

**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION**  
**SUB-COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008, AT 4:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** CHAIR: Bronz. Members: Burton, Jenkins. STAFF: Vita.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Ken Donato, Mattie Grady-Smith; Serino Carpentieri.

Mrs. Bronz called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL:**

**Chief Kenneth M. Donato:** Is a resident of Hopewell Junction, New York and has been appointed by the County Executive as a member, replacing the expired term of Chief Jerry Mignone, for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

He is a 27 year veteran of the Ossining Police Department and served as Police Chief since 1982. He has numerous professional affiliations such as the Westchester County Chiefs of Police Association; the NYS Association of Chiefs of Police and Benevolent Association and he is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and a member of the FBI National Academy Associates.

He is an active member of VINE, a protective Order Service for domestic violence victims. He has been working with Commissioner Murphy, Office for Women on this program for several years and it has proved to be very successful.

Mrs. Bronz said Chief Donato comes very well experienced and knowledgeable, and will be an asset. On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Jenkins, the appointment was approved by a 3-0 vote. All in favor none, opposed.

**BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS:**

**Serino Carpentieri:** Is a resident of Valhalla, New York and has been appointed by the County Executive to serve as a member for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

He has been in the plumbing business for over 50 years and for the past 35 years, he is the President of Martinello Plumbing & Heating, Inc. He and members of Local 299 formed an Apprentice Program, where over 200 applicants are received to learn the trade. Classes run for 7 weeks per year and is subsidized by the State. He also offers a Scholarship Program at Stepinac High School.

Submitted by: Emilia Vita

Approved: 9/8/08

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Mrs. Bronz thanked Mr. Carpentieri for sharing his expertise and thanked him for his time. On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Jenkins, the appointment is approved by a 3-0 vote. All in favor, none opposed.

**WAIVER REQUEST:**

**Mattie D. Grady-Smith, Esq.:** Is a resident of Chestnut ridge, New York and is retired after 35 years of service from Westchester County government, as an EEO Director. She requests a waiver under Section 883.21(h)2 of the Westchester County Ethics Law, to become a hearing officer for Westchester government.

Becoming a Disciplinary Hearing Officer for the County was an avenue offered after retirement. There is a vacancy currently in the Planning Department, and eventually would like to expand the service to other county departments, and the payment would be by contract, approximately \$300 per day. She has many years of experience in the field and has been a counselor in New City prior to her position in Westchester.

The request was forwarded to the County Attorney's office for review and responded by a memo dated May 21, 2008, that there is no legal impediment to the Board and her request is approved.

On the motion of Legislator Jenkins, seconded by Legislator Burton, the Waiver Request for Mattie Grady-Smith is hereby approved by a vote of 3-0. All in favor, none opposed.

**REAPPOINTMENTS:** The following reappointments to the Hispanic Advisory Board were moved and approved on the motion of Legislator Jenkins, seconded by Legislator Burton, 3-0. All in favor, none opposed:

- George W. Echevarria, Esq. Yolanda Infante, Dr. Leo Leiderman, Psy.D.,C.G.P., and Vivian Sebastian.

**RENT GUIDELINES BOARD:**

Alba Guevara-Bolanos, declined the Public Member position to the RGB. Legislator Alvarado will have her write a letter to the BOL that she is declining the position due to child care issues. The members will discuss other candidates for this position at a future meeting.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.