

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Name: Public Works & Capital Projects Committee

Date: September 9, 2008

Time: 4:45 p.m.

Place: Library

Legislators Present: Chairman Loughran, Legislators Cahill, Lomita and Roberts

Legislators Excused: Legislators Decker, Fabiano and Felicello

Others Attending: Commissioner of Public Works, Dave Sheeley; B&G Administrative Manager, Brian Cunningham; Public Works Controller, Lynda Bertling; County Attorney, Joshua Koplovitz; Crossroads Venture Attorney, Anthony Bucca; Former Legislator Lenny Distel, Napanoch resident Lou Lackman, and Recording Secretary, Kathy Jansen

The meeting was called to order at 4:48 p.m. by Chairman Loughran.

Crossroads Venture Attorney Bucca addressed the committee with a brief summary of a proposal to purchase an easement across a County owned railroad bed. The easement involves a 100' wide crossing at the former Rosenthal parcel. County Attorney Koplovitz noted that the granting of the easement was needed so that the property may appraise at the highest potential value making the transaction of selling the property to the state as forever wild more likely. Crossroads Venture Attorney Bucca noted that conveying the property to the state as forever wild had been recommended by the committee at a previous meeting. Instances of the County granting easements over county property were given. County Attorney Koplovitz advised the committee that the matter was time sensitive in order for the proposal to be complete by the end of the year. The Crossroads Venture group was advised that the Railroad Advisory Committee should be looking at this matter before Public Works & Capital Projects. It was noted that a Railroad Advisory Committee meeting was taking place across the hall, wherein the Crossroads Venture group relocated to that meeting. County Attorney Koplovitz asked that Crossroads Venture be placed on next month's agenda.

Former County Legislator Distel introduced Napanoch resident Lou Lackman who presented the committee with a proposal to rename Main Street in Napanoch to Irwin Way in memory of Francis Irwin. The history of Mr. Irwin's contributions to the community was given. It was noted that the request had been approved by the Napanoch Town Board with the recommendation to be forwarded to the County. Legislator Lomita made a motion contingent upon documentation from the Napanoch Town Board being received that Main Street in Napanoch be renamed to Irwin Way. The motion was seconded by Legislator Cahill and passed unanimously.

1) Resolution Request – Transfer Revenues into Salt Accounts

A motion in the form of a resolution request to transfer funds for salt and chloride for Highways & Bridges for year 2008 was made by Legislator Cahill and seconded by Legislator Lomita. The motion passed unanimously.

2) Resolution Request – Glenford-Wittenberg Stormwater Project (Catskill Watershed Corp Grant)

A motion in the form of a resolution request authorizing the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislator to execute an agreement and any amendments to the agreement with the Catskill Watershed Corporation stormwater retrofit grant for the Glenford-Wittenberg Road stormwater project was made by Legislator Cahill and seconded by Legislator Lomita. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Equipment Purchase – Auger for Bobcat - \$2307 - Budgeted

A motion to approve the request to purchase an auger for the Bobcat skidsteer loader was made by Legislator Lomita and seconded by Legislator Cahill. The motion passed unanimously.

4) Request-to-Fill – D451101843 - Budgeted

A) MEO - Quarry/Bridge Crew – Vacancy due to promotion of C. Beermunder

A motion to approve the MEO request to fill was made by Legislator Cahill and seconded by Legislator Lomita. The motion passed unanimously.

5) Progress Report

Commissioner Sheeley asked the committee members to please read the progress report.

Buildings & Grounds Division

1) Resolution Request – Lease Renewal – Cooperative Extension/Tourism at Westbrook Lane

A motion to authorize the Chairman of the Legislature to execute a renewal lease agreement with Plaza Realty of Ulster County, Inc. was made by Legislator Cahill and seconded by Legislator Lomita. The motion passed unanimously.

2) Project Update

B&G Administrative Manager Cunningham asked the committee members to please read the handout. It was noted that a request for proposal for appraisal services on the Spada property was going out. The committee discussed a report prepared by C&S on potential lease sites for Information Services. B&G Administrative Manager Cunningham noted that once this matter was looked at by the Building Utilization Committee a walk-thru of the Ulster Avenue site with the realtor and members of this Committee would be arranged.

Additional Information

Commissioner Sheeley updated the committee on the status of the section supervisor recovering from surgery. He noted that Highways & Bridges employee Brian Petruski was temporarily filling the position, who is also on the civil service list.

Commissioner Sheeley advised the committee of his disapproval of the proposal to stop road maintenance leaders from taking county trucks home. He noted the current quick response to road emergencies such as trees in road, flooding, clogged pipes, etc. and felt that there would not be enough savings to justify giving up emergency personnel. The committee asked Commissioner Sheeley to provide the statistics from last year for consideration by the grievance committee.

The committee was updated on the status of the New Paltz salt shed project. It was noted that the excavation was complete, with fine grading currently being done. The builder is scheduled to start in three weeks and noted the building could possibly be ready for sand and salt storage by winter.

Chairman Loughran asked for the status of the fuel storage at UCAT. Commissioner Sheeley noted that a request to establish a Capital Project was being presented to the full legislature the next day. Chairman Loughran noted he would like to see this project completed by the end of the year.

Commissioner Sheeley introduced Brian Cunningham as the newly appointed B&G Administrative Manager. He noted his confidence that Brian would do a good job.

A motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. was made by Legislator Lomita and seconded by Legislator Cahill. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,