two phases, one now for \$475,000 and then in September for the purchase of the winter equipment. Legislator Provenzano added that the Commissioner of Public Works is anticipating a reduction in the original \$1,000,000 because of the expected cost savings due to the Shared Services Initiative.

3. **Resolution Draft No. 0512, May 18, 2010** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With Tivoli Management Corporation For The Ulster County Department Of Mental Health Satellite Office In Highland

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

Discussion: Legislator Felicello addressed a question to Deputy County Executive Robert Sudlow that in a meeting that he recently attended at the County Executive's Office there was discussion about the possible closing of the Health Department Office located in Highland. If the County is already renting about three quarters of the building then is the Health Department staying or leaving or is it strictly going to be used for Mental Health only?

Sudlow: Stated that this was all addressed with the landlord, the Health Department will be ending the Town of Saugerties lease and the Town of Lloyd lease and that they will be moving into a revolving Health Clinic scenario that will create a better outreach program in all of the towns. He further explained that Mental Health is a different story because it is a population that cannot be handled in an outreach manner. The only lease that will continue will be for Mental Health space only.

Felicello: Stated that he is very concerned that the Southern end of Ulster County will not be represented with regards to the Health Department. He does not want to see services cut back in his District.

Sudlow: Stated that the attendance was low and that the accessibility to that particular Health Office was not easy and by creating a revolving Health Clinic, the greater the possibility to reach more people. The Clinic will be more centrally located for all the towns. He stated that one of Dr. Hasbrouck's biggest concerns has been the accessibility to these Clinics. Very similar to how the Department approached the H1/N1 Flu Vaccines Clinics is how Dr. Hasbrouck's wants to approach the new Health Clinics. The schedule is being worked on and they already have a number of secured spaces in many communities.

Felicello: Stated that when he has stopped by that office, there always seems to be a number of people there, so if he understands correctly then those number of people were there for Mental Health purposes. Mr. Sudlow stated that was correct. Legislator Felicello asked that Mr. Sudlow provide to the Committee statistics showing the low attendance.

Felicello: Asked who is the Land Manager in charge of these properties? Answer is James McTague.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Guardrail & Signage Issue in the Town of Hurley. Chairman Fabiano explained to the Committee that he received a letter (See Attached) from Town Supervisor Gary Bellows that the residents of the Town of Hurley are opposed to the new four-way stop, pedestrian warning, stop ahead warning signs, and guiderail that has been installed on the corner of Hurley Avenue and Main Street which is

located in the Hurley Historic District. Chairman Fabiano spoke with the Commissioner of Public Works and stated that as of today the sign has been removed and that the Commissioner has a meeting with the Historic Society to resolve the rest of the issues. Legislator Hochberg stated that this is a good example of the County working with the community group; there are five or six alternatives that have been considered.

- Legislator Felicello shared with the Committee his concern that Commissioner Sheeley no longer attends their monthly Committee Meeting. He feels that he has certain day-by-day operation questions that only Commissioner Sheeley can answer regarding the Public Works Department. Even though Deputy County Executive Robert Sudlow is in attendance at the meeting, he would feel more comfortable with a Monthly Progress Report and would like for Mr. Sheeley to attend the monthly meeting of the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee. Mr. Sudlow stated that he is always available by phone or at his office to everyone on this Committee that may need his assistance. Legislator Felicello voiced his continued concerns over the implementation of the Shared Services starting this winter. He gets numerous phone calls from town employees that are very concerned that they are going to lose their jobs. He stated that it is very frustrating not to have the answers. Mr. Sudlow replied that there are a lot of variables, until commitments are finalized and the reconfiguring is done, he does not have those answers. Chairman Fabiano stated that the commitment deadline for the towns is coming up and they should know more by the end of May, middle of June. In conclusion, the Committee is requesting the Commissioner of Public Works Dave Sheeley attend their monthly meetings and that Mr. Sheeley supply the Committee with a Monthly Progress Report. Legislator Provenzano is requesting that the Progress Report be obtained a week prior to the meetings, e-mail to the Committee for their review, and if they have individual questions to call Mr. Sudlow and request that the Commissioner attend the meeting to answer asked questions. All agreed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Motion to adjourn @ 7:43 PM

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

**Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Wilson, Senior Legislative Employee**