

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee
DATE: May 15, 1997
TIME: 7:15 p.m.
PLACE: Ulster County Office Building
Library Conference Room
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Legislators Gerentine, Busick, Cummings,
Every, Roberti, Spada, Bertone, Smith,
Magarelli (late)
LEGISLATORS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Mary McMickle, STOP DWI; Barbara
Applegate, Secretary

I. STOP DWI

Mary McMickle presented the agenda.

Mary introduced a resolution to enter into agreement with municipalities for STOP-DWI Task Force Patrols Funding for Second Half of 1997, in the following amounts.

Ellenville Police Dept	\$ 4,800.00
Town of Lloyd Police	2,000.00
Town of Marlboro Police	5,000.00
Town of Plattekill Police	1,200.00
Town of Rosendale Police	2,250.00
Town of Shawangunk Police	3,300.00
Town of Ulster Police	11,250.00
Town of Woodstock Police	3,000.00

Moved by Legislator Busick, seconded by Legislator Spada. No discussion. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Gerentine, Busick, Cummings, Every, Spada, Roberti, Bertone all in favor)

Mary introduced a resolution for continuation of Ulster County

Sheriff Task Force Patrol Funding for Second Half of 1997 - Authorizing Letter of Agreement in the amount of \$9500.00. Moved by Legislator Busick, seconded by Legislator Cummings. No discussion. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Gerentine, Busick, Cummings, Every, Spada, Roberti, Bertone all in favor)

Mary introduced a resolution to Amend the 1997 Ulster County Budget - Transfer of Funds Ulster County STOP DWI in the amount of \$15,000.00. Transfer from A10000009760000, General Fund Balance STOP DWI, to A419154690000, STOP DWI Programs. Moved by Legislator Bertone, seconded by Legislator Spada. No discussion. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Gerentine, Busick, Cummings, Every, Spada, Roberti, Bertone all in favor).

II. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Gerentine introduced a resolution on behalf of the Planning Dept for a Section 5311 Annual Grant Application in the amount of \$103,000.00. Moved by Legislator Every, seconded by Legislator Bertone. No discussion. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Gerentine, Busick, Cummings, Every, Spada, Roberti, Bertone all in favor).

Chairman Gerentine introduced a resolution on behalf of the Planning Dept to appoint Vici Danskin to serve as an alternate for Carol Roper from Town of New Paltz on the Ulster County Planning Board for the term 1/97 through 12/2000. Moved by Legislator Busick, seconded by Legislator Cummings. A letter from the Supervisor of Town of New Paltz was submitted, as well as a resume on Ms. Danskin. After discussion resolution was unanimously carried. (Legislators Gerentine, Busick, Cummings, Every, Spada, Roberti, Bertone all in favor).

Chairman Gerentine introduced a resolution on behalf of the Planning Dept to appoint Stanley Hudson to the Ulster County Planning Board to replace Betty Kawalchuk as the representative from the Town of Rochester who resigned from the Board for the term 1/97 through 12/2000. A letter from Town of Rochester Town Clerk was read, as well as a copy of Mr. Hudson's resume. Moved by Legislator Spada seconded by Legislator Cummings. After discussion resolution was unanimously carried. (Legislators Gerentine, Busick, Cummings, Every, Spada, Roberti, Bertone all in favor.)

Chairman Gerentine read a letter from Herb Hekler informing the committee that due to a grant, Cynthia Ruiz attended a conference in Florida and two people from Rural Transportation will be going to Pittsburgh for training June.

Chairman Gerentine distributed copies of a memo from Diane, Johanson, Safety Officer updating the committee on the status of the air quality at Social Services. Since February only a couple of complaints have been received regarding this problem. On May

12th follow-up air, temperature and humidity tests found the results to be consistent with previous tests conducted which were within the normal range.

Chairman Gerentine read a letter from Election Commissioner Peter Savago which stated effective May 30th Joan Millham will run the office and in her absence Judy Horvers will take over.

III. REAL PROPERTY TAX AGENCY

Dorothy Martin presented the agenda.

Dorothy discussed the senior citizen exemption. This exemption is based solely on income, and many seniors do not realize this exemption exists. This exemption won't be effective until March 1, 1998. As with any exemption, the burden falls on the rest of the taxpayers. After discussion the committee asked Dorothy to find out if any other counties have adopted the senior citizen exemption. Committee also asked Dorothy to find out what is the amount the average senior citizen pays for taxes.

Legislator Cummings made a motion not to take any action until they have had an opportunity to see how the STAR Program is going to be implemented. Committee will look at this again in 60 days after the state budget is passed. Seconded by Legislator Busick. Unanimously carried.

Dorothy discussed the exemption for capital improvements on residential property. This exemption allows the municipality to select its own range of allowable exemption value of improvement. When towns do revaluation and subsequent update, the value arrived at are fair market value on most residential homes. Schools and towns do not have to adopt it. After discussion the committee asked Dorothy to get input from assessors to see how they feel about this exemption. Dorothy was also asked to find out how many municipalities have exemptions for capital improvements, and give this information in writing to Legislator Bertone, with a copy to Chairman Gerentine.

There being no further business, Legislator Spada moved and Legislator Cummings seconded meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Gerentine
Chairman