

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION
MINUTES: October 16, 2008

LEGISLATION

MEMBERS:

Chair: Burton; Legislators: Jenkins, Harckham, Bronz, Oros,

IN ATTENDANCE:

CE: B. Randolph, K. Pasquale; **CA:** L. Cipollo; **CC:** E. Songer McCarthy; **BUDGET:** J. Delaney n, **BOL:** S. Bass, K. Delgado; **PRESS:** G. McKinstry (The Journal News),

With a quorum present, the Committee on Legislation was called to order at 9:49 a.m.

Boards & Commissions

(Jenkins, Harckham) Move to approve the appointment of Mr. Thomas Newman as Westchester County sportsman representative to the New York State Fish and Wildlife Management Board and Mr. John Peters to serve as the alternate. Both men were recommended by the Sub-Committee on Appointments. Motion approved 5-0.

Receive and File

(Bronz, Harckham) Move to receive and file B98 & B112. Motion approved 5-0.

Local law to Increase County Clerk Fees

(Jenkins, Bronz) Move to opt into state legislation authorizing the Westchester County Clerk to increase the fees charged by the county clerk's office with respect to the Recording, Entering, Indexing and Endorsing a certificate of any instrument.

Eileen McCarthy of the County Clerks office gave an overview of the legislation. There will be an increase in the basic recording fee from \$5 to \$20 and an increase in the per page fee of \$3 to \$5. A three page deed will increase from \$120 to \$145. A fee for a thirty page mortgage will go from \$121 to \$200. The fiscal impact to the county will be \$2,550,000 of revenue in 2009.

Ms. Pasquale discussed some of the State Legislative cuts and its impact on the different aspects of the County budget. Given the cuts sustained by counties the State Legislature and the Governor allowed counties to gain some additional revenue by raising these fees.

Motion approved 4-1 (Oros Nay).

(Jenkins, Bronz) Move to adjourn. Motion approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST