

**YEAR END MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
HELD VIA AUDIO WEBINAR PURSUANT TO TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDERS**

Thursday December 17, 2020
(Immediately following Audit & Admin. Mtg. starting @ 6:30 P.M.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. by Chairwoman Addonizio who led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Nacerino, Albano, Jonke, Castellano, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting – October 29, 2020

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #5 - Correspondence
a) County Auditor

There was no activity during the reporting period.

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Nacerino & Sullivan)**

Item #6a – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (20A072)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Security at Board of Elections Polling Sites was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Jonke, Chairman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #234

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ SECURITY AT BOARD OF ELECTIONS POLLING SITES

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (20A072) to amend the 2020 Sheriff Department’s Road Patrol Division budget to account for revenue received from the Board of Elections for security services provided at the various polling sites for Election Day; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Revenue:

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| 17311000 41294G | Sheriff’s Patrol – Board of Elections | 17,108.95 |
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Increase Appropriations:

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| 17311000 | Sheriff’s Patrol | |
| 51093 | Overtime | 15,893.13 |
| 58002 | Social Security | <u>1,215.82</u> |
| | | 17,108.95 |

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6b – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (20A073)/ Commissioner of Finance/ E911 Consolidation Project was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that we had lengthy discussions on this in the Audit & Administration Committee meeting and the Protective Services Committee meeting. She believed it was insane to move forward spending \$398,000 with no plan. She stated that Commissioner of Finance William Carlin was just on the line during the Audit meeting. When she questioned the funding amount not adding up correctly, Commissioner Carlin indicated that if anything was left it would be applied to hiring a consultant. However, this was not indicated in the backup material. She stated that this is a proposed purchase for a huge capital improvement project that was not discussed, voted on or proposed during the Capital Project Committee meeting. She stated that we are spending almost \$400,000 without a plan.

Legislator Jonke stated that Commissioner of Emergency Services Ken Clair outlined some details during the Audit & Administration Committee meeting. He stated that he trusted our experts in the County. He explained that during the Audit meeting Legislator Montgomery finished her comments by stating, “I don’t know I’m not the expert.” He believed that we needed to leave this to the experts.

Legislator Montgomery stated that Commissioner Clair and Captain James Babcock are very good at their jobs. However, they are not consultants for a project like this, they have never done a project like this and they are not the experts for a project like this.

Legislator Albano stated the he supported this, and he believed that we had enough information. He explained that the numbers can often change, and Commissioner Carlin provided an explanation of how this will all come together.

Legislator Sullivan explained how over the years Commissioner Clair, Captain Babcock, IT Director Thomas Lannon, and others from the Sheriff’s Department have had many discussions about the details of this project and he believed they had a very good plan in place. He stated that he fully trusted their expertise and capabilities to get this done. He did not believe a consultant was necessary.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she is in favor of this consolidation and she echoed what Legislator Sullivan said. She stated that the task before us tonight is simply to approve or disapprove the consoles. She explained that the individuals discussing this project will keep the Legislature apprised as we proceed with the project. She stated that the project is not what is up for a vote tonight. She stated that we are voting on the consoles which is necessary operational equipment in order to move forward. She stated that this has been an effective and efficient plan for the safety and wellbeing of our residents.

Legislator Sayegh stated the numbers do add up to \$397,670 and according to Commissioner Carlin we round to whole numbers; which is actually a difference of \$330.00. She stated that she was comfortable with the math from Commissioner Carlin. She believed that it made sense to consolidate which allows for quicker response times for our first responders. She stated that she trusts our Emergency Services, Sheriff's Department and Emergency Responders to be the experts on the particulars. She stated that she was in favor of this transfer for the consoles.

Legislator Montgomery stated that her colleagues keep referring to a plan that she has not seen. She stated that it is not that she is not in favor of the consolidation; it could be great, but we do not know that.

Legislator Jonke called the question; seconded by Legislator Sullivan.

Chairwoman Addonizio believed that over the years there has been much discussion to consolidate our 911 Dispatch. She stated that the consolidation will reduce redundancies, increase efficiencies and public safety. She believed all stakeholders think this consolidation is favorable.

RESOLUTION #235

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT/ COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ E911 CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (20A073) to fund the E911 Consolidation Project; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

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| 10990100 59020 | Transfer to Capital Fund | 398,000 |
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

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| 10199000 54980 | Contingency | 398,000 |
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CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

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| 53097000 53000 52012 | E911 Consolidation Project | 398,000 |
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

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| 53097000 428601 52012 | Interfund Transfer – General Fund | 398,000 |
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2020 Fiscal Impact \$398,000

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6c – Approval/ Fund Transfer (20T213)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Patrol Overtime (tabled from October Audit Mtg to Protective Committee – Amended & Approved at Dec. Protective mtg.) **was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:**

RESOLUTION #236

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER / SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ PATROL OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (20T213) to cover projected Overtime Costs incurred due to having two (2) Deputies in the Academy, two (2) Deputies on Military Leave, two (2) Deputies on 207C and staffing loss due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, there has been a need to increase staffing due to protests throughout the County and a cost increase due to a new contract agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

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| 10315000 51094 | Jail Temporary | 38,808 |
| 10315000 58002 | Jail FICA | 3,825 |
| 10012000 51093 | Jail Staff Training Overtime | 24,000 |
| 10012000 58002 | Jail Staff Training FICA | 1,836 |
| 10009000 51093 | Jail Transport Services Overtime | 15,000 |
| 10009000 58002 | Jail Transport Services FICA | 1,148 |
| 10010000 51094 | Jail Food Temporary | 5,000 |
| 10010000 58002 | Jail Food FICA | <u>383</u> |
| | | 90,000 |

Increase:

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| 17311000 51093 | Sheriff Patrol Overtime | 82,808 |
| 17311000 58002 | Sheriff Patrol FICA | <u>7,192</u> |
| | | 90,000 |

**2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6d – Approval/ Putnam County Policy for the Use of Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that based on what was discussed at the Protective meeting, she believed that her colleagues were in favor of this and in favor of the data being managed by agencies outside of the Sheriff’s Department. She stated that the Retention Schedule is guided by the New York State Commissioner of Education. She believed that it left the County vulnerable to for profit companies accessing this data. There is nothing in the policy that prevents that from happening. She believed the data

should be held by law enforcement only. She stated that of 28 agencies polled across the State there may only be one (1) who has a policy because of the way their department is run. She stated that the data is always held by the Sheriff's Department in every county and now we are leaving ourselves wide open for this data to be shared.

Legislator Albano stated that he was in favor of moving this. He stated that the policy could always be refined in the future if we believe it is necessary.

Legislator Sayegh stated that this policy mirrors the policy proposed by the Sheriff's Department; with only a few exceptions. She stated that it allows for more transparency from the Sheriff's Department to the Legislature. She stated that she is in favor of our IT Department involved to protect the data so that others cannot have access.

Legislator Nacerino supported the policy. She stated that the policy issued by the Sheriff's Department is almost identical to the one (1) we are adopting this evening. She believed the language is a bit more stringent making it more precise and not open to interpretation. She did not believe other agencies would be sharing our information; it would be confined to our IT Department. She believed what was stated by Legislator Montgomery was misleading.

Legislator Sullivan stated that we want to get these ALPRs to Cold Spring and the Sheriff's Department so they can start using them. He explained that picking this policy apart was just delaying the usage of this important equipment. He explained that the Law Department, Legislature and Legislative Counsel have gone through this in great detail. He was comfortable with it and thought it was a very good policy. He stated that he wants to get the tools in law enforcement's hands which they have been asking for.

RESOLUTION #237

APPROVAL/ PUTNAM COUNTY POLICY FOR THE USE OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS (ALPR)

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (the "County") desires to set forth guidance for the capture, storage and use of digital data obtained through the use of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology; and

WHEREAS, it shall be the policy of the County of Putnam to utilize ALPR technology to capture and store digital license plate data and images while recognizing the established privacy rights of the public, as set forth in the PUTNAM COUNTY POLICY FOR THE USE OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS ("ALPR Policy") attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the ALPR Policy has been reviewed and approved by the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Putnam County Legislature; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the ALPR Policy developed by the County is hereby adopted by the Putnam County Legislature in the form attached hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. MOTION CARRIES.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE
(Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Montgomery & Sayegh)**

Item #6e – Approval/ Re-Appointments/ Putnam County Industrial Development Agency was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Gouldman, Chairman of the Economic Development & Energy Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Montgomery and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #238

APPROVAL/ RE-APPOINTMENTS/ PUTNAM COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

RESOLVED, that the following be appointed to the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency:

Dr. Stephen Baranowski, Town of Carmel, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

Joseph Downey, Town of Patterson, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

Michael Karlsson, Town of Southeast, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that these appointments comply with any requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6f – Approval/ Designation / County of Putnam/ Tourist Promotion Agency was next. On behalf of the members of the Economic Development & Energy Committee, Legislators Montgomery and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #239

APPROVAL / DESIGNATION / COUNTY OF PUTNAM / TOURIST PROMOTION AGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 162 and 163 of the New York State Economic Development Law, the Putnam County Legislature may designate any not-for-profit corporation or other non-profit organizations, associations, or agencies as the Tourist Promotion Agency of the County of Putnam and authorize such agency to make application for and receive grants for the purposes specified in the New York State Tourism Promotion Act; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam previously designated itself as the Tourist Promotion Agency for Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam has established a Department of Tourism and appointed a Director of Tourism for the purposes of promoting tourism throughout Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, as the lead agency in the promoting of Putnam County, the County of Putnam is qualified to be designated as the Tourist Promotion Agency for Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby designates the County of Putnam as the Tourist Promotion Agency for the County of Putnam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this designation shall be effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Tourist Promotion Agency to make application for and receive grants for the purpose specified in the New York State Tourism Promotion Act.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY.

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Addonizio & Albano)**

Item #6g – Approval/ Fund Transfer (20T289)/ Social Services/ Adopt Sub Federally Participating (FP) and Committee on Special Education (CSE) was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Sayegh, Chairwoman Sayegh of the Health, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Albano, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #240

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER/ SOCIAL SERVICES/ ADOPT SUB FEDERALLY PARTICIPATING (FP) AND COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION (CSE)

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a fund transfer (20T289) to reallocate funds to cover projected Adopt Sub FP and CSE costs through 12/31/20; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

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| 10611900 54416 | Adopt Sub FP (Federally Participating) | 5,500 |
| 10610900 54434 | IVE(EAF) JD/PINS (Federally Participating Foster Care, Emergency Assistance to Families, Juvenile Delinquent/Person in Need of Supervision) | 30,000 |
| 10610900 54436 | EAF JD/PINS (Emergency Assistance to Families, Juvenile Delinquent/Person in Need | |

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| of Supervision) | <u>350,000</u> |
| | 385,500 |

Increase:

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| 10611900 54415 | Adopt Sub FNP (Federally Non-Participating) | 5,500 |
| 10611900 54114 | CSE (Committee on Special Education) | <u>380,000</u> |
| | | 385,500 |

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6h – Approval/ Fund Transfer (20T290)/ Social Services/ Committee on Special Education was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Albano, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #241

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER/ SOCIAL SERVICES/ COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a fund transfer (20T290) to reallocate funds to cover projected Committee on Special Education costs through 12/31/20; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

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| 10611900 54414 | IVE JD/PINS (Federally Participating Foster Care, Juvenile Delinquent/Person in Need of Supervision) | 60,000 |
| 10611900 54420 | Foster Care FNP (Federally Non-Participating) | 140,000 |
| 10611900 54423 | IVE Foster Care (Federally Participating) | 40,000 |
| 10614000 54493 | Safety Net | <u>200,000</u> |
| | | 440,000 |

Increase:

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| 1061190054114 | CSE (Committee on Special Education) | 440,000 |
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2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6i – Approval/ Memorialization Greene County Resolution Supporting Product Stewardship Program for Unused Paint/ Assembly Bill #A.11245 & Senate Bill #S.9106 was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Albano, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Sayegh read a section of the resolution. She stated that, if passed, it would save our County government thousands of dollars each year.

Chairwoman Addonizio believed this was a great initiative. It not only recycles and disposes leftover paint; it also implements a paint recovery program which creates new paint from the recycled paint.

RESOLUTION #242

APPROVAL/ MEMORIALIZATION RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR UNUSED PAINT/ ASSEMBLY BILL #A.11245 & SENATE BILL #S.9106

WHEREAS, it is estimated that close to 4 million gallons of leftover paint are generated in New York each year, which would cost \$31 million for local government to properly manage; and

WHEREAS, management of leftover paint in New York results in a cost that typically represents 50% of municipal household hazardous waste budgets, although not all paint is properly managed; and

WHEREAS, a statewide paint stewardship program would mean that the paint industry would be responsible for collecting and managing leftover paint in New York; and

WHEREAS, the American Coatings Association, a trade association representing 95% of paint manufacturers from across the United States has created PaintCare, a non-profit program to manage the reuse, recycling and disposal of leftover paint; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia and eight other states, including Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, and Maine have passed legislation implementing paint recovery programs managed by PaintCare, saving local municipalities \$69 million dollars while successfully recycling 17 million gallons of paint since 2010 as part of household hazardous waste collection programs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to reducing government costs, a paint stewardship program would continue adding green sector jobs to the over 200 already created across states with paint stewardship legislation, reduce waste and encourage the public to purchase the right amount of paint for a job; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature wishes to express its support for a statewide paint collection system; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby urges New York State to enact Assembly Bill A.11245 & Senate Bill S.9106 to relieve municipalities and taxpayers from the financial burden of collecting and managing leftover paint in New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Putnam County’s representatives in the State Legislature as well as to the Governor and leadership of our State Legislature.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
(Chairman Sullivan, Legislators Albano & Castellano)**

Item #6j – Approval/ Re-Appointments/ Electrical Examiners Board was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Sullivan, Chairman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano and Castellano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:

Chairwoman Addonizio thanked the Board volunteers.

RESOLUTION #243

APPROVAL/ RE-APPOINTMENTS/ ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS BOARD

RESOLVED, that the following be re-appointed to the Putnam County Board of Electrical Examiners:

Ronald Massaro, Town of Philipstown, as Low Voltage/Limited Data Communications Technician, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

John Morrison, Town of Kent, as Master Electrician, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

Randy Taggart, Town of Philipstown, as Former Journeyman Electrician, for a three (3) term, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that these re-appointments comply with any requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6k - Approval/ Local Law to Amend the Code of the County of Putnam Chapter 145, Entitled “Electricians” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments &

Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Albano and Castellano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following;

RESOLUTION #244

**APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM
CHAPTER 145, ENTITLED "ELECTRICIANS"**

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section I.

Section 145-19 of the Code of Putnam County is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 145-19 Shelving of license.

Upon written request by any individual licensed under this chapter, a license may be shelved subject to the following:

A. Shelving of Master Electrician

- (1) Proof that any open electrical permit applications have been closed.
- (2) The granting of a request for shelved status shall not be deemed or otherwise considered a suspension of license.
- (3) Shelved status may be granted for a period of one year.
- (4) The period of shelved status shall commence upon expiration of the current year.
- (5) On or before December 31 of each year of shelved status, the licensee must submit a shelving affidavit.
- (6) A fee shall be assessed against the licensee during any period of approved shelved status.
- (7) Licensees can shelve in consecutive years for a maximum of five years without Board approval. If the licensee wishes to extend shelving beyond five years, the licensee must submit a letter to the Board providing a satisfactory reason for continued shelving.
- (8) A licensee granted shelved status must complete, prior to renewal, any applicable continuing education that may be required during the period of time the license is shelved.
- (9) Upon reactivation, the licensee shall be required to complete a renewal application and pay the appropriate annual licensing fee regardless of the time remaining in the calendar year.

- (10) Any licensee of a shelved license found working in Putnam County shall be deemed unlicensed. He/she shall be subject to fines and penalties as provided for in this chapter.

B. Shelving of Electrical Journeyman

- (1) The granting of a request for shelved status shall not be deemed or otherwise considered a suspension of license.
- (2) Shelved status may be granted for a period of two years.
- (3) The period of shelved status shall commence upon expiration of the current two-year term.
- (4) On or before September 30 of the even-numbered years of shelved status, the licensee must submit a shelving affidavit.
- (5) A fee shall be assessed against the licensee during any period of approved shelved status.
- (6) Licensees can shelve consecutively for a maximum of three terms, or a total of six years, without Board approval. If the licensee wishes to extend shelving beyond six years, the licensee must submit a letter to the Board providing a satisfactory reason for continued shelving.
- (7) A licensee granted shelved status must complete, prior to renewal, any applicable continuing education that may be required during the period of time the license is shelved.
- (8) Upon reactivation, the licensee shall be required to complete a renewal application and pay the appropriate annual licensing fee regardless of the time remaining in the calendar year.
- (9) Any licensee of a shelved license found working in Putnam County shall be deemed unlicensed. He/she shall be subject to fines and penalties as provided for in this chapter.

Section II.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York Secretary of State.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6L - Approval/ Electrical Fees/Civil Penalty Schedule Pursuant to Sections 145-7(l) and 145-22(C) of the Putnam County Code was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Albano and Castellano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following;

RESOLUTION #245

APPROVAL/ ELECTRICAL FEES/CIVIL PENALTY SCHEDULE PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 145-7(I) AND 145-22(C) OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE

WHEREAS, Section 145-7(I) of the Putnam County Code authorizes the setting and collection of fees for registrations, renewals, and other items as shall be proposed by the Putnam County Board of Electricians and approved by resolution of the Putnam County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Section 145-22(C) of the Putnam County Code authorizes the setting and collection of civil penalties in an amount proposed by the Putnam County Board of Electricians and approved by resolution of the Putnam County Legislature, but not to exceed \$5,000 for each violation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Electricians of Putnam County desires to revise these schedules at this time and has approved such revision; and

WHEREAS, the new proposed fee and civil penalty schedules have been reviewed and approved by the Rules Committee; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fee and civil penalty schedules are hereby approved and adopted by the Putnam County Legislature:

FEE SCHEDULE

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| Application Fee | \$ 150.00 |
| Re-Application Fee | \$ 75.00 |
| Master License Fee (per year) | \$ 500.00 |
| Special Master License Fee (per year) | \$ 500.00 |
| Low Voltage/Limited Data Communications Technician Fee (per year) | \$ 150.00 |
| Late Fee for Master, Special Master, Low Voltage/Lmtd Data Comm Tech | |
| After December 31st | \$ 100.00 |
| After January 31st | \$ 200.00 |
| After February 28th /29th [Between March 1 – March 31] | \$ 300.00 |
| Reciprocal Master Electrical License Fee | \$ 500.00 |
| Journeyman License Fee (2 years) | \$ 100.00 |
| Late Fee for Journeyman | |
| If renewed between Oct 1st through Dec 31 st | \$ 50.00 |
| If renewed after December 31st to following renewal | \$ 75.00 |
| Helper Registration Fee (2 years) | \$ 40.00 |
| Decal Fee (first one free) | \$ 6.00 |
| Certified Copy of Master License Fee | \$ 10.00 |
| (Certified copies are issued only to those who took the electrical exam for Putnam County) | |

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| Shelving of License | \$ 50.00 |
| Shelving Late Fee | \$ 25.00 |
| Electrical Inspection Application Fee (per inspection) | \$ 50.00 |

CIVIL PENALTIES

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| Prohibited Acts (per act) | \$5,000.00 max |
| Transfer of License-“Covering” | \$5,000.00 |
| Master Working without a Putnam County License | |
| First Violation | \$1,500.00 |
| Second Violation within three years of First Violation | \$2,500.00 |
| Third Violation within three years of First Violation | \$5,000.00 |
| Journeyman Working without a Putnam County License | \$1,500.00 |
| Helper Working without a Putnam County Registration | \$ 500.00 |
| Master Allowing Work under him/her by an Unlicensed Journeyman or by an Unregistered Helper | \$1,500.00 |
| Workers on a Job Site without Proper Putnam County ID (per worker) | \$ 250.00 |
| No Signage on Vehicle | \$ 100.00 |
| Failure to Affix Decal on Vehicle | \$ 100.00 |
| Improper Advertising | \$ 100.00 |
| Failure to File an Inspection Permit | \$ 150.00 |

Any additional category of penalty not otherwise covered by this schedule shall be subject to the discretion of the Board pursuant to §145-22(C) of the Electrical Law.

In assessing the penalty for a violation of Chapter 145 of the Putnam County Code, the Board may deviate from the civil penalty schedule approved by the Legislature if it believes, in its discretion, it is warranted by the facts and circumstances of the case. Such deviation, either increasing or decreasing the penalty, and the justification for same must be placed on the record and be approved by a majority roll call vote of the entire Board.
and be it further

RESOLVED, that this schedule will take effect on the day the local law contained in Resolution #244 of 2020 becomes effective.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Albano, Legislators Gouldman & Nacerino)

Item #6m – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (20A074)/ Commissioner of Planning/ Mahopac Falls Bikeway Construction Project PIN 8759.06 was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Albano, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #246

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT/ COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING/ MAHOPAC FALLS BIKEWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PIN 8759.06

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning has requested a budgetary amendment (20A074) to include funding for the Mahopac Falls Bikeway Construction Project PIN 8759.06; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

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| 55997000 53000 50331 | Mahopac Falls Bikeway – PIN 8759.06 | 1,259,000 |
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

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| 55197000 448971 50331 | Fed Aid – Mah Falls Bkwy – PIN 8759.06 | 1,111,200 |
| 55197000 430971 50331 | State Aid – Mah Falls Bkwy – PIN 8759.06 | 86,900 |
| 05000 45710L 50331 | Serial Bond Proceeds 2021 | <u>190,900</u> |
| | | 1,389,000 |

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

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| 05000 457101 50331 | Serial Bonds | 130,000 |
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2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2021 Fiscal Impact – Undetermined Debt Service

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6n – Approval/ Ratification of Application for Grant Funds Available through the New York State Department of Transportation’s Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #247

APPROVAL/RATIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MODERNIZATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has apportioned \$41.4 Million in State funding for counties, cities and regional authorities to upgrade, modernize and enhance public transportation services, such funds to be awarded through a competitive selection process through NYSDOT's Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program (MEP), which is included in the enacted State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020-2021 State Budget; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that NYSDOT's MEP discretionary grant funds will be awarded to projects that support fleet enhancement, deployment of new technologies and passenger amenities and maintenance facilities, as well as projects that help reduce the carbon footprint/harmful emissions within the service area and direct infrastructure investments in certain communities; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding is one hundred (100%) percent State funding and no local match is required; and

WHEREAS, the MEP discretionary funding is included in the 5-year State Transportation Plan administered through NYSDOT, and the deadline for application submission has passed; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-1(D)(1) of the Putnam County Code requires the Legislature approve all grant applications prior to their submission and that in the event time is of the essence requiring submission before Legislature approval is obtained for such application submission, consideration of the application shall occur at the next Full Legislature Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, is desirous to competitively seek grant funds through NYSDOT's MEP grant program and in furtherance therefor submitted the County's grant application to NYSDOT for such competitive funds totaling to \$137,909; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature, by and through the Physical Services Committee, approves the County's application for MEP grant funding and the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation herewith provides the application, attached hereto as Exhibit A, post-submission to the Legislature for review and ratification thereof for NYSDOT MEP grant funding; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the County Legislature, supports the County's application for NYSDOT's MEP grant funding, such application attached hereto as Exhibit A, which was required to be submitted formally to NYSDOT and now subsequently presented to the County Legislature by the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation for consideration and ratification thereof.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6o – Approval/ Lead Agency/ SEQRA Determination/ Austin Road Field Project was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery wanted clarification that we were approving that the Legislature was the Lead Agency and not the SEQRA Determination.

Legislator Albano stated that was correct.

RESOLUTION #248

APPROVAL/ LEAD AGENCY/ SEQRA DETERMINATION/ AUSTIN ROAD FIELD PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering the approval of a Putnam County Highways and Facilities project located at 370 Austin Road in the Town of Carmel that involves regrading a portion of the site to create an athletic field and associated stormwater management practices as well as construction of a parking lot; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the regulations promulgated thereunder, 6 NYCRR Part 617 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, other potential involved and interested agencies have been identified regarding the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature hereby declares its intent to act as the Lead Agency under the procedures and requirements of SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, a full Environmental Assessment form (EAF) has been prepared for the proposed project along with supporting documentation/plans; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, after a review of 6 NYCRR Part 617 *et seq.*, finds that the proposed action is an Unlisted action; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature will conduct a coordinated SEQRA environmental review for the proposed action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby declares its intent to serve as the Lead Agency under the procedures and requirements of SEQRA, and will circulate a Lead Agency Notice along with the EAF and associated documentation/plans to all involved and/or interested agencies, and will follow protocol in accordance with and as required by all relevant rules and regulations therefor.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6p – Authorizing Lease/ Room #9 Putnam County Veterans’ Residence was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #249

AUTHORIZING LEASE/ ROOM # 9 PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS’ RESIDENCE

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is the owner of certain real property, including the building situated thereon, located at 9 Drew Lane, Carmel, New York 10512, which is known as the Putnam County Veterans’ Residence; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Veterans’ Residence is operated as a communal residence for veterans who meet the established eligibility criteria; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is desirous of entering into a lease agreement with Richard Sander for a single-residence room in the Putnam County Veterans’ Residence; and

WHEREAS, said lease agreement shall be for a term commencing on November 1, 2020 and expiring on July 31, 2021; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam may enter into the aforementioned lease agreement with Richard Sander for the single-residence room in the Putnam County Veterans’ Residence identified as Room # 9, for a term commencing on November 1, 2020 and expiring on July 31, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, is authorized to finalize and execute said lease agreement with Richard Sander at the rental price of \$400.00 per month, which shall be in substantial conformance with the form attached hereto as Schedule "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6q – Authorization/ Telecommunication Tower Agreement with Pamal Broadcasting Ltd. (Town of Philipstown Tax Map Nos.: 83.18-1-22 & 23)/ Conveyance of Town of Philipstown Tax Map Nos.: 83.18-1-24 to James J. Morrell was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery agreed that we need to move forward with the lease on the tower but stated that she did not understand why the two (2) needed to be lumped together; occupying space on the tower and the gift of this property. She believed enough was not known about the gift of this property; why is it needed, what it is for and can they put another tower on the property. She explained that we needed a 20x20 segment of the property to house our emergency equipment. She believed there was enough land with the existing property to do that. She did not understand why this could not have been approved separately and stated that was why she could not support this. She believed this was sloppy government to put them together.

Legislator Albano believed this made a lot of sense. He stated that the property is located right next to the tower and it was part of the agreement between the County and the property owners. He stated that the property has no use and will be merged with the property that the tower is on. He stated that it will be town home rule if there are any restrictions on the property. He believed it was explained quite well during the Physical Services Committee meeting.

Legislator Jonke believed this was a waste of time. He explained that this was vetted and explained during a Committee meeting and now a comment is being made that a second tower could be built next to the first tower on a piece of substandard land under the nose of the Town of Philipstown. He believed that would not happen. He believed that calling this sloppy was inappropriate. He stated that the property is not a gift and believed this makes great sense for the taxpayers of Putnam County and it will also help with our emergency service personnel.

Legislator Sayegh stated that she has plenty of backup material supporting this. There is an agreement from our Law Department, a tax map of the properties and a memo which explains that this will "increase the likelihood that the property taxes will continue to be paid and that the parcel will not revert back to the County in the future." She stated that this is unbuildable property that no one will own or pay taxes on unless it is merged with this particular property. She believed this made sense.

Legislator Sullivan concurred with Legislators Albano and Jonke. He explained that this has been discussed, passed through Committee and everyone is moving forward with it. He believed to continue discussing the same issues over and over was a waste of our time.

He believed that we should move forward with a vote on this and put an end to this and call the question.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she has a letter from the Town Supervisor, and as Legislator Albano indicated, it is not your call anymore once you hand this property over; it will be the Town's problem. She would like to know what the new owner will do with the property. She stated that none of the backup material indicated what he will do with the property. She asked if the residents of Philipstown could be assured that there will be no cell tower built on the site and that it will only be used for a building that will house communication equipment for the existing tower.

RESOLUTION #250

AUTHORIZATION/TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER AGREEMENT WITH PAMAL BROADCASTING LTD. (TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN TAX MAP NOS.: 83.18-1-22 & 23)/CONVEYANCE OF TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN TAX MAP NOS.: 83.18-1-24 TO JAMES J. MORRELL

WHEREAS, James J. Morrell is the owner of certain parcels of real property designated and described as Town of Philipstown Tax Map Number 83.18-1-22 & 23; and

WHEREAS, the County owns an adjacent unimproved parcel of real property designated and described as Town of Philipstown Tax Map Number 83.18-1-24; and

WHEREAS, James J. Morrell leases Town of Philipstown Tax Map Number 83.18-1-22 & 23 to Pamal Broadcasting Ltd. for the purposes of maintaining and operating a communications tower and related facilities located on said property (hereinafter "tower facilities"); and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is desirous of occupying certain space at the tower facilities for the purposes of installing and maintaining emergency radio communication equipment, which is necessary to improve and optimize the County-wide wireless communications system for emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the County-wide wireless communications system is utilized by the Sheriff's Department, the Bureau of Emergency Services, as well as numerous other County Departments and Putnam County based Fire/EMS Agencies; and

WHEREAS, James J. Morrell wishes to acquire Town of Philipstown Tax Map Number 83.18-1-24 from the County and merge same with Town of Philipstown Tax Map Number 83.18-1-23; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney and the Director of IT/GIS, has entered into preliminary negotiations with Pamal Broadcasting Ltd. and James J. Morrell, wherein Pamal Broadcasting Ltd. has agreed, with the consent of James J. Morrell, to lease space at the tower facilities to the County, and the County has agreed to convey Town of Philipstown Tax Map Number 83.18-1-24 to James J. Morrell; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 215 of the New York State County Law, the County Executive has requested that the Putnam County Legislature grant authorization for such agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31-8(B) of the Putnam County Code, the County Executive has further requested that the Putnam County Legislature also approve the conveyance of Town of Philipstown Tax Map Number 83.18-1-24 to James J. Morrell, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 215 of the New York State County Law the agreement with Pamal Broadcasting Ltd. for the County to occupy the certain space at the Tower Facilities is approved, as specified herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized, with the advice and the assistance of the County Attorney, to finalize and execute said agreement with Pamal Broadcasting Ltd., which agreement shall be in substantial conformance with the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 31-8(B) of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature approves the transfer of Town of Philipstown Tax Map Number 83.18-1-24 to James J. Morrell; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Town of Philipstown Tax Map Number 83.18-1-24 shall be conveyed in an "as is" condition by quitclaim deed, which shall provide that it be automatically merged with Town of Philipstown Tax Map Number 83.18-1-23; and be it further

RESOLVED, that James J. Morrell shall be responsible for and pay the applicable transfer tax, recording fees, and current property taxes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Attorney is authorized to prepare said quitclaim deed, and the Putnam County Executive shall be authorized to execute said quitclaim deed on behalf of the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR SULLIVAN WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE. MOTION CARRIES.

**AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Chairman Castellano, Legislators Gouldman & Sayegh)**

Item #6r – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (20A075)/ Commissioner of Finance/ Year End Journal Entry #1 was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sayegh, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #251

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ YEAR END JOURNAL ENTRY #1

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (20A075) for the first Year End Entry for the year ending December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, further entry(s) will follow as more information becomes available during the year end closing process; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approves said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

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| SEE ATTACHED SHEET | 95,027.00 |
| Increase Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET | 2,071,227.00 |
| Decrease Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET | 1,876,200.00 |
| <u>ROAD FUND:</u> | |
| Increase Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET | 16,500.00 |
| Decrease Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET | 16,500.00 |
| <u>DEBT SERVICE FUND:</u> | |
| Increase Estimated Appropriations: SEE ATTACHED SHEET | 30,127.00 |
| Decrease Estimated Appropriations: SEE ATTACHED SHEET | 33,916.00 |
| Increase Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET | 11,211.00 |
| Decrease Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET | 15,000.00 |

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR SULLIVAN WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7 – Other Business

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to accept other business Item #7a and #7b; seconded by Legislator Albano. By Roll Call Vote: Eight Ayes. Legislator Sullivan was absent for the vote. Motion carries.

Item #7a – Approval/ Tax Collector Warrants/ Enter into the 2020 Book of Proceedings was next. Chairwoman Addonizio moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

RESOLUTION #252

APPROVAL/ TAX COLLECTOR WARRANTS/ ENTER INTO 2020 BOOK OF PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, Tax Collector Warrants have been received for the Towns of Carmel, Kent, Patterson, Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Southeast and signed by the Chairwoman and the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector Warrants for the Towns of Carmel, Kent, Patterson, Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Southeast are hereby entered into the 2020 Book of Proceedings for the Putnam County Legislature.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR SULLIVAN WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7b – Approval/ Date, Time & Place of Organizational Meeting/ 2021 was next. Chairwoman Addonizio moved the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

RESOLUTION #253

APPROVAL/DATE, TIME & PLACE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING / 2021

WHEREAS, the Legislative Manual provides for the Putnam County Legislature to set by resolution, the date, time and place of the Organizational Meeting of the Legislature in the preceding December; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Organizational Meeting of the Putnam County Legislature for 2021 be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the Historic Courthouse located in Carmel, New York or via Audio Webinar if the Governor extends the suspension of the Open Meetings Law due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the agenda for said meeting also include any items that might normally be included in a regular meeting or special meeting of the Legislature.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR SULLIVAN WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #8 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Albano wished everyone a healthy and Happy New Year.

Legislator Jonke stated that today he learned about the passing of our former Commissioner of Highways & Facilities Harold Gary who was a great guy and a long-time friend of his. He stated that he was a Mahopac resident who lived into his early 90s and he will be greatly missed.

Legislator Gouldman wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

Legislator Nacerino wished everyone a Happy Holiday and looked forward to a healthy New Year. She stated that the world was faced with many challenges throughout 2020, she hoped that 2021 would be happier and healthier.

Legislator Sullivan apologized for being dropped off the call somehow. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a safe and healthy New Year.

Legislator Montgomery stated that 2020 was a year to remember. She wanted to know if the Legislature has been caucusing because it seems that when we meet everyone is in the know. She believed there was overspending on non-priorities, underperforming in response to the pandemic, underfunding in public safety and not including the public on

the webinar meetings. She thanked many County staff who deliver essential services to the public, especially those in our Health Department, Sheriff Deputies and the people in her district who deliver services and those who help her remember how good the people she represents are. She stated that they offer her the perspective that is so important. She believed that County government was fundamentally broken. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday and hoped that we could work together with more transparency in 2021.

Legislator Sayegh stated that 2020 was a difficult year for many people, beginning with our health, people losing their businesses and people living in isolation not seeing family members. She believed that there was tension in the air and people are not as kind to one another. She wished 2021 would bring good health, happiness, peace, respect and kindness to everyone in our families and in our professional lives. She wished everyone a safe holiday and Happy New Year.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that 2020 was a challenging year to say the least. She wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

There being no further business, at 8:09 P.M., Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Montgomery. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.