

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

Tuesday September 1, 2020 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairwoman Addonizio who led in the Pledge of Allegiance and 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.

Proclamations

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that the proclamations will be mailed to the relevant parties.

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2020

**WHEREAS, Behavioral health is an essential part of one’s overall wellness; and
WHEREAS, Prevention of mental and substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and**

WHEREAS, Preventing and overcoming mental and substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, We must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, To help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), the Putnam County Executive, and the Putnam County Legislature invite all residents of Putnam County to participate in National Recovery Month; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim September 2020 as *National Recovery Month* and together with the Prevention Council of Putnam and the Putnam County Communities that Care Coalition encourage all Putnam County residents to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this year’s *Recovery Month*.

9/11 DAY OF SERVICE & REMEMBRANCE

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, the peace and security of our nation was shattered by terrorist attacks that killed many innocent people at the World Trade Center towers in New York City, at the United States Pentagon, and in the pristine fields of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Although the terrorists’ goal was to strike a powerful blow to the hearts of all Americans and tear at the fabric of our nation, arising from the very ashes of that tragedy came a remarkable spirit of unity, compassion, and determination that will never be forgotten, just as we will never forget those who were lost and injured on that

day, and those who came to service during the rescue and recovery effort and in defense of our Nation both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, people of all ages and walks of life, across America, and around the world, collectively witnessed an event of immense tragedy on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, an unprecedented, historic bonding of Americans ascended from the collective shock, unifying the Country in an outpouring of national spirit, pride, selflessness, generosity, courage, and service; and

WHEREAS, many brave people heroically, tirelessly, and courageously participated in an extraordinarily difficult and dangerous rescue and recovery effort, in some cases voluntarily putting their own well-being at risk; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2009, the President of the United States issued the Patriot Day Proclamation officially and permanently designating September 11th as a National Day of Service & Remembrance, and calling upon all interested Americans to participate in this observance through moments of silence, the flying of the flag of the United States at half-staff, as well as community service and charitable activities in tribute and remembrance; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature recognize the Putnam Communities that Care Coalition, the Mental Health Association in Putnam, the Joseph Dwyer Vet2Vet Program, and the Putnam County Veterans Service Agency for coordinating a community event that will invite and welcome residents to write "Thank You" letters to First Responders, Veterans both abroad and at home, Police Officers, and Firefighters and express their sincere observance and appreciation for the outpouring of dedicated service. September 11th will never, and should never be just another day in the hearts and minds of all Americans and people around the world.

Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – Public Hearing Agr. District – July 1, 2020

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #5 – Correspondence

a) County Auditor

There was no activity during this reporting period.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

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

Item #6a – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (20A043)/ Finance/ Legal Aid Society 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 #140

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / FINANCE/ LEGAL AID SOCIETY

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (20A043) to account for NYS Indigent Legal Services Second Update Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the contract term runs from 7/01/17 through 6/30/20; and

WHEREAS, the County acts as a pass through for these funds; 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 Estimated Appropriations:

25117000 54950	Legal Aid Society	200,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

25117000 430251	State Aid – Indigent Legal Services	200,000
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2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6b – Approval/ Fund Transfer (20T143)/ Bureau of Emergency Services/ Dispatcher Temporary Line was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #141

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER/ BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/ DISPATCHER TEMPORARY LINE

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services has requested a fund transfer (20T143) to cover Temporary costs due to Dispatcher Vacancies; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee, the Personnel 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:

10014000 52110	Furniture	10,000
10398900 51093	Overtime	5,707
10398900 54640	Education & Training	9,412
10398900 54675	Travel	3,950
10014000 54989	Miscellaneous	<u>2,224</u>
		31,293

Increase:

13398900 51094	Temporary	29,069
13398900 58002	FICA	<u>2,224</u>
		31,293

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

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6c – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (20A045)/ Social Services/ National Children’s Alliance Grant Funding/ Child Advocacy Center (CAC) was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Sayegh, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Albano, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #142

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / SOCIAL SERVICES/ NATIONAL CHILDREN’S ALLIANCE GRANT FUNDING/ CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER (CAC)

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (20A045) to allocate unspent grant funds initially allocated to Personnel in the approved grant budget awarded by the National Children’s Alliance for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the unspent funds resulted from an unfilled grant position from 3/02/20 through 4/20/20, and a reduction in hours from 9.5 hours per week to 9 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used for the purpose of fingerprinting individuals assigned to the Child Advocacy Center (CAC), a requirement to meet the CAC’s accreditation standards; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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 Estimated Revenues:

22073000 446132	National Children’s Alliance	1,068
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Increase Appropriations:

22073000	OEOP National Children’s Alliance	
54989	Miscellaneous	1,068

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

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6d – Approval/ Records Retention & Disposition Schedule 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:

Legislator Montgomery thanked County Clerk Bartolotti for the information he provided in response to her request for clarification on the current Records Retention & Disposition Schedule.

RESOLUTION #143

APPROVAL/ RECORDS RETENTION & DISPOSITION SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the office of the Putnam County Clerk has reviewed the new LGS-1 Records Retention and Disposition Schedule provided by the New York State Archives and Records Administration, and

WHEREAS, the office of the Putnam County Clerk has stated its belief that the LGS-1 schedule meets the needs of Records Management in Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Legislature of Putnam County that *Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1)*, issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A:(a) only those records will be disposed of that are described in *Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1)*, after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein;(b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods; and be it further

RESOLVED, this LGS-1 schedule supersedes and replaces any other schedule previously adopted by the County of Putnam. This resolution shall go into effect immediately and is expected to have no fiscal impact.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6e – Approval/ Appointment/ Putnam County Home Improvement Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Albano and Castellano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:

Legislator Sullivan stated that Ms. Donovan has an extensive resume and she is very well qualified for the position.

Legislator Montgomery questioned how the Board openings were advertised. She questioned how a constituent would find out about an opening on the boards throughout the County.

Legislator Sullivan stated that if he had known about the question, he would have gotten the answer to that question from the Director of Consumer Affairs, Michael Budzinski.

He stated that if she would like to submit the question in writing, he would be happy to get you the answer from him that would clearly explain how they do that.

Legislator Montgomery believed that she did not need to put that in writing. She stated that she is asking now, at a meeting of the Legislature, if Legislator Sullivan, as Chairman of the Rules Committee, could get that answer.

Discussion ensued about the procedures and the appropriate time to ask questions.

Legislator Sullivan stated that he would be happy to ask the person who could provide the answer this question to do so.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she believed all these appointments come as a recommendation from the County Executive. She believed that we could ascertain that answer very quickly for Legislator Montgomery as she expressed how this works in various departments; not only in Consumer Affairs. She believed Legislator Sullivan was trying to say, if a question was posed beforehand, we could have had the answer.

Chairwoman Addonizio thanked Maria Donovan for stepping up to volunteer for the Home Improvement Board.

RESOLUTION #144

APPROVAL/ APPOINTMENT/ PUTNAM COUNTY HOME IMPROVEMENT BOARD

RESOLVED, that the following be appointed to the Putnam County Home Improvement Board:

Maria Catherine Donovan, Town of Carmel, as a Citizen Representative, for the remainder of a two (2) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2020.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that this appointment 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.

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

Item #6f – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (20A041)/ Planning/ Utilizing Federal Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWP) Funds/ Special Services 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:

Legislator Montgomery questioned what data we were collecting for this amount.

Legislator Albano stated that he does not have the answer to that question. He stated that the best time to ask a question is during the Committee meetings so we can get

those answers for the Full Legislative meeting. He stated that he would get that information for Legislator Montgomery.

RESOLUTION #145

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / PLANNING/ UTILIZING FEDERAL UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAMS (UPWP) FUNDS/ SPECIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning has requested a budgetary amendment (20A041) to provide for data management services, such as traffic counts, utilizing Federal UPWP funds; 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:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10802000 54682	Special Services	294,252
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10802000 449895	Fed Aid – UPWP	294,252
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2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6g – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (20A044)/ Commissioner of Finance/ Closeout Completed Capital Projects was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that under Decrease Estimated Appropriations, Account #57997000 53000 51607 Sportsman Center Study, \$10,000 is being decreased. She questioned if this was the indoor shooting range.

Legislator Albano stated that he would find out what it was for.

RESOLUTION #146

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ CLOSEOUT COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (20A044) in order to closeout completed Capital Projects; and

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

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

59901000 53000 50357	Transfer to General Fund	79.51
59901000 53000 50357	Transfer to General Fund	838.50
59901000 53000 50357	Transfer to General Fund	10,000.00
59901000 53000 50357	Transfer to General Fund	<u>6,476.68</u>
		17,394.69

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

58760000 51094 51315	FEMA – Snake Hill Rd	25,046.25
58760000 53000 51315	FEMA – Snake Hill Rd	312,476.47
58760000 58002 51315	FEMA – Snake Hill Rd	1,916.01
58760000 53000 51428	FEMA – Maybrook Fence	39,161.28
55997000 52680 51512	OSR – Bus	838.50
57997000 53000 51607	Sportsman Center Study	10,000.00
53197000 53000 51620	Jail Security System	6,476.68
55197000 53000 51805	Tip Project Mgmt – 2018	100,000.00
55197000 53000 51807	Grant Matched Programs	8,000,000.00
55197000 53000 51808	Airport Park Grant	126.52
55197000 53000 51901	Bridges & Culverts	500,000.00
55197000 53000 51902	Infrastructure	1,000,000.00
55197000 52660 51904	Equipment	500,000.00
55197000 53000 51905	Tip Project Mgmt – 2019	100,000.00
55197000 53000 51907	Grant Matched Programs	12,707,000.00
57997000 53000 51908	PCGC – Roof Replacement	100,000.00
57997000 53000 51909	PCGC – HVAC & Plumbing	100,000.00
55197000 53000 52002	Highway Infrastructure	<u>500,000.00</u>
		24,003,041.71

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

58760000 445971 51315	Fed Aid – FEMA – Snake Hill Rd	339,438.73
58760000 445971 51425	Fed Aid – FEMA – Maybrook Fence	39,161.28
55997000 428601 51512	Transfer from General Fund	838.50
57997000 428601 51607	Transfer from General Fund	10,000.00
53197000 428601 51620	Jail Security System	6,476.68
05000 45710I 51805	Serial Bond Proceeds	10,000.00
55197000 435971 51805	State Aid – TIP Project Manager	10,000.00
55197000 445971 51805	Fed Aid – TIP Project Manager	80,000.00
05000 45710I 51807	2018 Bond Proceeds	800,000.00
55197000 435971 51807	State Aid – Grant Matched Projects	800,000.00
55197000 445971 51807	Fed Aid – Grant Matched Projects	6,400,000.00
55197000 435979 51808	State Aid – Airport Park Grant	126.52
05000 45710J 51901	Bond Proceeds – 2019	500,000.00
05000 45710J 51902	Bond Proceeds – 2019	1,000,000.00
05000 45710J 51904	Bond Proceeds – 2019	500,000.00
55197000 435971 51905	State Aid – TIP Project Manager	10,000.00
55197000 445971 51905	Fed Aid – TIP Project Manager	90,000.00
05000 45710J 51907	Bond Proceeds – 2019	2,541,400.00
55197000 435971 51907	State Aid – Grant Matched Projects	2,541,400.00
55197000 445971 51907	Fed Aid – Grant Matched Projects	7,624,200.00
05000 45710J 51908	Bond Proceeds – 2019	100,000.00
05000 45710J 51909	Bond Proceeds – 2019	100,000.00

05000 45710K 52002	Bond Proceeds – 2020	<u>500,000.00</u>
		24,003,041.71

Increase Estimated Revenues:

59901000 428601 50357	Transfer to General Fund	838.50
59901000 428601 50357	Transfer to General Fund	10,000.00
59901000 428601 50357	Transfer to General Fund	6,476.68
59901000 428601 50357	Transfer to General Fund	<u>79.51</u>
		17,394.69

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	17,394.69
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10131000 428501	Transfer from Capital Fund	17,394.69
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2020 Fiscal Impact – (17,394.69)

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

RESOLUTION #147

APPROVAL/ PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS’ RESIDENCE/ LEASE AGREEMENT RENEWALS

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 previously entered into separate lease agreements with the veterans listed in the attached Schedule “A”, for single-residence rooms in the Putnam County Veterans’ Residence; and

WHEREAS, said lease agreements expired on July 31, 2020 and the County of Putnam is desirous of renewing same for a period of one (1) year; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam approves the renewal of the leases between the County and the veterans listed in the attached Schedule “A”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute renewal lease agreements with the veterans listed in the attached Schedule “A”, for said single-residence rooms in the Putnam County Veterans’ Residence at the rental amounts listed in the attached Schedule “A”, which renewal leases shall be in substantial conformance with the form attached hereto as Schedule “B”; and be it further

RESOLVED that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate said renewal lease agreements in the manner approved herein and as written.

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6i – Approval/ Highways & Facilities/ Use of Capital Facility Reserve (20CP05) (County Office Building Exterior Rehabilitation) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #148

APPROVAL/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE (20CP05)
(County Office Building Exterior Rehabilitation)

WHEREAS, by Resolutions #55, #56, #81 and #120 of 2020, the Putnam County Legislature approved the use of the Capital Project Reserve fund for projects: 20CP01, 20CP02, 20CP03 and 20CP04, for a total expenditure not to exceed \$304,000; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & facilities has proposed the use of \$190,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve to fund Project #20CP05 – County Office Building Exterior Rehabilitation, to allow for the continuation of said program last funded in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has requested \$125,000 be used from contingency, if necessary, to correct any unknown conditions that may be found during the course of the project, and \$65,000 be used for critical consultant construction administration and inspection costs; and

WHEREAS, the consulting firm will work closely with the contractor to ensure work is being done per scope and only to the extent necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee has reviewed and approved this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the expenditure of \$190,000 from the County Facility Reserve fund budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:

20CP05 – County Office Building Exterior Rehabilitation

Project cost not to exceed \$190,000

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6j – Approval/ Lead Agency/ SEQRA Determination/ Stoneleigh Avenue/ Drewville Road Intersection Reconstruction Project (PIN 8761.97) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #149

LEAD AGENCY/ SEQRA DETERMINATION/ STONELEIGH AVENUE/ DREWVILLE ROAD INTERSECTION RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (PIN 8761.97)

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering the approval of a Putnam County Highways and Facilities project that involves the reconstruction of the intersection at Stoneleigh Avenue and Drewville Road, in the Town of Carmel, into a single lane roundabout (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Project is to, among other things, improve overall traffic conditions while reducing delays, allowing better access for emergency vehicles to the Putnam Hospital Center located approximately one-half mile south of the aforesaid intersection, such related reconstruction to include, without limitation, the construction of (i) a fill-type retaining wall on the western approach with significant grading on the eastern approach thereby allowing the road to be graded away from said intersection to provide a flatter approach as vehicles enter the roundabout, (ii) new drainage and stormwater systems, such stormwater improvements to include a new detention pond, modifications to an existing pond, dry swale, and hydrodynamic separators, and closed drainage improvements that will eliminate future erosion that continues to damage the existing shoulders of the intersection, and (iii) implementation of miscellaneous improvements to Project-area guiderails, signage, and landscaping, (collectively, the “Proposed Action”); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Action is subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the Regulations promulgated thereunder (“SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617”); and

WHEREAS, other potential involved or interested agencies have been identified in connection with 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 Project, along with supporting documentation, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, after a review of SEQRA 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 in connection with the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6k – Approval Budgetary Amendment (20A046)/ Health Department/ Reorganization 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:

Legislator Castellano explained that the reorganization saved the taxpayer \$43,176 that has been placed back into contingency.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if there was any update on the epidemiologist. She stated that it has almost been a month since the Health Committee meeting, and we have been operating without an epidemiologist for quite some time.

Legislator Castellano believed that it was not part of the resolution in front of us right now.

Legislator Montgomery stated that part of the resolution is for a part time epidemiologist.

Legislator Castellano stated that the budgetary amendment is moving funds around to cover the cost of the reorganization.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she has not been apprised of anyone filling the position, however, that does not necessarily mean that it has not been. She believed that they do have someone in the acting capacity in the interim. She explained that she supports the transfer and the changes in the Health Department because, as demonstrated in the presentation, the changes that are being implemented will certainly be effective. There will also be a cost savings.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she supports the transfer and she believes that the epidemiologist is relevant to this discussion.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she could certainly find out what the status is on the epidemiologist position.

RESOLUTION #150

APPROVAL BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ REORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, at the Personnel Committee meeting held on August 13, 2020, the Committee reviewed and approved the Reorganizational proposal submitted by the Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has provided budgetary amendment (20A046) in order to implement said approved Health Department Reorganization; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

12401000 51000 (12124)	Pers Srvs (Asst Public Health Eng.)	21,849
21401000 51094	Temporary	<u>13,279</u>
		35,128

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

12401000 51000 (12101)	Pers Srvs (Director of Engineering)	84,257
12401000 58002	FICA	4,774
21401000 51000 (26101)	Pers Srvs (Spvsng Public Hlth Educator)	10,548
21401000 58002	FICA	<u>209</u>
		99,788

Increase Estimated Revenues:
21401000 434011 State-Aid Public Health 983

Decrease Estimated Revenues:
12401000 434011 State-Aid Public Health 22,467

Increase Estimated Appropriations:
10199000 54980 Contingency 43,176

2020 Fiscal Impact - \$43,176
2021 Fiscal Impact - 0 -

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7 – Other Business

There was no other business submitted to the meeting.

Item #8 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Montgomery noted the Proclamation for National Recovery Month. She stated yesterday was International Opioid Overdose Awareness Day. She explained that it was a tough time for most people considering the challenges we are all facing. She stated that there was another tragedy this summer in Philipstown. She wanted people to be aware that there is help available. She mentioned the Behavioral Health Hub in the Town of Philipstown which is there to help individuals in crisis. She stated that through Intergroup.com you are able to find AA and NA meetings. She stated that the Town of Philipstown has also handed out food vouchers to individuals in need. She encouraged individuals to call the Legislative Office at 845-808-1020 if they were in need and did not know where to go. She stated that she would walk individuals through the process of getting help and bring them to the Hub if necessary. She stated that she has also assisted her constituents with getting help with their unemployment applications. She expressed that people feel free to reach out to her.

Legislator Nacerino wished everyone a happy and safe Labor Day weekend. She explained that it was not a traditional back to school after Labor Day and it will be defined very differently this year. She wished all the children, faculty and staff a happy, successful, healthy and safe school year.

Legislator Sullivan thanked and acknowledged Legislators Castellano, Jonke and the Administration on the opening of Morningthorpe Bridge yesterday. He stated that it was a nice improvement for the Village of Brewster. He explained that he takes offense to the statement that the Legislature rubber stamps things. He explained that the Legislature works hard to be prepared for our meetings and ready to vote. He stated that nobody here is rubber stamping anything.

Legislator Sayegh explained that with the Anniversary of 9/11 approaching, she reminded everyone of the sacrifices our first responders make for us each and every day. She stated that of the 2,977 victims killed in the 9/11 attack, 343 were firefighters, 37 police officers from the NY Port Authority, 23 police officers from NYPD and 8 emergency

medical technicians and paramedics. She extended a special thank you all of our first responders who are on the front lines for us each and every day, protecting the safety of our citizens.

Chairwoman Addonizio explained the environmental impact of the single use COVID-19 PPEs. She stated that the majority of the masks are made of polypropylene which is a liquid resistant plastic base material. She stated that this type of material has a long life after being discarded; winding up in our oceans and endangering our marine life. She also asked everyone to break the elastic off of their masks before discarding. She stated that there have been birds and ducks recently found with the elastic wrapped around their legs. She suggested that a solution to this problem would be to use washable cloth masks, as it would help to reduce waste and protect the environment. She wished everyone a safe Labor Day weekend.

There being no further business, at 7:40 P.M., Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.