

Attendance Sheets

District	Last Name	Present	Absent	Present/Late
District 14 - Town of Wappinger	Amparo	✓		
District 19 - Towns of North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan	Blalock	✓		
District 13 - Towns of LaGrange, Union Vale, and Wappinger	Bolner	✓		
District 3 - Town of LaGrange	Borchert	✓		
District 1 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Doxsey	✓		
District 6 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Flesland	✓		
District 18 - City of Beacon	Forman	✓		
District 21 - Town of East Fishkill	Horton	✓		
District 22 - Town of Beekman	Hutchings	✓		
District 15 - Towns of Poughkeepsie and Wappinger	Incoronato	✓		
District 10 - City of Poughkeepsie	Jeter-Jackson	✓		
District 25 - Amenia, Stanford, Washington, Pleasant Valley	Kelsey	✓		
District 16 - Towns of Fishkill, East Fishkill and City of Beacon	MacAvery	✓		
District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill	Miccio	✓		
District 7 - Town of Hyde Park	Perkins	✓		
District 8 - City and Town of Poughkeepsie	Rolison	✓		
District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Roman	✓		
District 4 - Town of Hyde Park	Serino	✓		
District 24 - Towns of Dover and Union Vale	Surman	✓		
District 23 - Town/Village of Pawling, Beekman and East Fishkill	Thomes		✓	
District 20 - Town of Red Hook	Traudt	✓		
District 11 - Towns of Rhinebeck and Clinton	Tyner	✓		
District 12 - Town of East Fishkill	Weiss	✓		
District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie	White	✓		
District 2 - Towns of Pleasant Valley and Poughkeepsie	Wilkinson	✓		
Present:	<u>24</u>	Total:	<u>24</u>	<u>1</u>
Absent:	<u>1</u>			
Vacant:	<u>0</u>			

Date: 12/3/13

Special Board Meeting
Dutchess County Legislature
Public Hearing
on the
Tentative 2014 Budget
Bardavon 1869 Opera House, Poughkeepsie, New York

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Chairman calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Clerk calls the roll:

PRESENT: 24 Amparo, Blalock, Bolner, Borchert, Doxsey, Flesland, Forman,
Horton, Hutchings, Incoronato, Jeter-Jackson, Kelsey, MacAvery,
Miccio, Perkins, Rolison, Roman, Serino, Surman, Traudt, Tyner,
Weiss, White, Wilkinson

ABSENT: 1 Thomes

QUORUM PRESENT.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Clerk reads notice of public hearing.

The Chairman declared the public hearing open.

Chris Silva, Bardavon, welcomed everyone to the Bardavon.

Frank Clark, 50 Rinaldi Boulevard, Poughkeepsie, spoke in opposition of the county expanding into the city bus system.

Darrett Roberts, 148 Franklin Street, Poughkeepsie, spoke in opposition to the elimination of the city bus system.

Mae Parker Harris, City of Poughkeepsie, spoke in opposition to the county taking over the city bus system. She spoke in favor of youth programs to prevent tragedies and in favor of preventative programs as opposed to jails.

Charles Davenport, Wappingers Falls, spoke in favor of saving jobs in government and the private sector.

Constantine Kozolias, 47 Noxon Street, Poughkeepsie, spoke in opposition to the county taking over the city bus system and the energy tax. Comments attached hereto.

Sandy Goldberg, Wappingers Falls, spoke in opposition to removing the exemption of the energy tax. She also spoke on the lack of programs to prevent recidivism at the jail.

Milo Tsukroff, 22 West Road, Pleasant Valley, spoke in opposition to the loop bus system based on the amount of usage. He also stated that there was no advertisement of the bus stops.

Carol Madrid, 40 Manitou Avenue, Poughkeepsie, spoke in support of the Webster House and urged expansion of the shelter. She also urged continued support of Hudson River Housing.

Micki Strawinski, 21 Cedar Drive, Red Hook, spoke in opposition to the repeal of the energy tax and instead urged adoption of a slight override to the property tax cap.

David White, 29 North Hamilton Street, Poughkeepsie, spoke in support of enlarging the capacities of homeless shelters while keeping the people safe.

Michael Dahlin, 29 North Hamilton Street, Poughkeepsie, spoke in support of Webster House. He urged the use of other buildings if the overflow shelters were full.

Sam Walters, 29 North Hamilton Street, Poughkeepsie, spoke regarding the homeless shelter and the amount of people that come in and are turned away. He spoke in support solving the homeless issue.

Gregory Bentley, Beacon, spoke in opposition to the elimination of the position of the Director of Engineering.

Kate Goldsmith, comments received through email attached hereto.

The Chairman declared the public hearing closed at 7:43 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-IN SPEAKERS LIST

December 3, 2013

PRINT NAME	ADDRESS AND EMAIL ADDRESS
✓ Milo Tsu Kroff <i>pronounced</i>	22 West Road Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 milotsukroff@netcape.net
Milo Sukroff	

I WANT TO TALK ABOUT NECESSARY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. THE MTA COMMUTE TRAIN TO THOSE WHO WORK IN NYC HAVE AN OPTION, TO DRIVE, WHETHER IT'S A TRAIN DERAILMENT OR AN EIGHT WEEK STRIKE BY METRO NORTH WHICH LASTED FOR EIGHT WEEKS IN 1980'S. THIS RAILROAD COMMUTER STRIKE FORCED ME TO DRIVE TO JAMAICA QUEENS WHERE I JUST STARTED EMPLOYMENT FOR A CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM WHO WAS BUILDING A SUBWAY SYSTEM IN JAMAICA. I HAD THE OPTION TO DRIVE. BUT HERE IN POUGHKEEPSIE WITH ITS BUS SYSTEM WHICH IS STILL UNDER CITY CONTROL, THE POOR WHO'S LIFELINE RELIES ON BUSES FOR MANY CRITICAL PURPOSES DO NOT HAVE THAT OPTION OR THE LUXURY TO HAVE PRIVATE TRANSPORT. THE LOOP IS COMPARED TO CITY BUSES, THE LOOP IN MANY INSTANCES ARE OUT OF THE 'LOOP', WHICH ARE TOO MANY TO LIST!!!!!! THE POUGHKEEPSIE COMMON COUNCIL HAS BEEN INUNDATED WITH PUBLIC CITIZEN COMMENT OPPOSED TO THE COUNTY BUS TAKEOVER. AT MANY INCLUDING, THE MOST RECENT CC MEETING MAYOR TKYZIK AND ADMINISTRATION TAP DANCED AROUND THE TAKEOVER. HOW THE TAKEOVER WOULD TAKE PLACE!! THE CITY HAS NO PLANNING DEPT BECAUSE THE COUNTY TOOK OVER ITS OPERATIONS INCLUDING THE WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT AND THE WALKWAY REZONING. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSION WAS HEATED BUT A 'NEW PLAYER' WAS THROWN IN THE GAME, THE TRANSPORTATION BUREAUCY. WE SAW THE FEDERAL DESIGNED TRANSPORTATION HUB, WITHOUT A TOILET, LOCATED ON MARKET STREET COST \$2, 6 MILLION WITH THE CITY COUGHING UP \$600,000 IN BONDS. NOT TO MENTION, THE CITY HAS AN ADDITIONAL FOUR MILLION CAPITAL BUS CAPITAL BUS INVESTMENT GONE WITH THE WIND, IF THE DC TAKEOVER WILL LOOK LIKE ATLANTA IN THE MOVIE, =====DEVASTATED. THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TOLD ME THE COUNTY IS OUT OF THE BUS TAKEOVER, THE DC CHAIRMAN HAS STATED THERE IS NO MONEY IN THE BUDGET. BUT WHEN I HEARD DURING THE CC MEETING IT WOULD BE REVENUE NEUTRAL RAISED MY PHYSIC. TO ME THIS BUS TAKEOVER ISSUE IS A COMBINATION OF A NYC HUSSLE WITH THE THREE CARD MONTE/THE SHELL GAME FINDING THE PEA. THIS CITY BUS ISSUE REMINDS ME OF THAT ABBOT/COSTELO SKIT, I GET, YOU GET IT AND I DON'T GET IT. THE COUNTY HAS SHORTED THE CITY \$1.3 MILLION UNDER STEINHUSH, AND NOW MOLINARO HAS SHORTED THE CITY \$2 MILLION, FORCING DRASITIC CUTS. ON TOP OF ALL THE CUTS, NOW THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE WANTS TO PUT A SALES TAX ON RESIDENTIAL HOME ENERGY. MANY SENIOR CITIZENS WHO ARE ON SOCIAL SECURITY WHOSE CPI DOES NOT INCLUDE ENERGY AND FOOD. THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE ALONG WITH THE STATE MANDATES IS RIPPING THE LOCALS OFF I.E. ROKEFELLER 'S 620 PROGRAM, PLUS THE 25% COUNTIES MEDICAID SHATE, THE LUCRITIVE STATE PENSIONS, LAST THREE YEAR OVERTIME PEAK, NOT THE 10 YEAR SOCIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENT. THE TAX CAP ON PENSIONS APPLY TO MUNICIPALS BUT NOT TEACHERS PENSIONS, WHY THE DUPLICITY? THE COUNTY IN COMMITTEE DEFEATED INCREASING THE TAX CAP BUT IT HAS LUXURY IN RAISING THE SALES TAX!!!!

Morris, Carolyn

From: Kate Goldsmith [wordscapes@optonline.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 5:53 AM
To: Perkins, Richard; CountyLegislature
Subject: Comment on 2014 proposed budget for the public record

November 20, 2013

Dear Members of the County Legislature:

I object to County Executive Molinaro's proposal to raise \$7.8 million in 2014 by repealing the sales tax exemption on residential energy sources.

Although I understand the challenging financial situation the county faces, this proposal will seriously impact those who live on fixed incomes and others whose incomes have suffered in a lingering weak economy.

Unfortunately, by voting to not exceed the so-called 2-percent tax cap, the Legislature has painted itself into a corner, when exceeding the cap by a modest amount would certainly cause less fiscal pain than adding 3.75 percent to most home energy transactions.

Anyone who says the cost will not be passed along to residents is either naïve or simply disingenuous. Businesses are in business to make money; it's unrealistic to expect them to absorb the tax.

Considering the burden this repeal would place on all residents, don't pat yourselves on the back for staying under the tax cap.

Please include this statement in the record for the public hearing. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Goldsmith
Poughkeepsie (Town of Hyde Park)