
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY

THE MINUTES

of a Regular Meeting of the Schenectady County Legislature held January 11, 2022 7:00 p.m. at Legislative Chambers Schenectady County Office Building, 620 State Street, Schenectady, New York

January 11, 2022

The invocation was given by the Pastor Moore.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Ruzzo.

Ceremonial Resolutions

There were no ceremonial resolutions presented.

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Chairman Jasenski called the Legislative Conference of the Schenectady County Legislature to order and instructed the Clerk to call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present:	15	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McDonald, McGarry, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo)
Absent:	0	
Excused:	0	
Vacant:	0	

Meeting of Committee on Rules

There was no meeting of the Committee on Rules.

Privilege of the Floor

Since we were unable to have members of the public to appear in the chambers to deliver remarks during privilege of the floor, members of the public were invited to submit comments through a form on the website.

The Chair instructed the clerk to read the comments received into the record.

Claudia Cavanagh, of Niskayuna, submitted a comment on the BLM banner in front of City Hall.

Chad Putman, of Schenectady, submitted a comment on Code Blue and homelessness.

The CSEA Schenectady County Local 885 Union Leaders submitted a comment on COVID workplace policies.

REGULAR MEETING

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The Clerk called the roll.

Present:	15	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McDonald, McGarry, McGill, Ostreich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo)
Absent:	0	
Excused:	0	
Vacant:	0	

Approval Minutes

Legislator Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14th, December 20th, and January 3rd meetings. Legislator Fields seconded the motion. The motion was carried without objection.

Reports

We have received reports from: The Commissioner of Finance, the Department of Weights and Measures and the County Clerk.

Committee Reports

Legislator Patierne reported the Committee on Public Facilities, Transportation and Infrastructure met on January 3, 2022 and reported to the agenda Resolutions 7 and 8..

Legislator Fields reported the Committee on Ways and Means met on January 3, 2022 and reported to the agenda Resolutions 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Resolutions

Legislator Hughes explained Resolution 7-22.

RESOLUTION 7-22

Sponsored by Legislator Patierne:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR AN EXPANSION OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Clerk by memorandum dated December 27, 2021 requests that Schenectady County’s 2022 Capital Improvement Program be amended to provide funding for the expansion of the current offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to establish an Automotive Dealer Processing Center; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager recommends by memorandum dated December 30, 2021 that the 2022 Capital Improvement Program be amended to provide additional funding for the aforesaid expansion of the DMV offices; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2022 Capital Improvement Program be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Capital Budget

For Capital Project H1620-2022/10

Increase Appropriation Code by:

H1620-2022/10 – DMV Expansion \$35,000.

Increase Revenue Code by:

H5710 – Obligation Serial Bonds \$35,000.

1/3/2022: Reported from the Committee on Public Facilities, Transportation and Infrastructure (PFTII)
1/11/2022: Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes: 15.0000 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McDonald, McGarry, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo)
Nays: 0.0000
Absent: 0.0000
Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.0000

RESOLUTION 8-22

Sponsored by Legislator Patierne:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AT THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the County Manager recommends by memorandum dated December 30, 2021 that the 2022 Capital Improvement Program be amended to provide additional funding for the purchase and installation of a convection steamer at the Schenectady County Correctional Facility; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2022 Capital Improvement Program be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Capital Budget

Establish and increase Appropriation Code by:

H3150-2022/68 – Convection Steamer Replacement \$35,000.

Increase Revenue Code by:

H5710 – Obligation Serial Bonds \$35,000.

1/3/2022: Reported from the Committee on Public Facilities, Transportation and Infrastructure (PFTI2)

1/11/2022: Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes: 15.0000 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McDonald, McGarry, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.0000

Legislator McGill asked for some further clarification on Resolution 9-22.

Finance Commissioner, John McPhillips, explained Resolution 9-22.

RESOLUTION 9-22

Sponsored by Legislator Fields:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGEBACK OF UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES TO CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has advised by memorandum dated December 22, 2021 that some of the taxes previously reimbursed to certain school districts were ultimately determined to be erroneously levied and therefore uncollectible; and

WHEREAS, Section 558 of the Real Property Tax Law provides for the cancellation and chargeback of any such taxes re-levied by the County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following school districts shall be charged back the indicated amounts as provided for by law, to wit:

Schalmont Central School District	\$ 94.17
Scotia-Glenville Central School District	\$ 43,709.51
TOTAL	\$ 43,803.68

1/3/2022: Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means (WM1)
1/11/2022: Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes:	15.0000	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McDonald, McGarry, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	0.0000	
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	0.0000	

RESOLUTION 10-22

Sponsored by Legislator Fields:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PROCESSING OF REAL PROPERTY TAX CORRECTIONS AND REFUNDS FOR THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance advises by memorandum dated December 28, 2021 that sections 554 and 556 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law authorize this Governing Body to designate the Commissioner of Finance to approve all tax bill corrections, credits or refunds that do not exceed \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance further advises that this designated official must report monthly to this Governing Body (before the 15th day of each month) the details of each correction, credit or refund approved for the preceding month; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance further advises that applications for corrections, credits or refunds that exceed \$2,500.00 would need approval of this Governing Body; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this Governing Body hereby delegates to the Commissioner of Finance the authority to perform the duties of this Governing Body as provided in sections 554 and 556 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law during the 2022 calendar year, and such delegation of authority is applicable only where the recommended correction, credit or refund is twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or less, or such other sum not to exceed twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500); and be it further

RESOLVED, where the Commissioner of Finance denies the correction, refund or credit, in whole or in part, such Commissioner shall transmit to this Governing Body for its review and disposition, pursuant to subdivision five of sections 554 and 556 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, the written report of the investigation and recommendation of the Commissioner, together with both copies of the application and the reasons that the Commissioner denied the correction, refund or credit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that on or before the fifteenth day of each month, the Commissioner of Finance shall submit a report to this Governing Body of the corrections, refunds or credits processed by such Commissioner during the preceding month, and such report shall indicate the name of each recipient, the location of the property and the amount of the correction, refund or credit.

1/3/2022: Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means (WM2)
1/11/2022: Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes: 15.0000 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McDonald, McGarry, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.0000

Adjournment

On the motion of Legislator Hughes, seconded by Legislator Fields without objection, the regular meeting was adjourned.