



**WHEREAS, National Fire Prevention Week will be October 9-15, 2022, during which attention will be focused on promoting fire safety and prevention. In 2020, there were 1,400,000 reported fires in the United States, 3,500 deaths caused by fires, and 15,200 injuries. Those fires resulted in an estimated \$21.9 billion dollars in property damage; and**

**WHEREAS, The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign: "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.", which works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires; and**

**WHEREAS, Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and**

**WHEREAS, Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning; and**

**WHEREAS, almost three out of five home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms (41 percent) or smoke alarms that failed to operate (16 percent); missing or non-functional power sources, including missing or disconnected batteries, dead batteries, and disconnected hardwired alarms or other AC power issues, are the most common factors when smoke alarms fail to operate; and**

**WHEREAS, People tend to remove smoke alarm batteries or dismantle alarms altogether when the alarm begins to chirp as a result of low batteries or the alarm is no longer working properly, or when experiencing nuisance alarms; and**

**WHEREAS, It is important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different. When a smoke alarm or carbon monoxide (CO) alarm sounds, respond immediately by exiting the home as quickly as possible; and**

**WHEREAS, Putnam County is served by dedicated Volunteer Fire Departments whose service we greatly value and appreciate. In 2020 across this Nation there were 102 firefighter deaths and 64,875 firefighter injuries. Taking time to learn the sounds that smoke alarms make and how to respond to them will help save lives; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim the week of October 9-15, 2022 as National Fire Prevention Week in the County of Putnam and remind the citizens to learn about the sounds that smoke alarms make and what those sounds mean and to visit their local fire departments' fire prevention programs.**

**Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Addonizio who presented the "National Lead Poisoning Prevention" proclamation to Associate Public Health Sanitarian Brian Stevens.**

#### **NATIONAL LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK - OCTOBER 23-29, 2022**

**WHEREAS, every Putnam County resident deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe environment, free from harmful effects of lead; and**

**WHEREAS, the major source of lead exposure is the dust from deteriorating lead-based paint or renovations to houses or childcare facilities built before 1978 and lead poisoning caused by renovations can be prevented by using EPA certified contractors who follow the Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule; and**

**WHEREAS, 73% of lead poisoning cases have lead-based paint as the primary or contributing source; and**

**WHEREAS, although individuals with lead poisoning often exhibit no symptoms, lead interferes with normal brain development, and is associated with permanently reduced IQ, learning disabilities, behavioral disorders, and has been cited as an indicator of decreased lifelong learning potential; and**

**WHEREAS, an estimated 535,000 preschool children in the United States are living with lead levels high enough to call for medical management, it is vital that all Putnam County residents, especially parents and child caregivers are aware of the dangers of lead poisoning and seek appropriate screening for their children as a preventative measure; and**

**WHEREAS, October 23-29, 2022, is National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week and is an opportunity for Putnam County to provide education and raise awareness about lead poisoning prevention measures; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim October 23-29, 2022 as Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in Putnam County, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.**

**Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Albano who presented the “National Substance Abuse Prevention” proclamation to Commissioner of Social Services Michael Piazza.**

#### **OCTOBER AS NATIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS, Every day, far too many Americans, including Putnam County residents, are hurt by substance use disorders. From diminished achievement in our schools to greater risks on our roads and in our communities, to the heartache caused by lives cut tragically short, the consequences of substance abuse are profound. Yet, we also know that they are preventable. This month, we pay tribute to all those working to prevent substance abuse in our communities, and we rededicate ourselves to building a safer, drug-free Putnam County; and**

**WHEREAS, By promoting awareness with the aim of stopping substance abuse before it starts, we can prevent the disease of addiction and create stronger neighborhoods across our County; and**

**WHEREAS, Community-based prevention systems that join stakeholders at every level of government with local organizations can deliver local solutions; and**

**WHEREAS, All of us can play a role in preventing drug and alcohol abuse. As our children’s first teachers, parents and guardians can help by talking to their kids about the dangers of substance abuse. Alongside them, coalitions of teachers, faith-based groups, health care providers, law enforcement officials, and other local leaders are joining together to address substance abuse in their communities; and**

**WHEREAS, As we observe National Substance Abuse Prevention Month, let us help to address the stigma face by those with Substance Use Disorder by mindfully labeling our recognition as “Substance Use Prevention Month” paying particular attention to preventing onset of any substance use, and reducing negative outcomes of substance misuse; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, That the Putnam County Executive and Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim October 2022 as Substance Use Prevention Month. Along with the Prevention Council of Putnam, the Putnam CTC Coalition and all substance use prevention and treatment providers in Putnam County encourage all residents to increase their awareness of Substance Use Disorder, the dangers of substance misuse, the success of**

prevention and treatment programs; especially for our youth, and to actively support and encourage referrals for harm reduction, treatment and recovery support of individuals and support individuals with Substance Use Disorder.

Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Gouldman who spoke about the proclamation “Honoring NYS Trooper Francis Rush.”

#### **HONORING NYS TROOPER FRANCIS RUSH**

**WHEREAS, Francis Rush is a lifelong resident of Putnam Valley who has an extensive background in emergency response. He is trained in CPR and as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). He has been a respected member of the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department since joining at the young age of 16. In July 2006, he enlisted in the U.S. Marines and served 8 years of Active Duty; and**

**WHEREAS, Francis Rush became a New York State Trooper in March of 2016 and is assigned to the Wappinger barracks. On August 17, 2022 Trooper Rush responded to an incident where a man suffered a medical emergency while driving and consequently drove his vehicle into a pond at the Westage Business Center in Fishkill. Upon arriving at the scene, Trooper Rush immediately entered the water and swam to the victim, who was stuck in his vehicle. He was able to free the victim from the car via the sunroof and swam him back to shore, where an ambulance was waiting. Due to the swift actions of Trooper Rush, the victim was brought to safety and has since made a full recovery; and**

**WHEREAS, This is not the first time Francis Rush is being honored by the County of Putnam for providing lifesaving services in an emergency situation. In March of 2015, the Putnam County Legislature recognized then-27-year-old Francis Rush for calling upon his emergency response training to save the life of a gentleman who was in cardiac arrest in Grand Central Station; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby recognize Francis Rush for his instinctive calling to help those in need. He is truly a hometown hero!**

**Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – September 6, 2022**

**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:**

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

**Item #6a – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A061)/ Highways & Facilities/ Snake Hill Road Culvert Replacement Project PIN 8762.77 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:

**RESOLUTION #184**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A061)/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ SNAKE HILL ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT PIN 8762.77**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has requested a budgetary amendment (22A061) to adjust the Capital Budget to include funding for the Snake Hill Road Culvert replacement project PIN 8762.77 per Resolution #168 of 2022; and

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

**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

55197000 53000 52230	Snake Hill Rd Culvert – PIN 8762.77	1,224,379
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

55197000 435971 52230	State Aid – BridgeNY – PIN 8762.77	1,224,379
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6b – Approval Budgetary Amendment (22A062)/ Highways & Facilities/ Peekskill Hollow Road Culvert Replacement Project PIN 8762.76 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Gouldman explained that the Mill Street Road project was delayed almost nine (9) months, and with the current situation on Peekskill Hollow Road and Oscawana Lake Road, although they have resumed working, we are now heading into winter which is a major issue. He explained that the Legislature received a commitment that this Peekskill Hollow Road Culvert Replacement Project would not occur until after all the other work on Peekskill Hollow Road and Oscawana Lake Road was completed. He explained that based on that commitment he would support the approval of this resolution. He explained that if there is an attempt to start this project prior to the completion of the other projects in this area, he stated that he would be the first person trying to stop it.

Legislator Montgomery explained that there are many constituents concerned about the project, and her hope was to keep them fully informed above and beyond the norm. She stated that Tomkins Corners Cultural Center has some concerns since they are very active in the area and have a farmers' market, poetry readings, and concerts every weekend. She hoped that the Highway Department would keep the Legislature informed as it becomes available.

Legislator Albano explained that this project was identified as something that needed to be done in the near future. He stated that it was important to have the funding in place.

**RESOLUTION #185**

**APPROVAL BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A062)/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ PEEKSKILL HOLLOW ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT PIN 8762.76**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has requested a budgetary amendment (22A062) to adjust the Capital Budget to include funding for the Peekskill Hollow Road Culvert replacement project PIN 8762.76 per Resolution #167 of 2022; and

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

**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

55197000 53000 52231	Peekskill Hollow Rd Culvert – PIN 8762.76	1,171,801
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

55197000 435971 52231	State Aid – BridgeNY – PIN 8762.76	1,171,801
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6c – Approval/ Request to Donate/ Town of Southeast – Brewster Industrial Owner LLC/ Approval of Permanent Drainage Easement (Tilly Foster Farm / Pugsley Road) 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 property being donated to the County and they are requiring a permanent easement to address water and drainage issues.

**RESOLUTION #186**

**APPROVAL/ REQUEST TO DONATE/ TOWN OF SOUTHEAST – BREWSTER INDUSTRIAL OWNER LLC/ APPROVAL OF PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT (Tilly Foster Farm / Pugsley Road)**

WHEREAS, Brewster Industrial Owner LLC, the record owner of an unimproved parcel of real property located in the Town of Southeast, more fully described in the legal description attached hereto as SCHEDULE “A”, has offered to donate same to the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to obtain a new subdivision approval from the Town of Southeast for the purposes of effectuating the above referenced transfer, and it shall be the responsibility of Brewster Industrial Owner LLC to obtain said approval; and

**WHEREAS, Brewster Industrial Owner LLC has created a parcel dedication plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule “B”, which depicts the manner in which the property is proposed to be subdivided and the location of the parcel to be donated to the County; and**

**WHEREAS, said parcel is adjacent to land owned by the County of Putnam and included in the Tilly Foster Farm property which will allow the County to utilize the access road to be constructed by Brewster Industrial Owner LLC in order to gain access to Pugsley Road directly; and**

**WHEREAS, Brewster Industrial Owner LLC will also require a permanent easement over the parcel of land to be transferred to the County of Putnam for the purposes of maintaining and addressing any issues associated with the water system, septic system and stormwater drainage system constructed and operated on its parcel of real property directly adjacent to the property to be transferred herein; and**

**WHEREAS, Resolution #101 of 1996 adopted a policy for accepting property at the request of a landowner; and**

**WHEREAS, neither the Director of Real Property Tax Services nor the Department of Health have any negative conditions to report with respect to said parcel; and**

**WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee has reviewed the facts and circumstances surrounding said offer to donate; and**

**WHEREAS, this parcel is in Roll Section 1, Taxable; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature waives the requirements of Resolution #101 of 1996 with respect to this donation; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby accepts the donation of the parcel of real property described in the attached Schedule “A” from Brewster Industrial Owner LLC; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is directed to forward a “Letter of Acceptance” to Brewster Industrial Owner LLC notifying them of the acceptance of this donation; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to order a title report if deemed necessary and to prepare a deed for said parcel for execution by the property as soon as the subdivision of said parcel has been approved and the applicable map has been fully filed; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that upon the execution and recording of said deed, this parcel shall be removed from Roll Section 1, Taxable, and placed in Roll Section 8, Wholly Exempt Status; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the transfer of a permanent easement to Brewster Industrial Owner LLC in a substantially similar form to that which is attached as Schedule “C” so that they may maintain and address any issues associated with the water system, septic system and stormwater drainage system constructed and operated on its parcel of real property directly adjacent to the property to be transferred herein; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to negotiate such agreement as may be necessary between the County of Putnam and Brewster Industrial Owner LLC to protect the interests of the County and to insure that the transfer of the proposed donation and permanent easement which are approved herein are legally effectuated; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be forwarded to the Putnam County Director of Real Property Tax Services and the Assessor of the Town of Southeast for the conversion of said parcel into Roll Section 8.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6d – Approval/ Local Law to Amend the Code of the County of Putnam, by adding a new Chapter 117 entitled “Apprenticeship Training Program” 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 everyone recognizes the value of Apprenticeship programs. He stated that with contracts of a certain size, one (1) of the requirements would be to have an Apprenticeship Training Program. He stated that it is a fantastic thing for young individuals and there is a big need for this.

#### **RESOLUTION #187**

**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, by adding a new Chapter 117 entitled “APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM”**

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

#### **Section 1.**

Chapter 117 of the Code of Putnam County entitled “APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM” is hereby created to read as follows:

### **CHAPTER 117**

#### **APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM**

- § 117-1 Title.
- § 117-2 Legislative intent and purpose.
- § 117-3 Definitions.
- § 117-4 Requirements and exceptions.
- § 117-5 Enforcement.
- § 117-6 Severability.
- § 117-7 Applicability.
- § 117-8 Effective date.

#### § 117-1 Title.

This law may be cited as “The Putnam County Workforce Development Diversification New York State Certified Worker Training Program.”

#### § 117-2 Legislative intent and purpose.

The County of Putnam hereby establishes a policy to promote apprenticeship training and the Putnam County Legislature hereby finds, declares and determines that:

- A. New York Labor Law Section 816-b specifically authorizes this Local Law.
- B. There has been a long and productive history of partnership between labor and management in the training of workers in New York State.

- C. **New York State Certified Worker Training Programs are valuable educational and training tools for the local workforce by reducing reliance on out-of-area labor for construction projects.**
- D. **New York State Certified Worker Training Programs provide opportunities for residents in this area through training and education for skilled jobs.**
- E. **These skilled jobs allow us to reinvest our taxpayer dollars spent on local construction projects so that local workers and local tax dollars remain within the local community.**
- F. **It would be valuable to encourage labor and business/industry to participate in New York State Certified Worker Training Programs to meet the increased need for trade persons while providing residents the means to earn a better living and fostering the local and regional economies. -**
- G. **It is valuable for local government to encourage broad participation in such New York State Certified Worker Training Programs by the residents of Putnam County and to foster the equal opportunity of men and women of all races and backgrounds to participate in order to enhance workforce development and diversification, and to prevent exclusionary practices which have historically excluded women and minorities.**
- H. **The New York State Department of Labor sets objective standards and provides oversight for New York State Certified Worker Training Programs. These Programs are important because they require on-the-job training and classroom training, and provide objective industry standards. In effect, these programs lead to a standardized, cost- effective and skilled local workforce.**
- I. **Nothing in this Local Law should be construed to abrogate the obligations of Putnam County with respect to its MBE/WBE requirements.**

### **§ 117-3 Definitions.**

**As used in this law, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:**

#### **APPRENTICESHIP AGREEMENT**

**An individual written agreement between an employer and an apprentice, or (2) a written agreement between an employer or an association of employers, and an organization of employees describing conditions of employment for an apprentice or (3) a written statement describing conditions of employment for apprentices in a plant or plants where there is no bona fide employee organization.<sup>1</sup>**

#### **CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

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<sup>1</sup> For reference only: This definition is taken directly from Section 816 of the Labor Law.

A "construction contract" in excess of \$350,000, in the aggregate, as the term "construction contract" is defined in § 816-b of the Labor Law,<sup>2</sup> where the County Executive is the signatory on behalf of the County of Putnam. It shall not, however, mean a "construction contract" as defined in § 816-b of the Labor Law where the County of Putnam is one governmental entity which is bound to a contract but another governmental entity is also a signatory to the contract or to an intermunicipal agreement relating to the contract in the case of a jointly developed building, facility, or physical structure unless such other entity agrees to be bound by the provisions of this law or has an identical law or one reasonably similar, in the reasonable judgment of the County Attorney, to require the provisions of this law to be implemented. Further, a contract or subcontract for paving, land clearing, or security services are not Construction Contracts and shall not be included in the aggregate value of the contract.

#### **CONTRACTOR or SUBCONTRACTOR**

A contractor or subcontractor which directly employs labor under a construction contract for which an apprenticeship program has been approved by the New York State Commissioner of Labor in accordance with Article 23 of the New York Labor Law.

#### **§ 117-4 Requirements and exceptions.**

- A. The County of Putnam hereby requires any contractor, prior to entering into a Construction Contract with the County of Putnam, or any subcontractor entering into a contract with a contractor who has a Construction Contract with the County of Putnam, to have apprenticeship agreements appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed, which have been registered with, and approved by, the New York State Commissioner of Labor in accordance with Article 23 of New York Labor Law.<sup>3</sup> Such apprenticeship program must have a graduation rate of at least thirty percent as determined by the New York State Department of Labor.**
  
- B. This local law shall not apply:**
  - (1) where a specific trade has not been included among the list of trades maintained by the New York State Commissioner of Labor available for such apprenticeship agreements at the time of opening of bids for the construction contract project.**

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<sup>2</sup> For reference only: Section 816-b of the New York Labor Law defines "construction contract" as meaning any contract to which a governmental entity may be a direct or indirect party which involves the design, construction, reconstruction, improvement, rehabilitation, maintenance, repair, furnishing, equipping of or otherwise providing for any building, facility or physical structure of any kind.

<sup>3</sup> For reference only: While generally municipal bidding must be done in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, Article 23 of the Labor Law (specifically Section 816-b(2)), provides that a construction contract entered into pursuant to Article 23 can be made notwithstanding the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, Section 135 of the state Finance Law or Section 151 of the Public Housing Law.

- (2) to any Construction Contracts utilizing federal, state, county or other funding assistance to the extent such funding assistance precludes application of this local law.

#### **§ 117-5 Enforcement**

The Director of Purchasing is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to promulgate and, from time to time amend, such rules and regulations that he deems necessary for the implementation and enforcement of any provisions of this chapter. However, this local law shall not preclude the Director of Purchasing, along with the Putnam County Attorney, from negotiating such terms and conditions with the construction contract contractor to assure a sufficient labor workforce on the job so as not to delay timely completion of the construction contract project.

#### **§ 117-6 Severability**

In any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this chapter or the application thereof, to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraphs, subdivisions, section or part of this chapter or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgement or order shall be rendered.

#### **§ 117-7 Applicability.**

This Local Law shall apply to construction contracts advertised for bids on or after the effective date.

#### **§ 117-8 Effective date.**

This Local Law shall become effective 90 days after its filing in the office of the Secretary of the State pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law, provided, however, that any regulations of the Director of Purchasing may be promulgated prior to the effective date of this Local Law.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Item #6e – Approval/ Appointment to the Reapportionment Commission 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:

Legislator Addonizio thanked Mr. Ditlow for volunteering his time.

Legislator Albano stated that he sat in the last time we did the redistricting. He stated that it was a lot of work. He stated that it was great to have someone volunteer their time.

Legislator Montgomery stated that Mr. Ditlow was from her Legislative District. She explained that he is retired from IBM and has a data scientist background.

#### **RESOLUTION #188**

#### **APPROVAL/ APPOINTMENT TO THE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS, by Resolution #164 of 2022, the Putnam County Legislature created a bipartisan Reapportionment Commission (“Commission”) in accordance with the Putnam County Charter § 14.01, to make recommendations for revisions for reapportionment of County Legislative Districts; and**

**WHEREAS, Resolution #164 appointed seven (7) initial members to the Commission and provided that the Legislature may subsequently appoint additional members; and**

**WHEREAS, Mr. Gary Ditlow has submitted a request to the Putnam County Legislature to volunteer his time to be a member on said Commission; and**

**WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee has reviewed and approved said request received from Mr. Gary Ditlow; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby appoints Gary Ditlow to serve as a member of the Reapportionment Commission.**

**This Resolution has no fiscal impact upon the County of Putnam.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**Item #6f – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A063)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Automotive Insurance Recoveries 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 #189**

#### **APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A063)/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ AUTOMOTIVE INSURANCE RECOVERIES**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (22A063) to account for the reimbursement received from Esurance, an Allstate Company, to offset the cost of repairing one (1) of the Sheriff’s vehicles involved in an accident on July 1, 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 Appropriations:**  
17311000 54370 Sheriff Patrol – Automotive 7,064.87

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**  
17311000 426801 Sheriff Patrol – Insurance Recoveries 7,064.87

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

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6g – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A065)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Jail Maintenance Insurance Recoveries was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #190**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A065)/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ JAIL MAINTENANCE INSURANCE RECOVERIES**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (22A065) to account for the reimbursement received from Travelers Indemnity Company of Connecticut to cover damages to the Jail Intercom; 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:**  
10011000 426801 Jail Maintenance – Insurance Recoveries 10,655.22

**Increase Expenses:**  
10011000 54710 Jail Maint. – Building Maint. & Repairs 10,655.22

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

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6h – Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (22T210)/ Correct Resolution #103 of 2022/ 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 #191**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY TRANSFER (22T210)/ CORRECT RESOLUTION #103 OF 2022/ EMERGENCY SERVICES/ FY2021 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) GRANT**

WHEREAS, by Resolution #103 of 2022, the Putnam County Legislature approved budgetary amendment (22A030) for the FY2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant awarded in the amount of \$234,731; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary transfer (22T210) to correct the Automotive line in Resolution #103 of 2022 for said grant award; and

WHEREAS, said funding placed in the Automotive line will be moved to the Motor Vehicles line; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

10398901 52650 10179	Motor Vehicles	100,000
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**Decrease Estimated Appropriations:**

10398901 54370 10179	Automotive	100,000
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Legislator Nacerino explained that the 3D Mapping Program for emergency response provides data of exact measurements of the school or facility including; door knobs, exits, windows, ceiling tiles, etc. It alleviates the guess work when entering a building during an emergency situation. She explained that this multiuse program is not just limited to schools, but also hospitals, government municipal buildings, and any other facility wishing to be included. She thanked Senator Harckham, who was instrumental in obtaining the funds for Putnam County. She stated that this information will be shared with Fire, EMS and other agencies. She stated that it is cutting edge technology and will have a profound effect on protecting our children and the public.

**RESOLUTION #192**

**APPROVAL/ GRANT ALLOCATION/ 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 any grant application not requiring and 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 Peter B. Harckham, (NYS Senate), the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department (the “Sheriff’s

Department”) has been allocated \$100,000 through the SAM Facilities Grant which is administered through the Dormitory Authority State of New York (“DASNY”); and

WHEREAS, said grant funding will be utilized to purchase 3D 360° Laser Scanners and Equipment for mapping schools and other facilities; and

WHEREAS, the SAM Facilities Grant is a reimbursement, but the project should not begin/be purchased until DASNY has awarded the Grant Disbursement Agreement; 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.

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

Item #6j – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A067)/ Social Services/ Child Advocacy Center – Crime Victim Assistance Program Grant 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:

**RESOLUTION #193**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A067)/ SOCIAL SERVICES/ CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER / CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT**

WHEREAS, by Resolution #160 of 2022, the Putnam County Legislature approved and authorized the renewal of the Crime Victim Assistance Program Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services is requesting a budgetary amendment (22A067) to include Other than Personal Costs funded in accordance with the following contract renewal awarded to the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the amendment includes funds for the purpose of sending staff to various trainings throughout the grant period; and

WHEREAS, as proposed in the grant, the CAC planned to send four (4) staff members to a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Learning Community Training to be held October 25, 2022 to October 28, 2022 in Portland, Maine; and

WHEREAS, 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:**

<b>22071000</b>	<b>OEOP Crime Victim</b>	
52110	Furniture	3,800
52130	Computer Equipment	3,800
54310	Office Supplies	500

54410	Supplies/Materials	500
54635	Cell Phones	305
54640	Education/Training	5,792
54646	Contracts	30,500
54675	Travel	<u>100</u>
		45,297

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

2207000	OEOP Crime Victim	
446131	Crime Victims Board	45,297

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**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 member of the public that wished to be recognized.

**Item #9 - Recognition of Legislators**

Legislator Montgomery stated that it is Mental Illness Awareness Week which Congress established in 1990. She explained that mental health providers are bridging the gap by coming together to not only help those suffering from mental illness, but to help the communities and neighborhoods who are also struggling. She thanked the many mental health providers. She provided statistics on the number of mental health medical calls received from 2018 through 2021. She explained that the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub itself received 2,750 participant contacts, which were people calling for resources. She stated that Putnam County only has one (1) case manager that goes out into the field. She believed that our mental health and health care workers were the lowest paid in our County. She hoped we would do well for them this budget season.

Chairman Sullivan mentioned that tomorrow night County Executive Odell would be presenting her 2023 budget address to the Legislature. He stated that it will begin at 7:00 P.M. if anyone would like to attend.

Legislator Addonizio explained that she recently sent a letter to Governor Hochul and the New York State Legislature regarding Senate Bill S51001 and Assembly Bill A41001 pertaining to “Modifying NYS Conceal Carry Application Process and Criteria.” Legislator Addonizio proceeded to read the letter which was also signed by seven (7) of her colleagues.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if communication with a quorum of the Legislature not in public was considered ex parte communication.

**Legislative Counsel Firriolo explained that ex parte communication is a communication with a court. It has nothing to do with the Legislature.**

**Legislator Montgomery questioned if, according to the Open Meetings Law, the Legislature could communicate together as a body to send correspondence to anybody, such as the New York State Legislature.**

**Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated that the Open Meetings Law only applies to meetings. He stated that there was no law controlling discussion of Legislators among themselves. The Open Meetings Law applies to meetings of a quorum of Legislators.**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that eight (8) Legislators are communicating and forming a signed document without the public's knowledge.**

**Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated that it was routine business. Legislators routinely speak to each other and do business by phone and email. He explained that it is only when a quorum meets and they do business as a quorum that the Open Meetings Law is implicated.**

**Legislator Jonke asked Legislative Counsel Firriolo if there was anything inappropriate about Legislators communicating and sending a letter to the Governor.**

**Legislative Counsel Firriolo said, "absolutely not."**

**Legislator Sayegh stated that she wanted to make the public aware that early voting starts on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. She stated that there are two (2) locations; North Highlands Fire House, 504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring and the Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel. She stated that Election Day is November 8<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged everyone to vote and make their voices heard.**

**Legislator Nacerino clarified that Legislator Addonizio presented, individually to each Legislator, her letter addressed to the Governor asking if they wanted to join her in signing it. It was not in a group working together.**

**Legislator Montgomery thanked Legislative Counsel Firriolo for answering her questions. She thanked Legislator Nacerino for the clarification.**

**There being no further business, at 7:49 P.M., Chairman Sullivan made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Addonizio and Jonke. All in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.**