

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
HELD IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Tuesday June 7, 2022 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Sullivan who requested that Legislator Albano lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Sayegh in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Albano, Jonke, Castellano, Sayegh and Chairman Sullivan were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairman Sullivan presented the following proclamation to High School Football Coach Todd Cayea.

HONORING CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH TODD CAYEA

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2021, for the first time in Carmel High School's history the Carmel High School Varsity Football Team won the New York State Class AA title, closing out an undefeated season under the leadership of Coach Todd Cayea; and

WHEREAS, Coach Todd Cayea has been involved with the Carmel High School Football Team since the mid-1990s and proudly holds a 170-81-1 record which includes multiple trips to the New York State Sectionals, Semifinals, Finals, and of course the most recent 2021 New York State Championship; and

WHEREAS, Coach Todd Cayea has relied on not only teaching his players to play well on the field, but the importance of accountability, trust, respect, and perseverance both on and off the field. He also credits the unwavering community support as an important building block in the team's confidence, pride, and success; and

WHEREAS, this year, Coach Todd Cayea was named the Class AA New York State Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year after the team's historical win; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell and the Putnam County Legislature hereby congratulate Carmel High School Varsity Football Team Coach Todd Cayea on this well-deserved honor!

Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Albano who presented the "National Safe Boating Month" proclamation which will be delivered to Charlie and Hannah Melchner from the Mahopac Marina.

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING MONTH – JUNE 2022

WHEREAS, recreational boating is a fun and enjoyable sport while being an excellent source of relaxation; however, boating can be a risky sport for the unprepared; and

WHEREAS, knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error and improving judgment when boating. If a person is aware of the risks, they are likely to take precautionary measures to protect themselves, their family, and their friends; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Putnam County Sheriff's Department, Carmel Police Department, has served the County providing boating education courses, making marine dealer visitations, conducting boating safety checks, and tending multi-mission patrols. Using their own boats and equipment, the Coast Guard Auxiliary has been able to reduce boating accidents and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, these vital services offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Putnam County Sheriff's Department, Carmel Police Department, work in conjunction with local law enforcement, specifically the Carmel Police Department and Putnam County Sheriff's Department, to maintain safety on the water. As a result of the careful attention placed on boating, the waters of Putnam County are made safer through spreading messages of boating safety, not only during National Safe Boating Month, but throughout the entire year; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby support the goals of the North American Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim June 2022 as "National Safe Boating Month" in Putnam County and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

Chairman Sullivan welcomed and introduced the two (2) Interns who were working this summer in the Legislative Office; Tanya Ramirez and Eden Barone.

Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – May 3, 2022

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #5 – Correspondence

a) County Auditor was duly noted.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Addonizio & Nacerino)**

Item #6a – Approval/ Fund Transfer (22T066)/ Probation Department/ Reorganization / Reclassification was next. Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Jonke, Chairman of the Personnel Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #96

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (22T066)/ PROBATION DEPARTMENT/
REORGANIZATION/ RECLASSIFICATION**

WHEREAS, the Acting Probation Director has requested a fund transfer (22T066) for the proposed Reorganization/ Reclassification of the Probation Department; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Reorganization will result in the same number of Probation Officer positions, one (1) additional Probation Assistant position, and the

removal of Receptionist, ATI Worker and Evening Receptionist (temporary) positions;
and

WHEREAS, the new Probation Assistant position would be effective 6/13/2022;
and

WHEREAS, 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:

10098000 51000 (11101)	ATI Program Worker	34,062
10098000 58002	FICA	<u>2,191</u>
		36,253

Increase:

10314000 51000 (10132)	Probation Assistant	28,637
10314000 58002	FICA	<u>2,191</u>
10199000 54980	General Contingency	<u>5,425</u>
		36,253

2022 Fiscal Impact (5,425)

2023 Fiscal Impact (5,835)

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6b – Approval/ Fund Transfer (22T077)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Part-Time Civil Clerk was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to table this item.

Legislator Montgomery stated that in listening to last month’s Personnel Committee meeting, she realized that a lot of things cited during that meeting justifying the need for this position, including the 2018 Operational Audit, pointed out insufficiencies, however, she stated that the Legislature has never seen the 2018 Operational Audit. She stated that other reasons cited for justifying this position were post Covid workflow, and most of all, training. She stated during the meeting that we already had two (2) full time clerks and there was a need for training them. She stated that we have a very qualified Civil Captain who could easily train these clerks. She stated that it was obvious to her during the Personnel Committee meeting that this was a given that it would be requested in the 2023 budget as mentioned by Legislator Albano. She did not see a need for this position, especially since we still do not have a Civil Sergeant position which she believed there was more of a need for to oversee what is out in the field. She explained that the position was taken out in 2020 to reduce costs because of Covid. She believed that there were plenty of funds for this and probably should not have been taken out, however she still believes the priority is a Captains position.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated as a point of procedure, the motion to table requires a second. He stated that if there is a second, it is not debatable and must be voted on immediately. If there is no second, the motion fails.

Chairman Sullivan asked if there was a second on the motion to table. Being no second, the motion failed.

Legislator Jonke stated that there is nobody better able to decide what the Sheriff Department needs, other than our Sheriff. He stated that the Sheriff was very clear of what he wanted in the department and how he wanted them to be trained. He believed that we should leave it to the Sheriff who was elected to perform his job and make these decisions. He stated that he totally supported this resolution.

Legislator Nacerino concurred. She stated that the assessment of what is needed in the Sheriff's Department falls under the purview of the Sheriff. She stated that based on the recommendation, she believed this position was needed because there is limited knowledge of civil procedures with the current staff. She stated that they need someone who can hit the ground running. She stated that whether or not this becomes a full-time position in 2023 is not relevant to the consideration tonight.

Legislator Albano concurred. He stated that he trusts the Sheriff's judgment and believed that he was the right person to make this decision.

Legislator Sayegh pointed out that it was Captain Grossi who has a wealth of experience in civil procedures from Westchester County who has requested the position as a temporary employee. She stated that this particular employee has over 20 years of experience of civil enforcement procedures. She stated that the Sheriff has supported this request.

Legislator Castellano stated that, in his day job with 26 years in the court system in Westchester County, he explained the heavy workload in the civil department after the courts were closed during Covid. He believed that hiring someone to do some of this work would be important to allow the Sheriff's Deputies to perform their duties out in the field. He believed this was the right thing to do right now as the court system is trying to catch up after all the layoffs we had during Covid.

Chairman Sullivan concurred. He explained that Sheriff McConville and Captain Grossi know what is needed.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she is not trying to micromanage the Sheriff. She believed that this was a different scenario than the previous Sheriff who had no purview over what was right for his department. She was not implying that the Sheriff does not know what he is doing. She explained that it was her responsibility as a Legislator to ask these questions. She questioned if other individuals have an opportunity to apply for the position, what is this person's training and is he the most qualified. She did not understand why the Captain, who is really qualified to train his staff at the Civil Division, cannot train these people. She believed that the County Executive has stated, "no new hires in 2022."

Chairman Sullivan stated that he did not agree with some of Legislator Montgomery's comments. Chairman Sullivan called for a Roll Call Vote on the resolution.

RESOLUTION #97

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (22T077)/ SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ PART-TIME CIVIL CLERK

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (22T077) for a Part-Time Temporary Civil position for the remainder of the year to assist with a number of projects beyond the daily operations of the regular office staff; and

WHEREAS, available salary funds, due to vacancies, will be transferred to cover this Temporary position; and

WHEREAS, 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:

15311000 51000 (10106)	Sr. Office Assistant	8,047.08
15311000 51000 (10108)	Office Assistant	<u>6,952.92</u>
		15,000.00

Increase:

15311000 51094	Civil – Temporary	15,000.00
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6c – Approval/ Fund Transfer (22T082)/ Health Department/ Reorganization/ Reclassification was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #98

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (22T082)/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ REORGANIZATION/ RECLASSIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a Reorganization/ Reclassification due to the retirement of a Grade 13, Step 4 Principal Account Clerk effective 4/29/22; and

WHEREAS, the reorganization / reclassification is as follows:

- Fill vacancy with a new hire full-time entry-level Grade 5, Step 1 Office Assistant (effective June 13, 2022)**
- Reclassification of current Grade 5, Step 2 Office Assistant to Account Clerk Grade 6. Person has been in training and will take on duties of retiring Principal Account Clerk (effective June 13, 2022)**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a fund transfer (22T082) to account for this reorganization; and

WHEREAS, 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:		
10401000 51000 (10106)	Principal Account Clerk	41,975
10401000 51000 (10110)	Typist	24,598
10401000 58002	FICA	1,377
10199000 54980	General Contingency	<u>1,830</u>
		69,780

Increase:		
10401000 51000 (10112)	Office Assistant	22,141
10401000 51000 (10114)	Account Clerk	26,428
10199000 54980	General Contingency	<u>21,211</u>
		69,780

2022 Fiscal Impact (19,381)

2023 Fiscal Impact (32,397)

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6d – Approval/ Fund Transfer (22T087)/ Highways & Facilities/ Personnel/ Reclassification was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #99

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (22T087)/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ PERSONNEL/ RECLASSIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Personnel Department has conducted and completed a classification review of the Position of Construction Project Assistant in the Highways & Facilities' Engineering Division; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this review, the Personnel Director has reclassified this position to Project Manager; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive supports this change; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Director has requested a fund transfer (22T087) to account for this reclassification, effective January 1, 2022; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:		
10144000 51000 (10105)	Construction Project Assistant	67,342
10144000 51000 (10101)	Supervisor Planning & Design	<u>4,321</u>
		71,663

Increase:		
10144000 51000 (10109)	Project Manager	71,663

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact \$5,844

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6e – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A035)/ Health Department/ Purchase Compost Bins/ Recycling Program was next. Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Sayegh, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Jonke, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino stated that the bins will be sold with no fiscal impact to the towns.

RESOLUTION #100

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A035)/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ PURCHASE COMPOST BINS/ RECYCLING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (22A035) to purchase an additional supply of Compost Bins for sale to the public as part of Recycling Programs; and

WHEREAS, the items are in high demand as more residents look to reduce waste and improve gardens; and

WHEREAS, the cost to the County per bin is \$66.25 and the \$70.00 fee charged for each bin goes directly to revenue; 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:

10816000 426551	Minor Sales Other	1,400
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Increase Estimated Expenditures:

10816000 54410	Supplies & Materials	1,400
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Nacerino & Sayegh)

Item #6f – Approval/ Appointments/ Putnam County Board of Electrical Examiners was next. Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Addonizio, Chairwoman of the Rules,

Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sayegh, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #101

APPROVAL/ APPOINTMENTS/ PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS

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

Carlos DaEira, Town of Southeast, as PC Code Section 145-6(D1) Master Electrician Representative, filling the vacancy from the unexpired three (3) year term of Arthur Bolduc, said term to expire December 31, 2022.

Ronald Williams, Town of Carmel, as PC Code Section 145-6 (D1) Master Electrician Representative, filling the vacancy from the unexpired three (3) year term of Ransom Taggart, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

And be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Sayegh & Sullivan)**

Item #6g – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A028)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Insurance Recovery/ Automotive Repair was next. Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #102

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A028)/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/
INSURANCE RECOVERY/ AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department received a supplemental Insurance check to cover the cost of repairing additional damage that was discovered by Autocraft, the body repair shop; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance requested a budgetary amendment (22A028) to account for these additional funds to complete the repair of the Patrol vehicle involved in an accident on February 22, 2022; 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 Revenues:

17311000 426801

Sheriff Patrol – Insurance Recoveries

1,016.53

Increase Expenses:		
17311000 54370	Sheriff Patrol – Automotive	1,016.53

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6h – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A030)/ Emergency Services/ FY2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #103

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A030)/ EMERGENCY SERVICES/ FY2021 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) GRANT

WHEREAS, at the April 20, 2021 Protective Services Committee meeting, Emergency Services Deputy Commissioner, Robert Lipton, informed the Committee of the FY2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant opportunity in the amount of \$234,731; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2021, Putnam County was awarded \$234,731 under this FY2021 (SHSP) grant; and

WHEREAS, funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Agency (FEMA) and administered by the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) on behalf of FEMA; and

WHEREAS, per Federal guidelines, at least 25% (\$58,683) of the award must be directed towards law enforcement terrorism prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, there are no matching funds required and the performance period for this grant is September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Emergency Services has requested a budgetary amendment (22A030) to account for said grant award; 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 Appropriations:

10398901 52195 10179	Rescue Equipment	3,585
10398901 52190 10176	Medical Equipment	4,945
10398901 52690 10179	Medical Equipment	15,000
10398901 52640 10179	Audio Visual Equipment	12,734
10398901 54782 10179	Software Accessories	17,605
10398901 54370 10179	Automotive	100,000
10364501 52680 10179	Other Equipment	11,737
10364501 52695 10179	Rescue Equipment	19,125
10364501 54646 10179	Contracts	<u>50,000</u>
		<u>234,731</u>

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10398901 440891 10179	Federal Aid – FY21 SHSP	153,869
10364501 440891 10179	Federal Aid – FY21 SHSP	<u>80,862</u>
		234,731

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6i – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A031)/ Sheriff’s Department/ State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) Grant/ License Plate Reader Equipment was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #104

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A031)/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ STATE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PROGRAM (SAM) GRANT/ LICENSE PLATE READER EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, by Resolution #311 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved the application by the Sheriff’s Department for a State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) grant to subsidize costs associated with the Putnam County Sheriff Department’s License Plate Reader (LPR) project; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2022, the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department was awarded said grant in the amount of \$74,764.00 for the purchase and installation of License Plate Reader Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the grant, which requires no County matching funds, is effective from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Protective 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:

Increase Appropriations:

17311000 52180 10181	Patrol – Other Equipment	63,456
17311000 52680 10181	Patrol – Other Equipment	6,305
17311000 54300 10181	Patrol – Miscellaneous Supplies	2,095
32311000 52180 10181	BCI – Other Equipment	<u>2,908</u>
		74,764

Increase Estimated Revenues:

17311000 437897 10181	State Aid – SAM Grant (Project #22655)	71,856
32311000 437897 10181	State Aid – SAM Grant (Project #22655)	<u>2,908</u>
		74,764

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6j – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A036)/ Planning Department/ Route 6 – Farrington Road Project was next. Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Albano, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Albano explained that this project is in the Town of Southeast on Route 6 heading towards Danbury, Connecticut and will generate sales tax revenue for Putnam County.

Legislator Jonke explained that the grand opening for this Restaurant Depot project was approximately two (2) weeks ago. He stated that this is a great example of what can be done along this Route 6 area.

RESOLUTION #105

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A036)/ PLANNING DEPARTMENT/ ROUTE 6 – FARRINGTON ROAD PROJECT

WHEREAS, Resolutions #165 of 2020, #35 of 2021 and #139 of 2021 pertain to the Route 6 – Farrington Road Project; and

WHEREAS, due to a contractual agreement with certain parties of this project, said parties agreed to pay for any increases rising from the project; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (22A036) to set up the appropriate budgetary lines due to the increase; and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact to the County; 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 Revenues:

55197000 427050 52108	Gifts & Donations/ Route 6 Farrington Road	244,617
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Increase Estimated Expenditures:

55197000 53000 52108	Capital Expenditures/ Route 6 Farrington Road	244,617
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6k – Approval/ Fund Transfer (22T090)/ Highways & Facilities/ Machine Maintenance/ Department of Health Water Supply Testing was next. On behalf of the

members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery explained that certain county facility locations are listed, and it also states an amount for “various county facilities.” She questioned if the various county facilities could be identified.

Legislator Albano stated that it is imperative to make sure the drinking water at county facilities are tested. He stated that if there is an issue with the water it would need to be addressed.

Legislator Sayegh believed that when Deputy Commissioner of Highways & Facilities John Tully came before the Physical Services Committee, he discussed that they performed water tests at all the County facilities.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the water testing was being required by the State or the Federal government.

Legislator Albano stated that he did not know the answer to that question. He stated that there are many places in Putnam County that have water quality issues. He stated that the bottom line is that the water should be tested regardless of who mandates it.

Legislator Sayegh stated that the fund transfer states that this is the Department of Health required water supply testing.

Chairman Sullivan stated that the water quality in many of the Putnam County residential wells is mineral rich and requires a lot of testing. He believed that the water testing is performed at all the Putnam County facilities as a regular course of business.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if the resolution could be corrected to say, “all county facilities” instead of “various county facilities.”

Legislator Albano believed that the “various county facilities” are those deemed to be tested and there may county facilities that are not required to be tested.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she supports the wording of “various county facilities.” She stated that the water is not potable in many county office buildings.

Legislator Montgomery explained that this is another expense that the County takes on and she believed it should be taken into consideration when we are negotiating leases at Tilly Foster Farm. She suggested using the funds collected for parking at the events held at Tilly Foster Farm to pay for the water testing.

RESOLUTION #106

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (22T090)/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ MACHINE MAINTENANCE/ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WATER SUPPLY TESTING

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has requested a fund transfer (22T090) to cover Department of Health Water Supply Testing at various County facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services 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:		
10199000 54980	Contingency	50,000
Increase:		
10084000 54510	Machine Maintenance (Tilly Foster Farm)	6,470
10711000 54510	Machine Maintenance (Parks)	11,260
10085000 54510	Machine Maintenance (Golf Course)	6,470
10511100 54510	Machine Maintenance (Various Cnty Facilities)	<u>25,800</u>
		50,000

2022 Fiscal Impact – 50,000
2023 Fiscal Impact – 50,000

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6L – Approval/ Highways & Facilities/ Use of Capital Facility Reserve/ Amend (19CP06) (Hire Professional Architectural and/or Engineering Services) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #107

APPROVAL/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE/ AMEND (19CP06) (Hire Professional Architectural and/or Engineering Services)

WHEREAS, by Resolution #97 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved the use of the Capital Facility Reserve fund for Project #19CP06 – Hire Professional Architectural and/or Engineering Services, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, this authorized funding has been 80% expended and the assistance of outside consultants continues to be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has proposed an additional amount of \$30,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve fund to allow the department to continue to move projects forward through the use of outside consultants; 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 \$30,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve fund budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:

19CP06 – Hire Professional Architectural and/or Engineering Services

\$ 100,000 – Approved by Resolution #97 of 2019
30,000 – Additional Funding
\$ 130,000 – Project cost not to be exceeded

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6m – Approval/ Highways & Facilities/ Use of Capital Facility Reserve/ Amend (19CP09) (Roof Replacements at Three County Facilities) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #108

APPROVAL/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE/ AMEND (19CP09) (Roof Replacements at Three County Facilities)

WHEREAS, by Resolution #123 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved the use of the Capital Facility Reserve fund for Project #19CP08 – Roof Replacements – Cornerstone Park, Salt Shed at Carmel location & Salt Shed at Patterson location, at a cost not to exceed \$99,000; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #118 of 2021, the Putnam County Legislature approved an amendment to Project #19CP09 of an additional \$20,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve fund for a total project cost not to exceed \$119,000 to provide ongoing maintenance to County facility roofs; and

WHEREAS, it has recently been determined that the roof of the Schweiger Hall building at Camp Wilbur Herrlich needs replacement; and

WHEREAS, the estimate of replacement is \$90,000, inclusive of contingencies; and

WHEREAS, the lessee, Mt. Temper Outdoor Ministries, Inc., has agreed to contribute 50% of the costs; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has proposed an additional amount of \$45,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve fund for this project; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approved and authorized the expenditure of \$45,000 from the County Facility Reserve fund budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:

19CP09 – Roof Replacements

\$ 99,000 – Approved by Resolution #123 of 2019
20,000 – Approved by Resolution #118 of 2021
45,000 – Add'l Funding – Schweiger Hall Bldg Roof at Camp Herrlich
\$164,000 – Project cost not to be exceeded

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6n – Approval/ Highways & Facilities/ Use of Capital Facility Reserve/ (22CP01) (Flooring Repair & Replacement at Various County Facilities) was next. On behalf of the

members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #109

APPROVAL/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE/ (22CP01)
(Flooring Repair & Replacement at Various County Facilities)

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has proposed the use of \$120,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve to fund Project #22CP01 – Flooring Repair & Replacement at Various County Facilities; and

WHEREAS, this project would replace aging, worn and damaged flooring throughout our County facilities; and

WHEREAS, per the attached quotes, approximately \$85,000 would be used to immediately address flooring needs in the Health Department at the Kern Building and in the Master Control Room, Booking Room and Housing Control at the Sheriff's Department and Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, the remaining funds would be used programmatically to address the ongoing needs of other County facilities; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approved and authorized the expenditure of \$45,000 from the County Facility Reserve fund budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:

22CP01 – Flooring Repair & Replacement at Various County Facilities

Project cost not to exceed \$120,000

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6o – Approval Resolution/ Authorizing Lease Agreement/ New Special Victim's Unit Facility/ 20 Fair Street, Carmel, New York was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino commended and thanked the Sheriff's Department and the Putnam/Westchester Women's Resource Center for creating an environment where victims of sexual crimes feel comfortable.

Legislator Jonke thanked the Sheriff. He stated that when he first heard about this, he asked the Sheriff to look at an alternative location owned by the County to eliminate the need to rent a property. He stated that it was determined that it was not a feasible location. He thanked the Sheriff for his time and effort in reviewing the property and trying to make the County a landlord instead of a renter.

Legislator Albano explained that the grant funding being received over a five (5) year period, commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2025, not to exceed \$145,880.00 for the contract period will require no match from the County of Putnam, for the purpose of establishing a Special Victim's Unit Facility.

Legislator Addonizio thanked the Sheriff.

RESOLUTION #110

APPROVAL RESOLUTION/ AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT/ NEW SPECIAL VICTIM'S UNIT FACILITY/ 20 FAIR STREET, CARMEL, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the County is currently experiencing a serious and devastating issue relative to sexual crimes involving victim's 18 years old and over; and

WHEREAS, this category of victims within the County has been underserved with respect to the investigation of alleged criminal incidents and resources offered to victims by the County, including a dedicated facility for use as a dedicated advocacy/investigation center; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has recently created a Special Victim's Unit which would handle cases involving victims of sexual crimes who are 18 years of age and older, and which would handle the case management of sexual crimes and the investigation thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff, together with Putnam-Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center, are desirous of creating a proper arena to conduct said investigations and interviews of victims of sexual crimes who are 18 years of age and older much the same as is done for children under the age of 18 at the Child Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature previously adopted Resolution #304 of 2021 in which it approved the acceptance of grant funding over a five (5) year period commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2025, not to exceed \$145,880.00 for the contract period and requiring no match from the County of Putnam, for the purpose of establishing a Special Victim's Unit Facility; and

WHEREAS, Source Properties, Inc. is the owner of certain real property located at 20 Fair Street, Carmel, New York, including the building and appurtenances located thereon; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is desirous of leasing, for the purpose of operating a Special Victim's Unit and Advocacy facility, 20 Fair Street in the Town of Carmel, New York; and

WHEREAS, said property is the ideal location for a much needed special victim's facility, as it is easily accessible by Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's Office personnel, as well as by all law enforcement entities serving the County; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, has entered into negotiations with Source Properties Inc. for the lease of the building and parking lot located at 20 Fair Street in the Town of Carmel, New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 215 of the New York State County Law, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested that the Putnam County Legislature grant authorization for such lease; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 215 of the New York State County Law the Lease Agreement between Source Properties, Inc. and the County of Putnam for the premises located at 20 Fair Street, Carmel, New York is approved, as specified herein, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Sheriff and the County Executive shall be authorized, with the advice and the assistance of the County Attorney, to execute said Lease Agreement with Source Properties, Inc., which shall be in the form and content attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6p – Ratification/ Sale of Clarkson Road, Town of Kent Tax Map No.33.25-1-13 To Contiguous Owner Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Albano explained that this is substandard property that cannot be improved under existing zoning regulations. He believed it would be of no interest to anyone except the neighboring property. He stated that the property would be sold to the adjoining property owner and would be placed back on the tax rolls.

Legislator Jonke stated that when we have these substandard lots that end up in tax sales, however, they have no value to anyone else other than the contiguous property owner. He stated that this will be merged with the property owner's existing property.

RESOLUTION #111

RATIFICATION/ SALE OF CLARKSON ROAD, TOWN OF KENT TAX MAP NO. 33.25-1-13 TO CONTIGUOUS OWNER PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is in title to a certain parcel of real property in the Town of Kent known as Tax Map No. 33.25-1-13 which it acquired pursuant to tax foreclosure proceedings pursuant to Article 11 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law; and

WHEREAS, said property is substandard and cannot be improved under existing zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, said property is not needed for use by the County or another municipality; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code authorizes the Commissioner of Finance, in cooperation with the Director of Real Property Tax Services and the Department of Law, to offer said substandard property for sale to the contiguous property owner; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has received an offer for said parcel of real property from the contiguous owner, Zane Murdock, pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code and in exchange for the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance, the Director of Real Property Tax Services, and the Department of Law, recommend the acceptance of the above referenced offer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the property located in the Town of Kent and identified as Tax Map No. 33.25-1-13 is substandard and cannot be improved under existing zoning regulations and is not needed for use by the County or by any other municipality; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the parcel identified as Town of Kent Tax Map No. 33.25-1-13 is to be sold to the adjoining property owner, Zane Murdock, pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in Resolution # 130 of 2015 and the offer notification sent to the adjoining owner by the Commissioner of Finance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Law is authorized to prepare a quitclaim deed, which shall state that the parcel conveyed shall automatically merge with the lands owned by the acquiring landowner; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Law is further authorized the take to all necessary steps to complete the transfer of said property in the manner approved herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute said deed on behalf of the County.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6q – Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore (Drewville Road Bridge) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #112

AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE (Drewville Road Bridge)

WHEREAS, a Project for the Drewville Road (CR 36) over West Branch of Croton River Bridge Replacement (BIN 3345550) in the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, PIN 8757.65 (the “Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 94 adopted by Putnam County on May 7, 2019 approved and agreed to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of preliminary engineering and right-of-way incidental work; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 163 adopted by Putnam County on October 6, 2020 approved and agreed to increase the federal and non-federal share of costs for additional preliminary engineering work; and

WHEREAS, it was subsequently found that anticipated right-of-way acquisitions would not be required for the project; and

WHEREAS, it continues to be necessary to undertake additional preliminary engineering work not contemplated in the original agreement authorized by the previous Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the federal and non-federal share of costs for the additional preliminary engineering work for the project by reallocating the federal and non-federal share of costs for right-of-way acquisition; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Putnam County Legislature, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes Putnam County to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of the additional preliminary engineering work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$124,000 (\$609,000 minus previous \$485,000) is hereby appropriated from the Putnam County Capital Budget line number 05 55197000 53000 51912 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the Project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Putnam County Legislature shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Putnam County Executive thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive, on behalf of Putnam County, be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or applicable Marchiselli Aid on behalf of Putnam County with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and Putnam County's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, is authorized to finalize and execute all necessary documents, including, without limitation, the State/Local Agreement, in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in addition to the Putnam County Executive, the Commissioner of Highways and Facilities and the Commissioner of Finance are also hereby authorized, with the consent of the County Executive, to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of Putnam

County, with New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6r – Approval/ Putnam County Legislature’s Intent to Act as Lead Agency Under SEQRA Re: A Wireless Communications Facility (187 Hill Street, Mahopac) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #113

APPROVAL/ PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE’S INTENT TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY UNDER SEQRA RE: A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY (187 Hill Street, Mahopac)

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (the “County”) is the owner of the property located at 187 Hill Street, Town of Mahopac, New York (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to use a portion of the Property for the installation of a wireless communications support structure; and

WHEREAS, said portion of the Property is not needed for any other use by the County; and

WHEREAS, Homeland Towers, LLC (“Homeland”) desires to use a portion of the Property to install the support structure and compound area necessary to accommodate the wireless coverage needs of various County Emergency Service Departments, in addition to providing capacity for the collocation of private public utility wireless communication facilities in order to close significant gaps in reliable wireless service that exist in the vicinity of the Property within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County and Homeland desire to enter into a public private partnership for the purpose of constructing a one hundred and sixty (160) foot tower (the “Facility”), according to the specifications provided in certain engineering documents produced by Homeland (“Site Plan”), with County emergency service antennas located thereon and which shall provide for the collocation of commercial wireless communication facilities including antennas and related equipment on the Facility, all of which shall be situated on or within a 3,600 square foot lease parcel; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature intends to also review the proposal to determine whether the Facility should be exempt from local zoning requirements; and

WHEREAS, both the review of the Site Plans and the determination whether the Facility should be exempt from local zoning requirements shall be collectively deemed the “Project”; and

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

WHEREAS, other interested agencies (the “Interested Agencies”) have been identified in connection with the proposed action, however there are no other Involved Agencies; and

WHEREAS, a long Environmental Assessment form (EAF) has been prepared for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature (the “Legislature”), after review of Part 617, finds that the proposed action is an “Unlisted” action, as defined in 6 NYCRR Part 617.2; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby declares its intent to serve as the Lead Agency under the procedures and requirements of SEQRA, to circulate a Lead Agency Notice along with the EAF and associated documentation to all Interested Agencies and to follow protocol in accordance with and as required by all relevant rules and regulations.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6s – Approval/ Resolution Authorizing Communication Tower Space Lease Agreement/ Putnam Valley Tax Map #84.-2-48.-1 (Piano Mountain) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Albano explained that there is no cost to the County for this lease. He stated that it is necessary to enhancing radio communications for our first responders.

RESOLUTION #114

APPROVAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMUNICATION TOWER SPACE LEASE AGREEMENT/ PUTNAM VALLEY TAX MAP# 84.-2-48.-1 (Piano Mountain)

WHEREAS, InSite Towers Development LLC is the lessee of certain premises located at 1135 Williams Drive, Putnam Valley, New York 10579, Tax Map # 84.-2-48.-1, which are further described in the lease and assignment records (hereinafter the "Ground Lease") attached hereto as Schedule "A", and the owner of the Equipment Building and Communication Tower located thereon (hereinafter the "Tower Facilities"); and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is desirous of leasing certain space at the Tower Facilities for the purposes of installing and maintaining emergency radio communication equipment, which is necessary to optimize the current radio system; and

WHEREAS, the current radio 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, pursuant to the provisions of Section 31-22 of the Putnam County Code, the County Executive, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney and the Director of IT/GIS, has entered into preliminary negotiations with the InSite Towers Development LLC for the lease of said space at the Tower Facilities, and has agreed to a monthly rental amount of \$0.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 215 of the New York State County Law, and Section 31-22 of the Putnam County Code, the County Executive has requested that the Putnam County Legislature grant authorization for such lease; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the Lease Agreement between the County of Putnam and InSite Towers Development LLC for certain space at the Tower Facilities, in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "B", and that the Putnam County Executive is authorized to execute said Lease Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate the Lease Agreement between the County of Putnam and InSite Towers Development LLC in the manner approved herein.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6t – Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (22T029)/ Sheriff's Department/ Subcontingency/ Purchase AXON Tasers and Body-worn Cameras was next. Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that she was all in favor of this, however, she questioned if the PBA agreed with this.

Legislator Castellano stated that was what was discussed in Committee.

RESOLUTION #115

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY TRANSFER (22T029)/ SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/
SUBCONTINGENCY/ PURCHASE AXON TASERS AND BODY-WORN CAMERAS**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary transfer (22T029) to utilize funds placed in subcontingency to purchase AXON Tasers and Body-worn Cameras, in addition to costs related with both software and hardware accessories necessary for implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee reviewed said budgetary transfer; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Appropriations:

10311000 52680	Sheriff – Other Equipment	131,000
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Decrease Appropriations:

10199000 54986	Subcontingency – Sheriff	131,000
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**2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2023 Fiscal Impact \$182,171**

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6u – Approval/ Semi-Annual Mortgage Tax Report/ October 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #116

**APPROVAL/SEMI-ANNUAL MORTGAGE TAX REPORT/ OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH
MARCH 31, 2022**

WHEREAS, upon receipt of approval of the Semi-Annual Report showing the amounts to be credited to each district of the County of the money collected during the period October 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, the Putnam County Audit and Administration Committee reviewed and hereby forwards same to the Putnam County Legislature; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 261 of the Tax Law, the Putnam County Legislature issues tax warrants for the payment to the respective districts of the amounts so credited and authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Finance to make a payment of said amounts to the respective district in accordance with the report as follows:

Town of Carmel	\$1,007,307.15
Town of Kent	355,494.50
Town of Patterson	296,338.35

Town of Philipstown

Village of Cold Spring	24,386.89
Village of Nelsonville	6,854.73
Town Outside	293,147.35

Town of Putnam Valley 301,681.72

Town of Southeast

Village of Brewster	48,278.54
Town Outside	<u>1,461,233.22</u>

Total \$3,794,722.45

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6v – Approval/ Finance / Real Property/ Write off of Delinquent Real Property Taxes/ Carmel Tax Map Parcel #64.7-1-31 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #117

APPROVAL/ FINANCE/ REAL PROPERTY/ WRITE OFF OF DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TAXES/ CARMEL TAX MAP PARCEL 64.7-1-31

WHEREAS, the property identified as Carmel tax map parcel 64.7-1-31 has accrued delinquent real property taxes dating from 2010-2022; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2022 the Town of Carmel took title to Carmel tax map parcel 64.7-1-31 to correct an erroneous conveyance in 2017 of property to be used in stormwater remediation ; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carmel has requested that the delinquent real property taxes be written off, as the property is an integral part of a stormwater treatment system for roadways owned and maintained by the Town of Carmel; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined that there may be a legal impediment to the enforcement of delinquent property tax liens pursuant to section 1138 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law; and

WHEREAS; the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and recommends that these delinquent property taxes be written off; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves that these delinquent real property taxes be written off; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance is directed to issue a certificate of withdrawal and write off the delinquent real property taxes for Carmel Tax Map Parcel 64.7-1-31 pursuant to section 1138 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6w – Approval/ Grant Application/ Sheriff’s Department/ State And Municipal (SAM) Facilities Grant Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #118

APPROVAL/ GRANT APPLICATION/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ STATE AND MUNICIPAL (SAM) FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Section 5-2(E) of the Putnam County Code provided, in relevant part, that an application of any grant application not requiring any Putnam County (the “County”) matching funds shall notify the Putnam County Legislature (the “Legislature”) of the submission of a grant application and further, if the Legislature objects to such grant application, the applicant shall withdraw it forthwith; and

WHEREAS, by and through the State of New York and Office of Senator James Skoufis (NYS Senate), the County can receive a State and Municipal (SAM) Facilities Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00, such grant administered through the Dormitory Authority State of New York (“DASNY”), to subsidize costs associated with the purchase of equipment, to include a license plate reader system, crime scene camera system, computers, a printer/copier/scanner and an alarm enhancement at the Philipstown substation; and

WHEREAS, there is no matching fund requirement by the County to accept the SAM grant for costs associated with the purchase of said equipment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes and approves the County’s submission through DASNY and awarded by the SAM Facilities Grant Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7 – Other Business

There was no other business submitted to the meeting.

Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

There was no members from the public that wished to be recognized.

Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Albano stated that the opening of Restaurant Depot is great for Putnam County. He stated that the center is fantastic, and the sales tax revenue will benefit everyone.

Chairman Sullivan concurred. It will provide a service that the County does not have.

Legislator Nacerino expressed her congratulations for the Class of 2022. She also wished all those who are dads a Happy Father's Day.

Legislator Jonke stated that the Town of Southeast will hold their fireworks event on July 3, 2022 at Independence Way (Home Depot Shopping Center). He stated that there is still time to help sponsor the event. He also wished his neighbor and former Assemblyman, Willis Stephens Sr., a happy 97th birthday.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she is still waiting to receive the Bonadio report. She stated the report, which analyzed the sustainability of the Sheriff's Department, cost \$45,000. She also stated that she had requested to have a representative from the Bonadio group attend a legislative meeting. She stated that she had not received a response about this request from Chairwoman Nacerino of the Protective Services Committee. She stated that this request is important in light of recent headlines. She stated that she would like to recognize the mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas. She referred to a local headline which read "Local GOP blasts new gun laws, locally and nation-wide these members continue to insist that mental illness is the cause of mass shootings." She stated that she has been asking for additional funding for mental health. She stated that the Putnam County Legislature and the Putnam County Executive have failed in significantly increasing funding for mental health. She stated that the Putnam County Legislature and the Putnam County Executive decreased funding for mental health in 2021. She stated that there is no hope for Putnam County's response to this crisis. She stated that she felt that after the Sandy Hook massacre, Putnam County responded on a united front by providing resources. She believed the response after the Robb Elementary School massacre consists of condemning legislation meant to keep people safer and blaming the issue on mental health. She stated that in the years between the tragedies at Sandy Hook Elementary and Robb Elementary, Putnam County was not establishing mental health resources. She stated that the Sheriff's Department was supposed to receive tablets, which would provide mental health resources, in February. She questioned where these tablets were. She stated that if the Legislature wants to continue stating that the problem is due to mental health, more funding should be allocated to mental health resources. She stated that with the recent celebration of Memorial Day and the 77th anniversary of D-Day, the best way to maintain the legacy of veterans alive is to make a communal commitment to defend their mission of freedom. She recognized Pride month in relation to freedom. She stated that LGBTQIA+ members and veterans are not mutually exclusive. She explained that economic hardships and mental health struggles are common in veterans, and that the numbers are higher among LGBTQIA+ veterans. She expressed her hope for the Putnam County Veteran's Service Agency to expand the scope of services for veterans who were discharged under the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy implemented under the Clinton Administration.

Chairman Sullivan explained that on June 1, 2022 the sales tax abatement law went into effect for gasoline. He stated there should be a reduction in gas prices. He also explained how with ARPA funding, mental health would be addressed.

Legislator Sayegh expressed her thanks for the Sheriff's Department for protecting children across Putnam County. She stated that Putnam County has a robust program which includes officers stationed at every school. She thanked the school boards for making the commitment to maintain this program. She stated that mental health is very

important and that she is sickened by children being harmed. She stated that she believes Putnam County does everything possible to protect children.

There being no further business, at 8:04 P.M., Chairman Sullivan made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.