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

Tuesday April 4, 2023 7:00 P.M.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Legislative Prayer**
- 3. Roll Call**

PROCLAMATIONS

Alcohol Awareness Month

Child Abuse Prevention Month

**Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month &
Autism Awareness Month**

Donate Life Month

Healthy Teen Brain Day – April 20, 2023

Keep Putnam Beautiful

National Library Week – April 23-29, 2023

Peers Influence Peers Partnership Month

Teen Driver Safety Awareness Month

National Telecommunicators' Week – April 9-15, 2023

4. **Acceptance of Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 7, 2023**
Special Mtg.- State of the County – March 9, 2023

5. **Correspondence**
a) **County Auditor**

6. **Pre-filed resolutions:**

HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Crowley & Nacerino)

- 6a. **Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A009)/ Social Services/ Opioid Settlement Monies**
- 6b. **Approval/ Request that Putnam’s Congressional Delegation Act to Ensure the Safe Handling of Wastewater from Indian Point Energy Center**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE
(Chairman Ellner, Legislators Addonizio & Crowley)

- 6c. **Approval/ Resolution Asking Governor Hochul and the NYS Public Service Commission to Dismiss NYSEG’S Rate Hike Request and Have Correct the Billing Problems Before Rate Hikes are Considered**

RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Ellner & Gouldman)

- 6d. **Approval/ Putnam Arts Council Grants for 2022**

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

- 6e. **Approval/ Renew Lease of Portion of Tilly Foster Farm/ Putnam/Northern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Castellano & Nacerino)

- 6f. **Approval/ Fund Transfer (23T054)/ Officer for Senior Resources/ Reclassification**
- 6g. **Approval/ Fund Transfer (23T065)/ District Attorney/ Reclassification**

AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Chairman Castellano, Legislators Ellner & Gouldman)

- 6h. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A092)/ Commissioner of Finance/ Year End Journal Entry #3**
- 6i. Approval/ Fund Transfer (23T048)/ Risk Manager/ Putnam Golf & Tilly's Table/ Insurance Increase**
- 6j. Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (23T067)/ Sheriff's Department/ Vehicle Leasing**
- 6k. Approval/ Local Law to Amend Chapter 41 of the Code of Putnam County Entitled "Deposit & Investment Policy"**
- 6L. Approval/ Authorization / County Auditor to Attend the Association of Local Government Auditors 2023 Annual Conference Held Virtually**
- 7. Other Business**
- 7a. Approval/ Request to Governor Hochul to Restore Funding for Critically Needed Veterans' Service Programs Removed from the FY 2023-24 Executive Budget (proposed by Legislator Addonizio)**
- 8. Recognition of Public on Agenda Items**
- 9. Recognition of Legislators**
- 10. Adjournment**

Proclamation

April 2023 as Alcohol Awareness Month

WHEREAS, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States. One in every 12 adults (17.6 million people) suffer from alcohol use disorder; and

WHEREAS, underage drinking presents an enormous public health issue and alcohol is the drug of choice among children and adolescents. Annually, approximately 5,000 youth under the age of 21 die from motor vehicle crashes, other unintentional injuries, homicides, and suicides that involve underage drinking; 100,000 persons die each year from alcohol-related causes: drinking and driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol-related homicides and suicides; and

WHEREAS, tragic health, social, and economic problems result from the use of alcohol by youth. Underage drinking is a causal factor in a host of serious problems, including traumatic injury, violent and property crime, high risk sex, fetal alcohol syndrome, alcohol poisoning, and need for treatment for alcohol use disorder; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey reports that 33% of Putnam County youth grades 8-12 have used alcohol in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before the age of 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol use disorder than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS, over 7 million children live in a household where at least one parent is dependent on or has abused alcohol; and


WHEREAS, alcohol-related problems cost America \$249 billion in lost productivity, absenteeism, healthcare costs, crime, and family-related problems; and

WHEREAS, the typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before they turn 18; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2023 as Alcohol Awareness Month and along with the Putnam Communities That Care Coalition and all prevention, treatment and recovery providers in Putnam County encourage all residents to increase their awareness of alcohol use disorders, the dangers associated with underage drinking, the success of prevention and treatment programs, especially for our youth, and to support and encourage referrals for treatment of individuals when an alcohol use disorder is suspected or present.

Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive

Paul E. Jonke, Chair, Putnam County Legislature





Proclamation

April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs ensure the health of children and families, allowing children to grow into adults who prosper and contribute to society; and

WHEREAS, the Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County, the Department of Social Services Child Protective Services, Child Welfare Services, Legal Division, and Safe Harbour Putnam County are deeply committed to serving child abuse victims and their families with sensitivity, understanding, and compassion and providing services necessary to help healing begin; and

WHEREAS, the Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County, the Department of Social Services Child Protective Services, Child Welfare Services, Legal Division, and Safe Harbour Putnam County especially this month should be commended and recognized for working with schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement, and the business community to implement prevention programs to ensure the physical, mental, and emotional health and well-being of the children of Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Putnam County and call upon all citizens to increase their efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive

Paul E. Jonke, Chair, Putnam County Legislature

Proclamation

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month & Autism Awareness Month

WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson is an integral part of our community, serving both as a business and as a human services agency with the mission to empower people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to achieve and experience the highest quality of life; and

WHEREAS, for over sixty-five years, The Arc Mid-Hudson has been the leading provider of services in Putnam County for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities from birth through advanced age; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson is one of the leading employers in Putnam County and also offers Vocational Training and Rehabilitation to participants so they can provide quality work to the business community, training employees in both supported and competitive placements; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson educates and assists over 50 children with autism and special needs through its Preschool to reach their fullest potential and retain their success through their participation in the public school system; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson's Residential program provides for more than 121 people in both homes and apartments throughout Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson's Day Habilitation programs offer the opportunity to expand social, communication, and life skills to over 133 adults with developmental disabilities; and

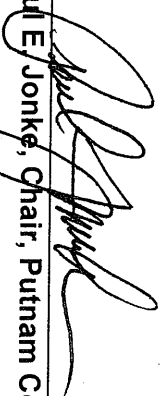
WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson provides Community Habilitation, Respite, Educational Advocacy and Traumatic Brain Injury services to over 70 children and adults living at home with their families throughout Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson's clinic, Mid-Hudson Health Specialties, offers clinical services for over 150 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Putnam County and their families, including psychology, social work, occupational, physical, and speech therapies, podiatry, psychiatry, and medical services, as well as behavioral supports for families in their homes; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2023 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and Autism Awareness Month, and recognize and commend The Arc Mid-Hudson for the valuable services this agency provides to people with disabilities, their families, and the business community.

Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive

Paul E Jonke, Chair, Putnam County Legislature



Proclamation

April 2023 as Donate Life Month

WHEREAS, through their membership in the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), New York's Counties have come together to collectively support several important causes; and

WHEREAS, in New York State there are approximately 8,100 people waiting for an organ transplant which represents the third highest need in the nation; and there are an estimated 400 New Yorkers that die every year while waiting for an organ transplant; and

WHEREAS, a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, and small intestine can save up to eight lives; donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of up to 75 others; and

WHEREAS, organ, eye, and tissue donation are life-giving and healing acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need; and

WHEREAS, New York State's County governments play a key role in raising awareness of the need for organ, eye, and tissue donation through the interactions County officials have with the public with regard to this subject through local DMV offices, local boards of elections, departments of health, naturalization ceremonies, and veterans' programs; and

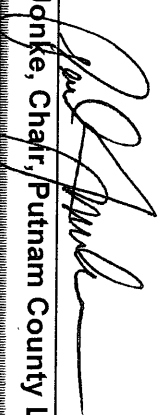
WHEREAS, such interactions by Putnam County officials with the public provide opportunities for the provision of information on how individuals can help their fellow New Yorkers by signing up as organ and tissue donors; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Clerk's Office, through its Department of Motor Vehicles, wishes to promote the month of April 2023 as "Donate Life Month" in Putnam County and calls on residents to join the New York State Donate Life Registry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as "Donate Life Month" in Putnam County and encourage County departments involved in providing information on organ and tissue donations and enrolling residents in the New York State Donate Life Registry to engage in activities throughout the month to increase the number of organ and tissue donors and promote awareness of the need for organ and tissue donations in Putnam County.

Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive

Paul E. Jdnke, Chair, Putnam County Legislature



Proclamation

April 20, 2023 as Healthy Teen Brain Day

WHEREAS, Our youth are our greatest joy and our hope for the future so it is necessary for us to support them in making safe and healthy decisions, while creating a supportive environment that safeguards their future; and

WHEREAS, Many of our youth are making very healthy and safe decisions to remain marijuana-free and providing leadership in their schools and communities to help other youth remain marijuana-free; and

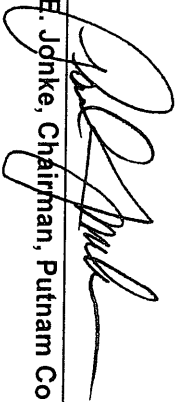
WHEREAS, There is strong objective evidence that marijuana is harmful to the adolescent brain, with the potential to cause distorted perceptions, difficulty with thinking and problem solving, disrupted learning and memory, and impaired reaction time, attention span, judgment, balance and coordination; and

WHEREAS, It is with special pleasure that we join with the youth and adult leaders of the Putnam Communities That Care Coalition in celebrating the first "Healthy Teen Brain Day" to applaud and support our youth who are making healthy decisions; and

WHEREAS, On behalf of the citizens of Putnam County, we are pleased and proud to join all associated with the inception of "Healthy Teen Brain Day" and urge all citizens to acknowledge this very important day; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 20, 2023 to be Healthy Teen Brain Day in Putnam County and proudly join my fellow residents in marking this very special occasion.

Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive


Paul F. Jönke, Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

Proclamation

Keep Putnam Beautiful

WHEREAS, Putnam County is one of the most unique counties in New York State as it is located in close proximity to large cities, but remains a quiet, pastoral community where many natural and historic sites can be enjoyed; and

WHEREAS, Acknowledging the bucolic nature of Putnam County and the importance of preserving it, the County of Putnam established the Keep Putnam Beautiful program in 2005. Led by Program Coordinator Walt Thompson, Keep Putnam Beautiful utilized an education and community volunteerism approach to work toward their goal of not only preserving the environment, but enhancing it along the way. The collaborative effort set forth involved the towns and villages within the County to achieve a common goal; and

WHEREAS, Legislator Ginny Nacerino recognized that the need to maintain and even improve the environment in Putnam County is ever-present and thereby has launched a campaign to reintroduce the *Keep Putnam Beautiful* slogan and reestablish community awareness. Putnam County joins in the effort with Towns, Villages, and Individual Community Volunteers to make the prevention of litter and preservation of the environment a priority in our community. By employing the same spirit and concerted effort as the original program, a renewed pride will be instilled in our County and Putnam will remain the idyllic home and destination it is and has always been; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature, hereby proclaim April as Keep Putnam Beautiful Month and encourage all residents to remain cognizant of their impact on the environment.

Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive

Paul E. Jonke, Chair, Putnam County Legislature



Proclamation

National Library Week – April 23 – 29, 2023

WHEREAS, libraries are the hearts and hubs of their communities, providing essential and valued resources, collections, and programs for all ages and demographics; and

WHEREAS, libraries are continually evolving to meet the needs of their communities by offering opportunities for lifelong learning through both traditional services and new technologies; and

WHEREAS, libraries worked during the pandemic to provide both new and traditional services in ways which were safe for their communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries employ trained, tech-savvy professionals who provide Internet access, technology training, and access to downloadable content like e-books, downloadable audiobooks, and magazines; and

WHEREAS, libraries offer services such as job-seeking resources, homework help, storytimes, literacy training, and summer reading programs; and

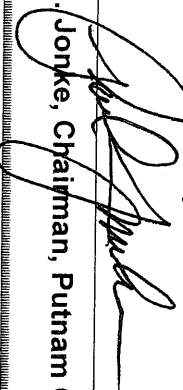
WHEREAS, libraries value, promote, and practice sound sustainability measures that ensure economical services, conserve resources, reduce long-term energy costs, and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library staff, and library supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim the week of April 23-29, 2023 as National Library Week. We encourage all county residents to use their local libraries, either in person or online, to take advantage of the wealth of library resources our libraries provide.

Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive

Paul E. Jonke, Chairman, Putnam County Legislature



Proclamation

April 2023 as Peers Influence Peers Partnership Month

WHEREAS, the use of alcohol and illegal drugs cause serious health, social, and educational problems for our young people; and one in four high school girls will suffer from an abusive relationship before they graduate; and

WHEREAS, it has been empirically proven that substance abuse is significantly involved in the three leading causes of death for young people – car crashes, homicides, and suicides – and is also a major factor in school dropouts, violence, and vandalism as well as HIV/AIDS, teenage pregnancy, rapes, and sexual assaults; and

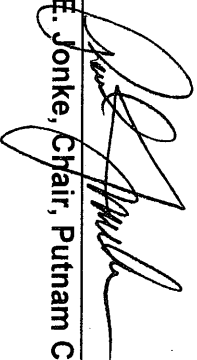
WHEREAS, the recent upturns in drug and alcohol usage, as documented in state and national surveys, show that we must target effective prevention strategies at key population groups, such as middle and high school students; and

WHEREAS, the Peers Influence Peers Partnership has demonstrated a great deal of initiative and sophistication in developing proactive media messages against dating and domestic violence as well as alcohol and other drug use; and

WHEREAS, that work, which has been aired through numerous schools and cable TV systems throughout our state, has won praise from many authorities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby recognize April 2023 as Peers Influence Peers Partnership Month in hope that this declaration and a joint effort of all agencies and authorities to encourage young people to help others by encouraging them to live safe and healthy lives, may one day rid our children and their children's children of the scourge of drug and alcohol abuse.

Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive


Paul E. Jonke, Chair, Putnam County Legislature



Proclamation

April 2023 as Teen Driver Safety Awareness Month

WHEREAS, statistics and experience demonstrate that the greatest danger to our youth in Putnam County, and throughout our country, are the dangers posed from traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS, highway crash statistics inform us that although teen drivers make up only 7% of the driving population, they comprise 11% of the injury related automobile crashes; and

WHEREAS, the leading cause of accidental deaths to our youthful population throughout the United States are automobile accidents; and

WHEREAS, analysis shows us that the reasons for teen overrepresentation in injury related automobile crashes include: driver inexperience, excessive speed, unnecessary risk taking, inattentive driving, and use of alcohol and drugs; and

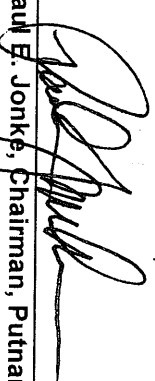
WHEREAS, in Putnam County, we have too often experienced a tragedy with the death of a teen driver at the wheel. Many of these deaths have occurred during the spring and summer months with a high incidence rate during the period leading up to prom season; and

WHEREAS, all accidents are preventable and crash rates can be lowered through the use of education and awareness programs through the use of our school systems, law enforcement programs and youth services organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Junior RTC programs, the Civil Air Patrol, and the Putnam County Sheriff's Office Cadet Program just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, these programs work best when there is a period set aside for local government at every level, our school districts and churches, synagogues, and youth service organizations coming together to provide these educational programs; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2023 as Teen Driver Safety Awareness Month in Putnam County. We encourage all levels of government, our school districts, law enforcement, our churches and synagogues, our youth service organizations and all the citizens of Putnam County to support programs that promote teen driver safety awareness in Putnam County, thereby protecting one of our most precious resources, our children and grandchildren.

Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive


Paul E. Jonke, Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

Proclamation

April 9 – 15, 2023 as National Telecommunicators' Week

WHEREAS, the Putnam County 911 Center answered 114,426 calls for help and dispatched Fire, EMS, and Police agencies 12,963 times during 2022; and

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire, or emergency medical services; and **WHEREAS**, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Putnam 911 communications center; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Service Dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Service Dispatchers are the single vital link for our police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Service Dispatchers of the Putnam 911 communications center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim the week of April 9th through April 15th, 2023 to be National Telecommunicators' Week in Putnam County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our County and its citizens safe.

Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive

Paul E. Jonke, Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

#46)

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

Tuesday March 7, 2023 7:00 P.M.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Montgomery who presented the Haldane High School Varsity Boys Soccer New York State Class C Championship proclamation to Head Coach Ahmed Dwidar, Assistant Coach John Rotando and members of the Soccer Team.

HALDANE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS SOCCER
NEW YORK STATE CLASS C CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, the hard work, dedication, sportsmanship, talent, and exceptional team chemistry of the Haldane High School Varsity Boys Soccer Team led them to become the first boys' team in the school's history to win a New York State Class C Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Haldane Varsity Boys Soccer Team was one of 200 teams across the State vying for the Championship title. Throughout the season they faced some of the best teams, coming out victorious each time; and

WHEREAS, the champions on the Haldane Varsity Boys Soccer Team have brought honor to Haldane Central School District, the town of Philipstown, and Putnam County by showcasing the respect they have for one another, understanding they are each a vital component to the success of the team as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Ahmed Dwidar and Assistant Coach John Rotando, team members parents, faculty and student body at Haldane High School were integral in guiding the team to victory through their unwavering support in bringing home the New York State Class C Championship title; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne and the Putnam County Legislature hereby congratulate the Varsity Boys Soccer Team on winning the State Class C Championship and being the very first boys team in the history of Haldane High School to win a State Championship!

Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Nacerino who presented the Patterson Historical Society proclamation to the following members of the Patterson Historical Society, President Ron Taylor, Treasurer Patricia Ploeger, Secretary Barbara Bartfield and Susan Bouton.

PATTERSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, February 22, 2023 marked the 50th anniversary of the Patterson Historical Society. On the same date in 1973 the New York State Board of Regents chartered the organization, creating a place to collect and preserve historical documents and artifacts relating to the Town of Patterson; and

WHEREAS, upon their commencement the Patterson Historical Society established the Heritage Room in the Patterson Library where they began their collection of historical documents and photographs. Their full collection now includes over 100,000 collected and preserved documents and images. Many have also been digitized and are available to view anytime online; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of historic structures as well as documents and artifacts, the Patterson Historical Society moved the Little Red Schoolhouse from Route 22 to South Street, restored it, and continues to maintain it. The Little Red Schoolhouse is now a destination where field trips are often taken by students of Matthew Patterson Elementary School, allowing them to immerse themselves in the history of the town they are growing up in. The Patterson Historical Society also worked to restore and continues to maintain the Old Burying Ground by clearing overgrowth and repairing and resetting Revolutionary War era headstones; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Patterson Historical Society published a book detailing the history of the Town of Patterson complete with hundreds of photos and maps, allowing the reader to accurately visualize their beloved town through the years. They have also been collecting and preserving video and audio interviews of residents, offering a unique firsthand experience of life in Patterson. All of their work has created an ongoing time capsule for the Town of Patterson; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne and the Putnam County Legislature hereby congratulate the Patterson Historical Society as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. We thank them for their continuous work to preserve the history of the Town of Patterson while keeping it alive!

**Item #4 – Acceptance of Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 7, 2023
Public Hearing 6:30pm – February 7, 2023
Public Hearing 6:45pm – February 7, 2023**

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #5 – Correspondence
a) County Auditor was duly noted.**

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

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

Item #6a – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A004)/ Emergency Services/ FY2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #49

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A004)/ EMERGENCY SERVICES/ FY2022 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) GRANT

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2022 New York State Homeland Security and Emergency Services informed Putnam County of a grant award in the amount of \$234,731 under the FY2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP); and

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

WHEREAS, per the Federal guidelines, at least 30% (\$70,419) 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 from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services has requested a budgetary amendment (22A004) 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 52680 10200	Other Equipment	10,000
10398901 52650 10200	Motor Vehicles	121,731
10364501 52195 10200	Rescue Equipment	15,000
10364501 52680 10200	Other Equipment	18,000
10364501 54646 10200	Contracts	<u>70,000</u>
		234,731

Increase Estimate Revenues:

10398901 440891 10200	Federal Aid – FY22 SHSP	131,731
10364501 440891 10200	Federal Aid – FY22 SHSP	<u>103,000</u>
		234,731

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6b – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A005)/ Finance/ Legal Aid Society/ State Aid Indigent Legal Services was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #50

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A005)/ FINANCE/ LEGAL AID SOCIETY/ STATE AID INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (23A005) to adjust the 2023 budget to account for State Aid from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County acts as a pass through for these funds; and

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

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

25117000 54950	Legal Aid Society	646,452
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

25117000 430251	State Aid – Indigent Legal Services	646,452
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2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6c – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A006)/ Sheriff’s Department/ New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Grant Funding/ Body Worn Cameras was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that she reviewed the discussions of the Audit & Administration Committee and Protective Services Committee meetings and still did not understand the logic of failing to request and not having access to a policy for these body worn cameras. She questioned who would store the data, for how long, and who would have access to it. She stated that other counties have policies which have been made public. She explained that the mission behind police policy reform was for transparency, community outreach, accountability, public safety, and training. She explained that this Legislature held up the implementation of license plate readers for almost one (1) year until a policy was in place. She stated that she does not intend to do that here, however, she will continue to advocate for transparency, community outreach, accountability, public safety, and training. She explained that the County’s policy which was adopted and sent to the state included wording that insured detailed descriptions of departmental policies are made readily available to the public via the Sheriff’s website. She stated that these policies which were previously posted on the County’s website have been taken down. She explained that the Legislature does not have a copy of the policy and school districts where they are being used cannot see the policy. She believed that they should not have to ask for it and that the policy should have been provided to them. She supported the use of body worn cameras but believed that the policy should be accessible to the public.

Chairman Jonke stated that he has communicated with Sheriff McConville since the Committee meetings. He stated that the Sheriff informed him that he would come to a Protective Services Committee meeting and go over the policy with the Legislature in executive session. He stated that it was the Sheriff’s responsibility to protect the safety and lives of the men and women working for the Sheriff’s Department.

Legislator Nacerino concurred. She too spoke with Sheriff McConville and stated that the policy would be presented at the next Protective Services Committee meeting. She stated that we really must look at the big picture and the essence of what we are considering. She stated that protecting our deputies and public is vital. She stated that this has been thoroughly vetted by the Protective and Audit Committees. She believed

that the license plate reader policy and a body worn camera policy were apples to oranges in comparison. She stated that the deputies have agreed to wear them. She stated that it is for their own safety and protection. She explained that there was no reason justified by the PBA, so the deputies comply by their own free will. She stated that the Legislature will be reviewing the policy.

Legislator Ellner clarified that the item before us is whether or not we are approving the funding for body worn cameras. He believed that the policy was a separate issue.

Chairman Jonke and Legislator Nacerino concurred.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if the PBA has signed off on the policy.

Chairman Jonke believed that there was one (1) item that they have not agreed to yet.

Legislator Ellner called a point of order and clarified that we were just addressing funding and not a policy.

Chairman Jonke agreed.

Legislator Nacerino called the question.

RESOLUTION #51

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A006)/ SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (DCJS) GRANT FUNDING/ BODY WORN CAMERAS

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department has been awarded \$40,000 for a one-time grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS); and

WHEREAS, this funding will provide for the addition of 20 Body Worn Cameras (BWC) bundles at a cost of \$2,000 per bundle; and

WHEREAS, DCJS is not currently supporting the continued maintenance and leasing costs of this equipment for the duration of the current lease agreement with Axon; and

WHEREAS, there are no matching funds required by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested consideration of the acceptance of this award to allow for the expansion of the BWC program into the correctional facility, jail transportation teams, and among the Special Patrol Officers in public facing positions; 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 (23A006) be made:

Increase Appropriations:

10311000 52680 10201	Other Equip – Body Worn Cameras (BWC)	40,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10311000 430890 10201	State Aid – FY22-23 (BWC) Grant	40,000
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2024 Fiscal Impact \$56,000

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR CROWLEY.
MOTION CARRIES.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Castellano & Nacerino)

Item #6d – Approval/ Fund Transfer (23T033)/ Planning Department/ Reclassification Planner II Position to Principal Planner was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #52

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (23T033)/ PLANNING DEPARTMENT/ RECLASSIFICATION PLANNER II POSITION TO PRINCIPAL PLANNER

WHEREAS, the Acting Administrator of Planning is requesting the reclassification of the Planner II position to a Principal Planner position, pursuant to a completed desk audit conducted by the Personnel Department; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Administrator of Planning has requested a fund transfer (23T033) to account for this reclassification effective 1/01/23; and

WHEREAS, the proposed difference in salary and fringes will be transferred from the vacant Commissioner of Planning position; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approve said reclassification and that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10802000 51000 10101	Personnel – Planning Commissioner	8,389
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Increase:

10802000 51000 10107	Personnel – Principal Planner	8,389
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2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2024 Fiscal Impact - \$8,844

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Crowley & Nacerino)

Item #6e – Approval/ Fund Transfer (22T418)/ Social Services/ Care State Training was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Sayegh, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Crowley and Nacerino, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #53

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (22T418)/ SOCIAL SERVICES/ CARE STATE TRAINING

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a fund transfer (22T418) to reallocate County funds to cover NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) chargeback for placement in a state facility from 4/8/21 – 12/31/21; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10431000 54950	County Contribution	104,814
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Increase:

10612900 54413	Care State Training	104,814
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6f – Approval/ Fund Transfer (23T017)/ Office for Senior Resources/ Building Rental (Butterfield Senior Center) was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Crowley and Nacerino, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that during the Audit Committee meeting, her colleagues mentioned that the Village of Cold Spring prohibits the use of that building for anything other than senior citizens. She explained that in researching that matter she looked at the site plan application and the lease. She stated that there was nothing in the lease that prohibits the use of the building. She stated that the lease states that the senior community center facility shall remain the center for the general public for all Putnam County seniors and can only be changed with the written permission of the landlord. She believed that the County Clerk, along with other departments, wanted to utilize it to provide services. She stated that all the County needs to do is ask the landlord.

RESOLUTION #54

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (23T017)/ OFFICE FOR SENIOR RESOURCES/ BUILDING RENTAL (Butterfield Senior Center)

WHEREAS, the Director of the Office for Senior Resources has requested a fund transfer (23T017) to place in correct Building Rental budget lines for Butterfield Senior Center; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:		
10677800 54383	Building Rental	23,808
10677400 54383 10185	Building Rental	<u>10,391</u>
		34,199

Increase:		
10677400 54383	Building Rental	27,658
10677900 54383	Building Rental	<u>6,541</u>
		34,199

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6g – Approval/ Calling on the State of New York to Continue to Pass-Thru Federal Affordable Care Act Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage Funds was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Crowley and Nacerino, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Sayegh explained that Medicaid is one (1) of the unfunded mandates passed onto the County by the State of New York. She stated that counties have no say in what is covered or how the money is spent.

Legislator Gouldman explained that Governor Hochul’s proposal for the state to end the Affordable Care Act (ACA) enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) federal pass-thru to counties will require the 57 counties to spend at least \$280 million more, and approximately \$1 billion when New York City is included. He explained that Putnam County’s state-mandated burden of funding the nonfederal Medicaid will be approximately \$2.3 million in 2024 and will only increase as time moves on. He stated that it is scheduled to grow by 30% by 2027. He questioned where Putnam County would get the money to cover these costs. He stated that the resolution opposing this is justified and is bipartisan throughout New York State. He stated that he will support this opposition and hoped that his colleagues would do the same.

Legislator Nacerino echoed Legislator Gouldman’s comments. She stated that she too would be supporting this resolution. She stated that Governor Hochul’s proposal would bear an undue burden on the taxpayers of Putnam County. She stated that as Medicare cases increase yearly, the proposal would also increase County expenditures. She urged the Governor to reconsider.

Legislator Sayegh mentioned three (3) points that NYSAC made on their website pertaining to this. She stated that it undermines the congressional intent of the eFMAP funding. She stated that on April 1, 2023, the Governor plans to pocket \$625 million in eFMAP funding for Medicaid that Congress intended the state to share with counties. She stated that it makes New York State less affordable in a time when New York is facing an affordability crisis every day. Homeowners in Putnam County will be expected and responsible to pay the increase in Medicaid funding in upwards of \$1.3 million. She stated that, according to NYSAC, this will make New York State less affordable by forcing local governments to increase property taxes by an estimated 5-10 percent, driving up the cost of homeownership and rent for all New Yorkers. She stated that these costs will

grow over time and result in more people leaving the State. She stated that the Governor's budget proposes to fully fund State reserves two (2) years ahead of schedule by depositing \$5.4 billion into these accounts before year end of 2023, while also projecting a general fund surplus of \$35 billion by the end of State fiscal year 2024. She stated that she will be voting in favor of this resolution and calling on the State of New York to continue the pass-thru of the Federal Affordable Care Act funds to the counties.

RESOLUTION #55

APPROVAL/ CALLING ON THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO CONTINUE TO PASS-THRU FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ENHANCED FEDERAL MEDICAID ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE FUNDS

WHEREAS, the SFY 2024 State Budget proposal would end the Affordable Care Act (ACA) enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) federal pass-thru to counties and New York City; and

WHEREAS, New York State is proposing to keep all of these federal savings going forward and use them to cover further expansions of Medicaid eligibility and benefits and to increase payments to health care providers; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of this ACA eFMAP federal pass-thru will require the 57 counties to spend at least \$280 million more in SFY 2024, and approximately \$1 billion when New York City is included; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of this ACA eFMAP federal pass-thru will increase Putnam County's state-mandated burden of funding the nonfederal Medicaid match by approximately \$1.3 million in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the SFY 2024 costs to counties and New York City are scheduled to grow by 30 percent by SFY 2027; and

WHEREAS, it is the strong view of Putnam County that Congress intended these federal savings to be shared with counties proportional to the amount they contributed toward the nonfederal Medicaid match; and

WHEREAS, based on an analysis by NYSAC, since 2003, New York State has shared the funds proportionally during periods when an enhanced federal Medicaid match was enacted by Congress; and

WHEREAS, enacted in 2011, the Medicaid statutory cap for all 62 counties is \$7.6 billion; the Medicaid statutory cap for the 57 counties outside of New York City is \$2.25 billion; and

WHEREAS, starting in SFY 2014, New York began sharing these federal ACA savings directly with counties. The savings for a year were provided by lowering the weekly payments each county and NYC make to the state to support the State's Medicaid program. Through February 1, 2023, New York State continues to share the federal savings from the ACA eFMAP with the 57 counties and NYC; and

WHEREAS, counties strongly disagree with the need to cut county funding so deeply when the Governor's budget proposes to fully fund its own reserves two years ahead of schedule, depositing \$5.4 billion into reserves before the end of SFY 2023, while also projecting a general fund surplus of \$35 billion by the end of SFY 2024; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature calls on New York State to continue to share these federal funds with counties as has been the precedent for over 20 years; and be further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State

Legislature, the New York State Congressional Delegation, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6h – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A089)/ Finance/ Stoneleigh Drewville Intersection Project was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Castellano, member of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Montgomery, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #56

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A089)/ FINANCE/ STONELEIGH DREWVILLE INTERSECTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (22A089) to adjust the Capital Budget for the Stoneleigh/Drewville Intersection Project to include Supplemental Agreement #2 from the New York State Department of Transportation; 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:

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 53000 51716	Stoneleigh/Drewville Rd Int – PIN 8761.97	100,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

05000 45710K 51716	Bond Proceeds – 2020	135,000
55197000 435971 51716	State Aid – PIN 8761.97	288,900
55197000 449898 51716	Fed Aid – ARPA – PIN 8761.97	<u>26,300</u>
		450,200

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

05000 45710H 51716	Bond Proceeds – 2017	65,000
05000 45710N 51716	Bond Proceeds – 2023	405,200
55197000 445971 51716	Fed Aid – PIN 8761.97	<u>80,000</u>
		550,200

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6i – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A090)/ Finance/ Drewville Road Bridge Replacement Project was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services

Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Montgomery, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #57

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A090)/ FINANCE/ DREWVILLE ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (22A090) to adjust the Capital Budget for the Drewville Road Bridge Replacement Project to include Supplemental Agreement #2 from the New York State Department of Transportation; 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 Revenues:

55197000 435971 51912 State Aid – PIN 8757.65 Drewville Bridge 798,000

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

55197000 449898 51912 Fed Aid – PIN 8761.97 Drewville Br – ARPA 798,000

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6j – Approval/ Re-appointment/ Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Montgomery, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery thanked Brian for his service on the Soil & Water Conservation Board. She stated that he has been a great resource to the Town of Philipstown and a great steward to the land.

RESOLUTION #58

APPROVAL/ RE-APPOINTMENT/ PUTNAM COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD

RESOLVED, that the following be re-appointed to the Putnam Count Soil & Water Conservation District Board:

Brian Bergen, Town of Putnam Valley, Farmer Representative, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2025.

And be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6k – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A091)/ Commissioner of Finance/ Year End Journal Entry #2 was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #59

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A091)/ COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ YEAR END JOURNAL ENTRY #2

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (22A091) for the second Year End Journal Entry for the year ending December 31, 2022; and

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

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 354,722.00

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 354,722.00

ROAD FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 1,596.00

Increase Estimated Revenues:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 1,596.00

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 134,308.08

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 276,118.11

Increase Estimated Revenues:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 895,136.26

Decrease Estimated Revenues:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 1,036,946.29

DEBT SERVICE FUND:

**Increase Estimated Revenues:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET**

49,571.82

**Decrease Estimated Revenues:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET**

49,571.82

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6L – Approval/ Refund of Taxes/ Ronald Nault/ Town of Carmel Tax Map #54.8-1-88.1, #54.8-1-55.2 & #54.8-1-55.3 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #60

APPROVAL/ REFUND OF TAXES/ RONALD NAULT/ TOWN OF CARMEL TAX MAP #54.8-1-88.1, #54.8-1-55.2 & #54.8-1-55.3

WHEREAS, Ronald Nault has requested a tax refund of \$2,815.22 for Tax Map #54.8-1-88.1, #54.8-1-55.2 & #54.8-1-55.3 in the Town of Carmel; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services Agency, the Commissioner of Finance, the Department of Law, the County Executive and the County Auditor have reviewed and approve said tax refund; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the application for refund of taxes by Ronald Nault for Tax Map #54.8-1-88.1, #54.8-1-55.2 & #54.8-1-55.3 in the Town of Carmel in the amount of \$2,815.22.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6m – Approval/ Town of Putnam Valley American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) & Sales Tax Funding Reallocation was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Castellano explained that this was a request from the Town of Putnam Valley to reappropriate the ARPA and Sales Tax Funding from the County toward other projects than previously approved.

Legislator Gouldman explained that the Town of Putnam Valley has requested to reappropriate the ARPA and Sales Tax Funding they are receiving from the County towards two (2) projects. He stated that one (1) project the reduction of phosphorous in the watershed area which involves drainage repair from Hiawatha and Wenonah Road, and Oscawana Lake Road. He stated that the estimated cost of the project is \$483,120.

He stated that the second project pertains to the plan to replace the Bell Hollow Bridge. He stated that the estimated cost for this project at this time is \$1,290,445.43. He stated that the reappropriation of the ARPA and Sales Tax Funding from the County would greatly alleviate and offset the costs of these to necessary projects. He stated that he hoped that his colleagues on the Legislature would support him on this request.

RESOLUTION #61

APPROVAL/TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) & SALES TAX FUNDING REALLOCATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Putnam Valley was allocated a total of \$ 1,204,284 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and sales tax funding pursuant to Resolutions # 133 & # 134 of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Putnam Valley has requested that the use of these funds originally approved for a water & sewer project pursuant to Resolutions #133 & #134 of 2022 be modified to provide that the ARPA funding of \$ 602,142 be reallocated to the Wenonah Road Stormwater Project and that the sales tax funding of \$ 602,142 be reallocated to the Bell Hollow Bridge Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, the County consultant has indicated that the Wenonah Road Stormwater Project is an allowable use of ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Executive, the Commissioner of Finance, and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved of this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Town of Putnam Valley ARPA funding of \$ 602,142 originally allocated pursuant to Resolution # 133 of 2022 is hereby authorized to be expended on the Wenonah Road Stormwater Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes that the Town of Putnam Valley sales tax funding of \$ 602,142 originally allocated pursuant to Resolution # 134 of 2022 is hereby authorized to be expended on the Bell Hollow Bridge Replacement Project.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6n – Approval/ Authorization/ County Auditor to Attend March New York Government Finance Officers’ Association Annual Conference was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #62

APPROVAL/ AUTHORIZATION/ COUNTY AUDITOR TO ATTEND MARCH NEW YORK GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has requested permission to attend the New York Government Finance Officers’ Association Conference to be held in Albany, New York in March 2023 for registration and lodging total expenditure of approximately \$515 per person; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the County Auditor to attend the New York Government Finance Officers' Association Conference to be held in Albany, New York in March 2023.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7 – Other Business

Item #7a - Approval/ Appointment/ Budget & Finance Committee Representative / Capital Projects Committee (Tabled from Org. Mtg.) was next. Chairman Jonke made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Crowley.

RESOLUTION #63

APPOINTMENT/ BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE/ CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, County Charter § 7.05 (B)(3) provides that there shall be a Capital Projects Committee consisting of various members including a designee of the Budget and Finance Committee; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that William Gouldman be appointed as Budget & Finance Committee Representative to the County's Capital Projects Committee for a period of one (1) year, said term to expire on December 31, 2023.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #8 - Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

Putnam Valley Supervisor Jacqueline Annabi thanked the Legislature for approving the reallocation of funding for the Town of Putnam Valley.

Item #9 - Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Gouldman informed the public of the Putnam County Health Department's free Rabies Clinic scheduled from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at Veteran's Memorial Park. He stated that Putnam County's Annual Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale is currently taking place on Cornell Cooperative Extension's website. Orders will be accepted until Friday, March 24, 2023. He reminded everyone that the County Executive will be presenting the 2023 State of the County to the Legislature at a Special Meeting of the Putnam County Legislature, on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the Putnam County Historic Courthouse.

Legislator Sayegh stated that March is the beginning of Women's History Month. She stated that one (1) woman right here in Putnam County was a hero, Sybil Ludington. She stated that from Pioneer women to the women of today, America has been home to some of the most innovative women in modern history, though many go unrecognized for their actions. She stated detailed how on April 26, 1777, Sybil Ludington, the 16-year-old daughter of Colonel Henry Ludington, rode 40 miles all night during a rainstorm to warn her father that the British were planning to loot a stockpile of provisions meant for the Colonial army near Danbury, Connecticut. She stated that General George Washington thanked Sybil for her bravery. She stated that 158 years after Sybil's historic ride, in

1935, a statue was erected on shore of Lake Gleneida in Carmel, NY in honor of her bravery and patriotism. She stated that women work hard and do their best for the good of our communities, trying to make the world a better place to raise our children and grandchildren. She encouraged others to stop and recognize other women who might be overlooked, remembering the achievements and accomplishments of women in history, many of whom lived right here in Putnam County.

Legislator Montgomery stated that as spring is approaching, she sees many businesses in her community preparing for tourism and recreation. She stated that Holtec International, the company responsible for decommissioning Indian Point, has announced their intention to release radioactive wastewater into the Hudson River. She stated that the National Academy of Science has indicated that there is no verifiable safe level of these isotopes when they are ingested or inhaled. She stated that there are seven (7) neighboring communities to Putnam County that rely on the Hudson for drinking water. She stated that the Hudson River is a major recreational area for the district she represents. She was hoping she could encourage the Chairwoman of the Health Committee to consider the resolution she previously provided. She encouraged the public and elected officials to write to the NYS Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to stop this release of wastewater.

Legislator Ellner stated that this is an unfortunate situation when the long-range unintended consequences are not considered. He stated that we now have to choose the lesser of two (2) evils with the decommissioning of the power plant. Unfortunately, the only people that have purview to this is the Federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission. He believed Indian Point was one (1) of the safest power plants in the country and one (1) of the only analog controlled plants that could not be hacked. He believed there was a need for real consideration in planning the shutdown, unfortunately, no matter what we do this evening it will fall on deaf ears because it is the Federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission that has total control over what is going to happen.

There being no further business, at 7:47 P.M., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.

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Ginny Nacerino	Dist. 4
Greg E. Ellner	Dist. 5
Paul E. Jonke	Dist. 6
Joseph Castellano	Dist. 7
Amy E. Sayegh	Dist. 8
Erin L. Crowley	Dist. 9

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

Tuesday March 7, 2023 7:00 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Legislative Prayer
3. Roll Call

PROCLAMATIONS

**Haldane High School Varsity Boys Soccer
New York State Class C Championship**

Patterson Historical Society 50th Anniversary

4. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 7, 2023
Public Hearing 6:30pm – February 7, 2023
Public Hearing 6:45pm – February 7, 2023
5. Correspondence
a) County Auditor
6. Pre-filed resolutions:

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

- 6a. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A004)/ Emergency Services/ FY2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant

- 6b. **Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A005)/ Finance/ Legal Aid Society/ State Aid Indigent Legal Services**
- 6c. **Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A006)/ Sheriff's Department/ New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Grant Funding/ Body Worn Cameras**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Castellano & Nacerino)

- 6d. **Approval/ Fund Transfer (23T033)/ Planning Department/ Reclassification Planner II Position to Principal Planner**

HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Crowley & Nacerino)

- 6e. **Approval/ Fund Transfer (22T418)/ Social Services/ Care State Training**
- 6f. **Approval/ Fund Transfer (23T017)/ Office for Senior Resources/ Building Rental (Butterfield Senior Center)**
- 6g. **Approval/ Calling on the State of New York to Continue to Pass-Thru Federal Affordable Care Act Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage Funds**

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

- 6h. **Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A089)/ Finance/ Stoneleigh Drewville Intersection Project**
- 6i. **Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A090)/ Finance/ Drewville Road Bridge Replacement Project**
- 6j. **Approval/ Re-appointment/ Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board**

AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Chairman Castellano, Legislators Ellner & Gouldman)

- 6k. **Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A091)/ Commissioner of Finance/ Year End Journal Entry #2**
- 6L. **Approval/ Refund of Taxes/ Ronald Nault/ Town of Carmel Tax Map #54.8-1-88.1, #54.8-1-55.2 & #54.8-1-55.3**
- 6m. **Approval/ Town of Putnam Valley American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) & Sales Tax Funding Reallocation**

- 6n. Approval/ Authorization/ County Auditor to Attend March New York Government Finance Officers' Association Annual Conference**
- 7. Other Business**
- 7a. Approval/ Appointment/ Budget & Finance Committee Representative / Capital Projects Committee (Tabled from Org Mtg.)**
- 8. Recognition of Public on Agenda Items**
- 9. Recognition of Legislators**
- 10. Adjournment**

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**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
CALLED BY THE CLERK AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIR
HELD IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Thursday March 9, 2023 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Chairman Jonke who requested the Sheriff's Department Color Guard to present the colors. Chairman Jonke requested that Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Sayegh lead in the Legislative Prayer. Chairman Jonke requested a moment of silence for the passing of Jamal Nesheiwat, father of our Health Commissioner, Dr. Michael Neshiewat. Upon roll call Legislators, Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Ellner, Castellano, Sayegh, Crowley and Chairman Jonke were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Chairman Jonke stated that today is our County Executive's 68th day in office. He stated, on a personal note, he worked collaboratively with Kevin while Kevin served as Putnam County's Assemblyman representative for six (6) years that he served in Albany. He stated that they always had a good relationship and Kevin was always responsive to all the members of the Legislature during his service as Assemblyman.

Chairman Jonke introduced County Executive, Kevin Byrne to present the 2023 State of the County Address.

County Executive Byrne thanked Chairman Jonke and presented the (attached) 2023 State of the County entitled "Opportunity."

Chairman Jonke thanked County Executive Byrne for his presentation. Chairman Jonke then proceeded to recognize the elected officials and representatives in attendance. He stated that all our partners in government at the town and village level are here tonight. Every municipality in Putnam County is represented. He also extended a special thank you to all the department heads who attended.

There being no further business, at 8:03 P.M., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.

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- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Legislative Prayer**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS
- By the County Executive**
- 5. Adjournment**



Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne

State of the County 2023: Opportunity

As is required by section 7 of our county charter, my office has submitted to the legislative clerk a book of the annual reports prepared by each county department, as well reports by our County Clerk, Sheriff, and District Attorney's office. Additionally, our Department of Finance has submitted its own financial report on the condition of Putnam County to the Legislature.

As is also required by the same section of our charter, I now present to you, the State of the County.

Chairman Jonke, Members of the Legislature, thank you for hosting this special meeting. To those watching at home, thank you for taking time out of your day to tune in. And to those here in person, many of whom are dedicated County Employees, thank you for being here tonight, and always being there for the residents of this great county.

Tonight, I am filled with many of the same feelings I had on my first day in office just over 8 weeks ago; I am energized, optimistic, and excited for what lies ahead. And I can tell you that what I see ahead of us is nothing short of an incredible opportunity.

Opportunity is what this nation was founded on. It is who we are as Americans, as New Yorkers. Opportunity evokes the hope of tomorrow. But still, some may remain fearful of opportunity. I certainly understand and recognize that it can be daunting. In fact, some may use the opportunity of tomorrow to put off the challenges of today. It is critically important that we not shy away from these challenges, but embrace them, and confront them head on.

In my first 60 days as your County Executive, I have observed opportunities to build and significantly improve upon affordability, accessibility, and accountability in our county government.

It is no secret that we live in an area of the country with one of the highest costs of living, and with a state government that continues to unapologetically tax, regulate, and mandate its citizens and their local governments nonstop. It is with that understanding that we will still continue to serve and embrace every new opportunity, no matter how large or small, to better our beautiful county with a more efficient, affordable, and accountable government that serves us all.

And my administration has already acted on some of those opportunities. In our first two weeks, we presented the Legislature with an opportunity to consolidate and restructure personnel, including my own staff. This measure was passed with bipartisan support and I thank the members of the Legislature for their action. The initial savings from this restructure was reported to save our county budget more than \$64,000, but after consulting with members of the Legislature and recognizing we can build our own CRM system in-house, the savings realized will actually be more than \$104,000! And all with just a few budget transfers. Again, thank you to the Legislature. While there was some debate over key aspects of the package, the majority of the package was approved with unanimous support. Thank you.

And thanks to that restructure, we have several new team members who, many of you have already gotten to know, but I would like to now formally introduce them to all of you.

Lisa Ranghelli – Confidential Secretary; graciously agreed to stay on during the transition, worked for IBM for over 20 years, has done an incredible job and I've asked her to remain on board.

Maria Donovan – Director of Compliance & Intergovernmental Relations; comes with decades of local, city, county, state government experience, on top of many years in the private sector. Carmel resident and member of the Home Improvement board.

Chris Formisano – Director of Communications; I've known Chris for a long time, Mahopac HS graduate, worked together in Congress (I hired him as an intern). On top of working for the Assembly and Senate, worked for many years in Dutchess County in Marc Molinaro's administration.

Matt Covucci – Chief of Staff; brings significant state gov't experience, he's been with me the longest of anyone, he served as my chief of staff my entire tenure at the Assembly and previously served in state government under Assemblyman Kieran Lalor.

And, Jim Burpoe – Deputy County Executive; he possesses a wealth of knowledge and experience. On top of his county government experience in Orange County, he is a former police officer, an army veteran, and benefits from years of private sector experience. His institutional knowledge has been and will be instrumental in saving the taxpayers of Putnam hundreds of thousands of dollars.

For example...

Thanks to Deputy County Executive Burpoe, we were also able to identify other cost savings by re-evaluating the County Government's utilities contracts and are expected to lock in lower rates below market value. Based on this move, we're projecting to save approximately \$185,000 per year on our facilities' gas and electric bills. We're now taking this a step further and have

instituted a policy of scrutinizing and negotiating every new contract. This practice, supported by our Purchasing Team lead by John Tully, has already saved us tens of thousands of dollars.

We also seized opportunities to realize some of the smallest of savings. We cancelled the cable TV subscription for the county executive's office (replaced it with an Amazon Firestick that simply relies on existing internet) and the new paint and furniture for my personal office, came at no expense to taxpayers. Again, these items are admittedly small, but they add up. At a time when too many in our community are struggling to pay their bills, we must continue to look internally and evaluate how we can make affordability a priority.

It is with that in mind that we worked with the Legislature this year and advocated for an opportunity to provide our volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers with a 10% property tax exemption. Volunteer agencies are struggling to recruit and retain members across the state. A study from the Firemen's Association of the State of New York in 2016 projected that the cost to switch to a fully paid municipal service statewide would exceed \$3 billion—add in EMS and update the report to 2023 numbers and the cost becomes much, much more. Putnam County is not immune from the challenges our volunteer firefighters and EMS face, and it's important we do our part to help ensure they continue their service. This tax exemption is something I fought for with our now Congressman Mike Lawler (back when we were both in the state Assembly together). Again, I must thank our county legislators, including Rules Committee Chair Toni Addonizio for initially advancing this measure through her committee, and to the entire Legislature for passing it. Their diligence and quick action will enable our brave volunteer first responders to utilize this new exemption, this year.

While it's been an honor to work with Congressman Lawler on projects like this, we have important partners at the state level as well. I've had the honor of working with my colleague, the newly elected Assemblyman Matt Slater for a long time, and I know that we're going to continue to do great things, providing top notch constituent services while advocating for the communities we call home.

Senator Pete Harckham and I have collaborated on a number of important initiatives during our tenure as state representatives, one most notably was obtaining grant funding for Cornell Cooperative Extension to build a new facility at Tilly Foster Farm, a Putnam County Park. Together we've already obtained over \$150,000 in grant funding for the project and look forward to seeing our partners at Cornell Cooperative Extension put a shovel in the ground later this year. It's worth noting this was a project initiated under the previous administration, and it's one I'm proud to continue to support.

Senator Harckham and I also worked together to pass a bill that Governor Hochul signed into law late last year, designating Room 301 of the County Courthouse as the Judge James F. Reitz Memorial Courtroom. It's my hope that Senator Harckham, Assemblyman Slater, and I will work with our friends in the courts to get a plaque for the courtroom and have a ceremony this year honoring our friend, Judge Reitz.

Assemblywoman Levenberg and Senator Rolison are two new state representatives to this county, but we welcome them as they have already demonstrated a genuine willingness to serve Putnam County. Assemblywoman Levenberg has already hosted a constituent forum in Philipstown and Senator Rolison has made it a point to visit and assist our county residents in need.

But to our friends in State government, please know we need further assistance from you. Devastating policies are emerging from this year's State Budget process, and it is imperative that we ask you to push back on the Governor's overreach to override local zoning and decision making, as well as her plan to divert federal Medicaid dollars (also known as eFMAP) from those most vulnerable in our community. The fact is, while I understand some of us may have philosophical differences of opinion on policy and governing, respectfully Putnam County cannot afford either of these plans to proceed.

But I will say, despite the inflation and economic uncertainty coming from decisions in Washington and Albany, I firmly believe our future remains bright with great opportunities in Putnam County. We have a number of exciting private sector and town level projects on the horizon, some of which I had the opportunity to assist with prior to becoming County Executive.

The Farm at Brewster Yards (formerly ProSwing Baseball & Softball) is moving forward with plans to develop 10 acres and build a new multi-sports complex; including 4 baseball fields, 1 showcase field, 3 little league fields, and a recreation building. The Alexandrion Group is still planning to move forward with a large-scale distillery in Carmel. The Gleneida Distillery Project faced a number of challenges because of the pandemic and other geopolitical forces, but forward progress is happening again, and the IDA has stated it expects to receive a final application by this summer. Both of these projects are expected to create high quality, good paying jobs, and make Putnam County a destination for visitors. My predecessor and members of this Legislature have been committed to their success and I pledge my administration will continue with that same level of support. These projects have a strategic benefit to both Putnam County and our other local municipalities, and we are committed to assisting our partners in town government, and the private sector, to ensure their success.

We've already seen what happens when great employers decide to stick around in Putnam County. Just a few weeks ago, Putnam Hospital re-opened its birthing center after a temporary closure. While its initial closure was upsetting and scary to many public officials and residents, the grand re-opening this year was welcomed with open arms. And I was happy to have been there with Legislative Chairman Jonke and Legislative Health Committee Chair Sayegh to celebrate it.

The largest private for-profit employer in the county, Ace Endico, has been nothing short of an example of what pure success means in Putnam County. They've not only stuck around, when many businesses wanted to leave, but they have truly thrived. Their new facility is absolutely enormous, adding an additional 117,000 square feet of building space. And they employ over

700 individuals in Putnam County and plan to grow that number even more. At this time, will you join me in welcoming and thanking Mike Endico from Ace Endico. This is what success looks like. Thank you for the jobs you create, the services you provide, and the revenue you generate right here in Putnam County.

And speaking of incredible success, it's my understanding that earlier this week the County Legislature recognized our own local state champs from Haldane High School. The Varsity Boys Soccer Team took home the state Championship, the first time in Haldane's history that a boys' team won a Class C championship! Congratulations to Coach Ahmed Dwidar and Assistant Coach John Rotando, and all the boys on the team for an incredible achievement.

We're also home to national champs because earlier this year the Mahopac High School Varsity Cheerleading Team traveled to Dallas Texas and won the National Cheerleaders Association High School Nationals competition. This team, with Coach Jasmine DeCosmo beat out dozens of other high schools from across the country. So again, join me in congratulating this team and let's give them a round of applause.

Putnam County residents should feel proud that the individuals that make up our county departments do incredible work. And while I've always had respect for the product they put out, I can now truly say that I've only gained admiration for the work they do and the people that are getting it done. In my first 30 days in office, we visited with every single department, meeting hundreds of employees that make this county government function. I cannot fathom how this could be done without them.

In order to better recognize and appreciate the exceptional work done by our county employees, last month, I joined our other county-wide elected officials, along with representatives of the Legislature, CSEA President Linda Ammicucci and members of her board, and announced the revival of our Employee Recognition Program. Each year, a selection committee of 5 union agreement covered employees will review nominations and select an Employee of the Year. Their name will be added to our Employee Recognition plaque which we just put up in the lobby of the county office building. The last employee of the year was recognized in 2011 by our own Director of Personnel and former County Executive, Paul Eldridge. For the past 12 years, there has been no formal employee recognition program in Putnam County Government. The plaque was actually discovered in a storage cabinet by our own County Clerk Michael Bartolotti. So thank you Paul and Michael for being key parts in the restoration of this important program.

And speaking of old plaques found in storage... our County Clerk along with John Tully (Director of Purchasing and former Deputy County Executive) helped me discover another one.

Yes, earlier this year, we found this beautiful plaque which commemorates the decades of service of former County Executive Bob Bondi. It resembles the others you may have seen as you came up the stairs into this very chamber. It is my intention that this plaque, along with the two others, be hung for all to see, in our County Office Building.

And while it is important that we extend our appreciation to those leaders who came before, I think it even more critical that we not wait until folks are gone to recognize and thank them. Which is why I'd like to take this moment to acknowledge three individuals who've spent many, many years serving our County, and in many ways, have committed their lives to the betterment of the residents of Putnam County. All three of these individuals could have retired the moment I stepped in the building, but graciously agreed to stay on in my administration, not just for my benefit, but for the benefit of our community.

From the Department of Health, Interim Commissioner Dr. Michael Nesheiwat. At first, he stepped up to serve what he thought might only be a year and wound up leading us through a global pandemic and beyond. Under his leadership in 2022, the Department Health saw a return to normalcy, resuming many programs that were suspended in 2020 and 2021, including maternal health home visits and in-home lead investigations. Public Health Nurses distributed dozens of naloxone kits, our rabies clinics vaccinated over 300 animals, and our Public Health Summit had nearly 100 individuals in attendance. 2022 also saw Putnam County ranked the #1 Healthiest County in the State. Our own Dr. Mike has agreed to stay on through the remainder of 2023, as we search for someone to fill his very large shoes. Doc Mike, you have our sincere thanks.

Our Commissioner of Finance, Bill Carlin has over 33 years of service and did in fact plan on retiring, but again, for the good of this organization, and the financial stability of this county, agreed to stay on with us during this transition. Under his leadership, aided by our Legislative Audit Committee Chair Joe Castellano, Putnam County has achieved the 2nd highest possible bond rating (Aa1), the highest of any county in New York State. After years of helping craft our county's budget, helping direct federal aid to needed projects and ensuring our fiscal health remained strong, Bill is understandably ready for a new chapter. He brings an unparalleled wealth of knowledge to this government, and when he does decide to finally walk out that door, it will be a tremendous loss for us. However, it is my sincere hope that we will be able to retain Mr. Carlin's services as a consultant to help us with a year of transition, and I plan to bring that proposal to the Legislature as soon as we celebrate Bill's retirement.

Finally, our Mental Health & Department of Social Services Commissioner Mike Piazza has been caring for our most vulnerable individuals in this community for over 40 years. Last year alone DSS took on over 600 Child protective services cases, processed over 3,400 new applications for various programs like SNAP and HEAP, and in 2022 alone, the Fraud and Resource Recovery investigators (in conjunction with our Sheriff's office led by Sheriff Kevin McConville and DA's office led by District Attorney Bob Tandy) got back over 220,000 taxpayer dollars that were stolen by bad actors. Mike's compassion, his knowledge base, his understanding of the issues is something I could not do without during the transition. Mike deserves to go off and enjoy retirement, but selfishly, I've asked he stay with us until a proper plan be put in place for his successor. Thankfully, he has graciously agreed to stay on with us through this year's budget process.

All three of these individuals will be impossible to replace, but that's not what we will strive to do. We will strive to take this opportunity to evolve, grow and build upon their legacy.

We're also presently working to fill a number of management vacancies that include our Commissioner at the Bureau of Emergency Services as well as Highway & Facilities, and we've already formed selection committees, that include representatives of the Legislature. Thank you to Legislator Nacerino, Chair of Protective Services, and Legislator Gouldman, Chair of Physical Services, for your willingness to assist in our search and interview process.

The achievements of all our departments were on full display in 2022. Our Highways and Facilities department is responsible for maintaining 117 miles of roadway. Last year on top of paving miles of road, they also working to maintain our beautiful Putnam County Parks, the Tilly Foster Farm, Golf Course, and Veterans Memorial Park. The county had a soft opening of the County's first dog park as part of a partnership with our Joseph P. Dwyer Vet to Vet provider Guardian Revival, and took possession of the final portion of the Putnam Trailway to maintain. That's in addition to inspecting and working to maintain dozens of dams, bridges, culverts and walkways.

Our folks at Highway and Facilities last year made major progress towards completing the enormous task of overseeing support to a nearly \$8 million energy conservation and efficiency project. They also finished much needed updates and ADA upgrades to our Veterans' Residence and worked in conjunction with our local towns and villages as well as partnered with the NYS Department of Transportation; collaborations which we intend to expand upon for the sake of our residents.

Our Veterans Services Agency, welcomed 462 individuals to their office for assistance with a number of issues. They helped 188 Veterans or their family members apply for benefits they are entitled to because of their service, and of those, 122 awards on claims were made, totaling over \$1.8 million dollars. Let me reiterate that; Karl Rohde and his Deputy, Art Hanley, managed to help Veterans in our community receive nearly \$2 million dollars of benefits last year. And all of this work is on top of all the outreach and community work they engage in on a daily basis.

Our Veterans Services Agency also regularly assists those living in our Veterans Residence. It houses 12 Veterans who would otherwise be homeless. This facility is the only one of its kind in all of New York State.

Karl and his team work hand in hand with dozens of agencies, individuals, and non profits. One such non profit is United for the Troops, which this past weekend, shipped its 30,000th care package to troops overseas. Our County has partnered a number of times with United for the Troops, including our Putnam County Youth Bureau to support Operation Cupid, a program designed to send valentines day care packages to our troops deployed overseas. I'm honored tonight to celebrate this special milestone with all of you, and ask you to please join me in thanking and welcoming Jim and Patty Rathschmidt, founders of United for the Troops.

And on the topic of Veterans, I want to make it perfectly clear that my administration will continue the tradition of honoring our military Veterans with the Row of Honor. We will also continue to engage with members of the Veterans community to ensure this tradition not only lasts, but remains a meaningful gesture that our active military, Veterans, and their families can be proud of.

Coming out of the pandemic, Putnam County has the highest senior growth rate at 41% (compared to New York State's rate of 25%), and our senior population accounts for over 1/4 of our county's entire population. That's why our Office of Senior Resources (OSR) is so important and why it provides such an incredible service to a large and valued population.

I'm very excited to announce that we're going to continue the Saint Patrick's Day luncheons this year AND that for this year's St Patrick's Day OSR lunch on March 15th, we will be joined by a special guest, a personal friend of mine and guest speaker for our seniors: Seniors Advocate, Fox News Meteorologist and author of *I Am the Storm*, Janice Dean. I will be in attendance, and look forward to participating in the celebration with our seniors and our staff from OSR.

Our employees in OSR continue to perform their duties extraordinarily despite last year's passing of a long-time valued team member, Doreen Crane. Doreen was an incredible leader, beloved by all, and while she can never truly be replaced, our team will strive to build on her legacy.

And obviously we have many more department heads with their own lengthy histories and achievements that deserve acknowledgement and praise, but if I outlined every achievement detailed in the annual reports before you, we'd be here all night. But I cannot move on without recognizing two more individuals in our Office of Senior Resources.

Late last year, there was an incident at the Koehler Memorial Senior Center in Mahopac. A client began choking and Site Manager Margie Silverman saw this and began to perform the Heimlich. Once she realized she needed help, OSR driver Lloyd Hartley ran out of the kitchen and took over performing the Heimlich. From my understanding, it was quite the ordeal. Multiple attempts to dislodge food from his airway were, thank God, successful. So it's no small thing to say that thanks to their quick thinking, and quick actions, this individual is still alive. And so I take this opportunity to not only thank these two but also thank our entire team at OSR for putting together a capable and compassionate team of literal life savers. The Legislature, introduced by Legislator Amy Sayegh, recognized these remarkable employees at their meeting in February. Please join me now in giving Margie, Lloyd, and everyone at OSR another round of applause.

Earlier in my remarks, I highlighted that I observed opportunities to build and make our county government more **accountable**. On February 4th, I had the opportunity to hold my first constituent forum as County Executive. And on the coldest day of the year, literally below zero degrees that Saturday morning, we had dozens of constituents come to the Lake Carmel Volunteer Firehouse to discuss a host of issues. I'll be honest, when I woke up that morning, I

didn't think many folks would brave minus 1-degree windy winter weather to have coffee and speak with me (even though the coffee was free). But our first town hall proved that residents are hungry to have a genuine dialogue with their county government. We plan to continue that initiative, by hosting at least 5 more forums before the end of the year.

Being accessible to our residents doesn't just mean being physically present. It goes beyond that. It's why I'm so proud of our brand new, re-vamped county website. Our IT department, led by Tom Lannon, continues to create and improve upon an incredible product, and the County website is now more accessible and easier to navigate than ever before. And honestly, it just looks a hell of a lot better. It's cleaner, more professional, and speaks to how we want to present ourselves as an institution. As with everything in technology we expect our website to continue to evolve but make no mistake- putting together this new product and it's continued upkeep is no small feat. Thank you, Tom, and to everyone on your team for all the work they've done on this important platform so many of our residents rely on.

This year, in our first 45 days, we also started and completed the process to have our County government social media platforms verified, so residents can have some heightened level of confidence that the information they are getting from THESE social media pages, is trusted and reliable. Generally speaking, we all know that facebook isn't exactly the most reliable source to gather news from, but whatever level of accountability that blue checkmark brings, we welcome it.

Dating back to 2017, as an Assemblyman, I held a forum supported by my predecessor with former County Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, and then Dutchess County Executive, now Congressman Marc Molinaro about an important initiative called "ThinkDIFFERENTLY"; a movement to change the way individuals, governments, and businesses think about those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I was excited when just a few months later, Putnam County adopted the ThinkDIFFERENTLY resolution, but since then, to my knowledge, nothing has been done with it. Today, that changes. Today we recommit ourselves to thinking differently about the way we do everything.

And to that end, today, after consulting with our Mental Health & DSS Commissioner Mike Piazza, I'm announcing my intention to create a new position in county government; the Coordinator of the Office for Individuals with Disabilities. Navigating the system and this world as a caregiver of someone who is differently abled is extraordinarily difficult, too often it becomes a full-time job. Parents and loved ones in this county do it every day and we have a responsibility and opportunity to help them. This position will be created from two funded, currently vacant, part time positions in Mental Health/DSS.

The creation of this position is just one more opportunity for us to make a real positive impact on the lives of our most vulnerable residents. For an individual living differently abled, opportunity means a chance to break down barriers. For someone living with the disease of addiction, it's a chance to get help.

It's no secret that prior to COVID, the opioid epidemic was the public health crisis of our lifetime. And the truth is, the pandemic only exacerbated the opioid crisis. Overdose related deaths increased dramatically across the country from 2020 to 2022. This is a problem that unfortunately is not going away. Which is why I am proposing to the Legislature that we use a modest portion of opioid lawsuit settlement money (\$85k) to help fund our Putnam County Prevention Council's programming this year. Putnam County Government received these dollars for a reason and the government shouldn't hoard it. The prevention council has been providing educational forums, professional training, harm reduction services and so much more since their inception. This month, their grant funding from Columbia is going to run out. We mustn't allow their organization to falter, and so I ask my colleagues in the Legislature to join me to help make sure they can continue providing these key services, this year.

Under my administration, we're going to refocus on those core responsibilities and functions of county government, and at the top of that list is providing for our residents' health and safety. It's why this year we're going to continue forward on the path of building our county's first Stabilization Center. The facility will be a 24/7 mental health crisis facility that specializes in diverting people from our hospital and the criminal justice system, connecting individuals with services they need. It's smart, it makes fiscal sense, and it's the right thing to do to get people the help and services they need. We are working actively with our partners and Mental Health/DSS to identify a new location that will help ensure this Center's long-term success.

When we're talking about who we're accountable for protecting (both as a government and as human beings), our children will always be the number one priority. And so this year we're going to follow through on the actions from the previous Legislature and Administration, and enter into an agreement with an outside partner to install exterior cameras on every single school bus in Putnam County, enhancing safety and cracking down on drivers running school bus-stop-signs.

Protecting our most vulnerable residents, our kids, also falls on the shoulders of the incredible individuals who work at the Child Advocacy Center. Their physical location was recently renovated (assisted by a state grant secured by myself when I was still in the state legislature) and following my tour of their space, I can honestly say I'm blown away by their upstairs and outdoor improvements. In 2022, our public employees conducted 92 forensic interviews at the CAC. On top of that, hundreds of supportive services were provided for kids including mental health counseling, victims advocacy, and the Handle with Care program. Handle with Care is a collaboration between our Sheriff's Office and all Putnam County law enforcement agencies, Putnam/ Northern Westchester BOCES and the CAC which seeks to give school staff a "heads up" that a child has just undergone a serious traumatic event. The program originated from West Virginia, and while other counties across the state are moving forward, Putnam County is the first to have fully implemented it and recently had it highlighted at the New York Public Welfare Association's winter conference.

Speaking of our Sheriff's Office. Dealing with traumatic events on a daily basis often falls on our brave men and women in law enforcement. Earlier this year, 10 days into my tenure in fact, sheriff's deputies responded to a horrific scene in which they had to use deadly force to save a victim's life. While this incident is still under investigation by the necessary state authorities as is standard practice, we are confident that, because of the resources we have in place to document incidents like this, the investigation will come to a quick and decisive conclusion. In speaking with Sheriff McConville (who's office has been extremely effective and maintained open lines of communication with us,) we fully expect to celebrate the deputies involved as heroes.

Our accountability for our resident's safety is why we're finally moving forward with a sorely needed radio operation expansion for emergency response on the west side of the county. This is a project years in the making, but in just the past few weeks we've made enormous strides forward thanks to our IT Director Tom Lannon, and Legislator Montgomery. For the safety and security of our first responders and our county residents, we look forward to seeing this project advance further to completion.

The closure of Indian Point nuclear plant has also presented a host of issues for our area, and number one among them is an emerging environmental safety issue. Earlier this month, I attended my first New York State County Executive's Association meeting in Albany. One of the meetings we had included all Hudson Valley area County Executives where we discussed the planned dumping of the former nuclear power plant's wastewater into our Hudson River. Make no mistake, our county received tremendous economic and environmental benefits when Indian Point was operational, but now that Entergy is gone after the State essentially forced its closure, our state and federal representatives must step in and thwart a new environmental threat. I was elected serve the entire county- from the Westchester line to the Dutchess line, from the CT state line to the Hudson River. We are a Hudson River County. This is a matter I have discussed with multiple members of the Legislature, including Legislator Greg Ellner who works in the water purification industry. Today, I am joining colleagues from our neighboring counties in opposition to the discharge of this wastewater into the Hudson River and ask that our federal representatives assist in pursuing a better alternative. When a nuclear plant in Vermont was closed, the company they had the wastewater transported and discharged in a safer area of the country that deals with this kind of material. There is an alternative solution and it should be pursued.

In that same spirit, prior to taking office, I was aware of the lack of progress taking place on the Peekskill Hollow Road and Bridge Reconstruction Project, and I made it clear to those on our transition team that rectifying this as soon as possible would be of the highest importance. Legislator Bill Gouldman, who served on my transition team, has been dogged in his advocacy for the people of Putnam Valley and for a remedy that moves this project forward- to a point where we discuss it almost every day.

The past administration entered into an agreement with a contractor in May 2021, and problems with the contractor quickly arose before work even began. Rather than terminating the contract, the County chose to move forward with the contractor. Now, almost two years after the agreement with the contractor, and six months past the initial project completion date of August 4th, 2022, the job is nowhere near close to complete. And during one of the mildest winters in a decade, the contractor has completely walked off the job.

Since January 1st, we have held numerous meetings to see if we could salvage this project. I personally met, in good faith, with senior representatives of the contractor and their counsel on January 31st, and we discussed a potential path forward and way to recommence work. Unfortunately, their proposal was entirely unworkable as it would have fundamentally changed the job and eliminated our ability to receive New York State Department of Transportation grant dollars that were committed to fund 80% of the construction. Due to the complex and detailed nature of this work, as well as the potential risk the incomplete project poses. My Administration, in consultation with our County Attorney and Law Department, has retained a new outside counsel that specializes in construction law. Our outside counsel is actively pursuing legal remedies that would permit work to commence as soon as possible.

Maintaining and improving this County's infrastructure, including its buildings and grounds, is a critical portion of our mission. And thanks to our strong financial health, after consultation with our Commissioner of Finance Bill Carlin, today, I'm announcing my intention to formally ask the Legislature for a \$2 million budget transfer to directly fund County Facility Improvement Projects. Many of our existing facilities that provide for the core functions of county government need serious repairs and upgrades. This County Facilities Improvement Fund will be used to tackle a myriad of projects including upgrades to our county buildings, various roof repairs, structural repairs to the Board of Elections facility, repairs to the outside of the Koehler Memorial Senior Center, and other repairs to the facilities hundreds of our county employees work in every day. As with any large capital improvement project expense, these projects will go through our Capital Projects Workgroup to present to the Legislature's Physical Service Committee and will only proceed with support from the Legislature.

The previous administration also highlighted the desire to keep our community's infrastructure top notch and opted to allocate over \$12 million, including \$7 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to assist our partners at the town, village and school district level. We will not pull the rug out from under them and will follow through on the previous administration's commitment for this year, 2023. In fact, earlier this year, our administration set up an ARPA review committee, led by our Deputy County Executive Jim Burpoe along with Bill Carlin, Mike Lewis, John Tully, Anna Diaz, and Maria Donovan, to assist with compliance and help our partners understand the federal regulations associated with using ARPA dollars. We've already received great feedback from our partners in local government who've taken advantage of our offer to assist. For example, the Putnam County Legislature passed a proposal for the town of

Putnam Valley to modify their plans to ensure the town continues to receive their share of the promised funding and that it be put to good use.

This committee is just one more way we're building upon our existing relationships with our partners in the towns and villages. Our county already successfully executes a number of shared services. Our personnel department, led by the incredible Paul Eldridge, serves all other local municipalities, specifically, all 6 towns, 3 villages, 6 school districts, 4 public libraries and numerous other Special District authorities. And to save taxpayers thousands of dollars our Highway & Facilities team continues its program of mixing brine salt for all our local municipalities that have opted in. Our Bureau of Emergency Services serves our entire county in many capacities; through emergency response coordination with 8 police agencies, 7 EMS agencies, and 13 fire departments. And on top of providing dispatch services, the Bureau also provides specialized training for EMT certification, CPR, Stop the Bleed, and so much more. Our remarkable county clerk Michael Bartolotti also serves as our records management officer and continues to save our local municipalities money by storing records at a lower price than it would cost them at Iron Mountain.

But we of course have much more to do and taking the next step in affordability means seizing on opportunities in both conventional and unconventional ways.

So today, delivering on an earlier pledge to implement guardrails that will help control county government spending, I'm asking the Legislature to consider a resolution to create a Taxpayer Bill of Rights in Putnam County. Any time we're asking our residents to contribute a little bit more of their hard-earned money, we must justify it. That's why this legislation changes our county charter to require a 2/3 majority vote of the legislature when the annual operating budget results in a property tax levy increase. It is my sincere hope that the Legislature will join me in supporting this measure and recognize that we will explore all our options before putting additional property tax increases on the table.

I also intend to submit to the Legislature a plan to reorganize our Highway & Facilities Department, into a Department of Public Works (or DPW). The very name Highway & Facilities does not accurately communicate all the incredible work our county employees do in this department. As it presently stands, this department already has multiple divisions to include Highways, Facilities, Engineering and Parks. Our public employees in this department are capable of, and already do, so much more than maintain our roads and county buildings and they deserve a brand that shows that.

Our friends in organized labor should also rest assured that these measures will not affect longstanding workforce classifications. And I will make good on that promise later this year when we engage in negotiations for new contracts with our labor leaders and representatives of our public employees. Our union leadership can trust, that even in the face of economic uncertainty, and record inflation, we will continue to negotiate in good faith.

In visiting all our county departments earlier this year, I had a chance to shake hands with, and speak directly to hundreds of our public employees. While doing so, my staff handed out an anonymous surveys asking folks about what they believed to be the mission and priorities of county government. The survey was completely optional, but we received many responses. After reading through all the suggestions, I believe it is high time we commit to enhancing our mission statement based on some of the feedback we received. It's worth noting, our mission statement has not been revisited in well over twenty years. I intend to form a workgroup to lead this effort, where we will invite participation from the Legislature's leadership, and this group will assist us in making a recommendation to the Legislature as to what our new county government mission statement should be.

And while we're improving the mission statement, it's also important that we cement our county's commitment to our United State Constitution. These past several years tested many of our Constitutional rights and individual liberties. We cannot simply wash away and ignore federal or state laws we simply dislike, but we can, via resolution, redeclare our county's support of our nation's governing document and become a Constitutional County. Again, this will not be some fringe label or attempt to undermine state or federal laws that some of us may disagree with but will be a meaningful statement to stand up publicly, and as one county, supporting our existing United States Constitution.

I do have one more final proposal for my colleagues here in the Legislature. Tonight's State of the County is being livestreamed on our beautiful new county website. I promised that my administration would bring a new level of accountability and transparency to County Government and the livestreaming of this address demonstrates that we have the capacity to do it right now. This is an issue two of our newest legislators, Erin Crowley and Greg Ellner ran on this past year. So, tonight, I'm presenting to the County Legislature, for their consideration, the Taxpayer Transparency Act. This county legislation will self-mandate that we provide the public with live video and audio streaming of all legislative public meetings. This will provide our residents who are incapable of attending for one reason or another, with the most accurate and up to the minute information on the hard work of their government representatives. But this proposal isn't on just the Legislature and members of my Administration who also actively participate in these meetings. This proposed law will also commit that we establish a budget transparency website that the public can view, more easily understand and digest at any given time. Instead of just providing a hundred plus page spreadsheet with numbers and line items that the average citizen has no time to look at, let alone actually understand, our Budget Transparency website will provide accurate explanations as to what our county budget entails in laymen terms. It is my intention that this site will be ready for next year's budget process and will be implemented when I propose my 2025 county budget. I am eager to engage in additional discussions with members of the Legislature on this important topic. Together, I truly believe, we can get it done.

CONCLUSION

The opportunities that lie before us are boundless as the American Dream itself. Our history, American history, in many ways, started here in Putnam County. It was here in this community that our founding fathers first envisioned a land of opportunity. And over the generations we have built upon that dream that our own Sybil Ludington rode for. Putnam County is a place where anyone, regardless of their background, can pursue and achieve success.

If you take away only one thing from this presentation, let it be this; It is my sincere promise to the nearly 100,000 residents that call this county home, that during my tenure as your County Executive, for however long you will have me, I will ensure the American Dream lives on in Putnam County. Today, and every day of my administration, this government will work to empower individuals to succeed. We will continue to embody that spirit of opportunity and optimism. We are a county of entrepreneurs, innovators, and hardworking people who are dedicated to building a better future for ourselves and our families.

As we embark on this new chapter in our county's history, the opportunities before us are tremendous. Our potential for evolution and growth is at our fingertips. A prosperous future for all our residents is possible. So let us embrace these opportunities with open arms and work together, collaboratively, and yes with healthy debate and discussion, but to build a county that we will all continue to be proud of. Opportunity calls.

Thank you.

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Michele Alfano- Sharkey
County Auditor


Francine Romeo
Deputy County Auditor



COUNTY AUDITOR

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TO: Putnam County Legislature

FROM: Michele Alfano-Sharkey
County Auditor 

DATE: March 27, 2023

RE: Refund of Taxes

This is the report for March 27, 2023 provided by Real Property Tax Law- Section 556, Paragraph (c).

There was no activity during this reporting period.

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Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A009)/ SOCIAL SERVICES/ OPIOID SETTLEMENT MONIES

WHEREAS, The Prevention Council of Putnam was actively participating in the discussions with local government regarding the Opioid Settlement Funds and submitted a formal funding request last year; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2023, the Executive Director of The Prevention Council of Putnam wrote to the County Executive to follow up on the status of said request; and

WHEREAS, due to the time sensitivity of this request, they provided an overview of the scope of work they plan to implement pursuant to Schedule C of the New York Opioid Settlement Sharing Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (23A009) to utilize \$85,000 of the Opioid Settlement Trust Monies to fund the agency's evidence-based programs and strategies for preventing opioid misuse, opioid overdose and connecting individuals to care and harm reduction services to abate the opioid epidemic here in Putnam County; 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 Appropriations:

10431000 54646 10202 MH LGU – Contracts 85,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10431000 427350 10202 MH LGU – Opioid Settlement Monies 85,000

**2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

- Legislator Addonizio _____
- Legislator Castellano _____
- Legislator Crowley _____
- Legislator Ellner _____
- Legislator Gouldman _____
- Legislator Montgomery _____
- Legislator Nacerino _____
- Legislator Sayegh _____
- Chairman Jonke _____

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Diane Schonfeld, Legislative Clerk
FROM: Michael J. Lewis, Chief Deputy Commissioner of Finance
RE: Budgetary Amendment – 23A009
DATE: March 14, 2023

At the request of the Commissioner of Social Services and Mental Health, the following budgetary amendment is required:

Increase Appropriations:

10431000 54646 10202 MH LGU - Contracts \$ 85,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10431000 427350 10202 MH LGU - Opioid Settlement Monies \$ 85,000

Fiscal Impact - 2023 - \$ 0
Fiscal Impact - 2024 - \$ 0

The Executive Director of The Prevention Council of Putnam wrote a formal funding request letter to the County Executive dated back on February 16, 2023 outlining the overview of the scope of work the agency would provide pursuant to Schedule C of the New York Opioid Settlement Sharing Agreement.

The Commissioner of Social Services and Mental Health is respectfully requesting that the Committee utilize up to \$85,000 of the Opioid Settlement Trust Monies to fund the agency's evidence-based programs and strategies for preventing opioid misuse, opioid overdose and connecting those to care and harm reduction services to abate the opioid epidemic in Putnam County.

Please forward to the appropriate committee.

Approved:

Kevin M. Byrne
County Executive

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Michael Lewis

From: Piazza, Jr., Michael J (DFA) <Michael.PiazzaJr@dfa.state.ny.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 12:28 PM
To: Michael Lewis
Cc: Servadio, Sara (DFA); Balcer, Grace (DFA); William Carlin
Subject: Narrative for Budget Resolution for Health Committee for expenditure of \$85,000 of Opiate settlement funding.

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This expenditure will support the intent of the New York Opioid Settlement Sharing Agreement by funding services that are consistent with the "Approved uses" detailed in Schedule C of the settlement. The total cost of this expenditure shall be \$85,000 and will be spent on the following services.

1. To prevent Substance Use Disorders and the misuse of opioids through an evidence based public health education and prevention programs including school based programs and strategies that include :

- Public Education relating to drug disposal

- Drug take back disposal and destruction

- Educational campaigns to reduce social access , physical access and stigma reduction

- Providing support to individuals in treatment and recovery and,

- Providing training and education to students , families and school employees , school athletic programs and others.

Total for this strategy is ~~\$45,500~~ \$18,942.50

2. Prevent Overdose Deaths and other harms via Harm Reduction using evidence based programs and strategies that include:

- Increasing availability and distribution of naloxone to first responders ,overdose patients,opioid users, families and friends of opiod users, schools and outreach workers, drug offenders upon release jail and the general public.

- Training and education regarding naloxone overdoses for first responders , overdose patoents ,patients taking opioids , families , schools and other members of the public:

- Training for school nurses and other school staff to respond to opioid overdoses and provide them with naloxone , training and support.

-Public education relating to emergency responses to overdoses and the Good Samaritan Laws:

-Peer support services , referrals to treatment and connections to care to prevent and reduce recidivism or reoccurrence.

Total for this strategy is \$42,500.

Mike - Grace take a look and tell me if you need anything else.

I don't know if we need to break out the allocation for each strategy but if we do I checked with Kristin and it should be 50/50.

We will do a quarterly advance with reports of presentations and trainings conducted, numbers of persons trained etc.

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February 16, 2023

Kevin Byrne, County Executive
Putnam County Executive's Office
40 Gleneida Avenue
Carmel, NY 10512

Re: Opioid Settlement Funds Funding Request Follow Up

Dear County Executive Byrne,

As you may know, the Prevention Council of Putnam provides a full spectrum of prevention, harm reduction and recovery support services to the residents of Putnam County. We have been actively participating in the discussions with local government regarding the Opioid Settlement Funds and submitted a formal funding request last year. Since our funding request is time sensitive, we are following up to find out the status of the request, and to provide you with an overview of the scope of work we plan to implement with the requested funds. The areas we intend to focus on fall within the Schedule C Approved Uses and are outlined below:

Preventing Misuse of Opioids through evidence-based programs and strategies that include:

- Public education relating to drug disposal;
- Drug take back disposal and destruction;
- Educational campaigns to reduce social access, physical access and stigma reduction;
- Providing support to individuals in treatment or recovery; and
- Providing training and education to students, families, school employees, school athletic programs, and others.

Preventing Overdose Deaths and Other Harms through evidence-based programs and strategies that include:

- Increasing availability and distribution of naloxone to first responders, overdose patients, opioid users, families and friends of opioid users, schools and outreach workers, drug offenders upon release from jail and the general public;
- Training and education regarding naloxone overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, patients taking opioids, families, schools, and other members of the public;
- Training for school nurses and other school staff to respond to opioid overdoses, and provide them with naloxone, training, and support;
- Public education relating to emergency responses to overdoses and the Good Samaritan Laws;
- Peer support services, referrals to treatment and connections to care to prevent and reduce recidivism or reoccurrence

The total amount of our request is \$541,215.00, however; it is important to note that this request covers a five-year period from 4/1/2023 through 12/31/2027, which comes to approximately \$114,000 per year. Our request is an investment in collaborative, cross-system, coordinated life-saving services aimed at preventing opioid misuse, opioid overdose and connecting individuals to care and harm reduction services to abate the opioid epidemic here in Putnam County. Please note that as stated in our original request, current funding for these services ends on March 31, 2023, and all of the vital services described above will cease, unless we are awarded funds. **We can provide a detailed breakdown of how the funds will be utilized and ensure that the services provided fall within the required uses as set forth in the guidelines.**

We look forward to discussing this request with you and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kristin McConnell, M.S., CPP

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Committee Mtg _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg _____
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL/ REQUEST THAT PUTNAM'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ACT TO ENSURE THE SAFE HANDLING OF WASTEWATER FROM INDIAN POINT ENERGY CENTER

WHEREAS, the Hudson River is a federally designated American Heritage River for which special consideration must be given to the effects of actions taken on, around, or within the River on the natural, historic, economic, and cultural needs of the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson River is an invaluable resource providing seafood, transportation, tourism, and recreational activities for the residents of Putnam County, as well as for many others beyond our county, some of whom also use it as a source of potable water; and

WHEREAS, Holtec International has announced plans to release wastewater containing radioactive tritium into the Hudson River later this year as part of the decommissioning of the nuclear reactors at the Indian Point Energy Center (IPEC); and

WHEREAS, the management of such radioactive materials falls under the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal government, particularly, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore incumbent upon the federal government to ensure that any release of wastewater from IPEC into the Hudson River that it may permit must not cause any detrimental environmental impact to the Hudson River, and must not compromise the health or safety of those who use the Hudson River; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature and the Putnam County Executive hereby respectfully call upon Putnam County's delegation in the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives to obtain assurances from the relevant federal regulatory agencies that they will not permit any discharges of wastewater from IPEC that will cause environmental harm or that pose a threat to the health or safety of the residents of Putnam County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Putnam County's representatives in the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives.

Legislator Addonizio _____
Legislator Castellano _____
Legislator Crowley _____
Legislator Ellner _____
Legislator Gouldman _____
Legislator Montgomery _____
Legislator Nacerino _____
Legislator Sayegh _____
Chairman Jonke _____

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Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

RESOLUTION ASKING GOVERNOR HOCHUL AND THE NYS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO DISMISS NYSEG'S RATE HIKE REQUEST AND HAVE NYSEG CORRECT ITS BILLING PROBLEMS BEFORE A RATE HIKE IS CONSIDERED

WHEREAS, many Putnam County residents are served by New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG); and

WHEREAS, NYSEG proposes to increase its electric delivery revenues by approximately \$274 million (a 31% percent increase in base delivery revenues or a 16.8% increase in total revenues), and its natural gas delivery revenues by approximately \$43.4 million (a 19% increase in base delivery revenues or a 9.8% increase in total revenues); and

WHEREAS, this revenue increase would result in rate increases of 34.9% for electricity service and 14.9% for gas service, which together would result in annual bill increases in the hundreds of dollars for the average residential customer, and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul called NYSEG's rate hike request "outrageous and unacceptable" and urged the Department of Public Service (DPS) to "scrutinize every number and word of this proposal to protect New York families from unjustified and unfair rate increases," and

WHEREAS, DPS staff experts have reviewed the NYSEG rate filing, and as documented in public records, testified to the many deficiencies and errors contained in that filing; staff further stated that the company has been vague and non-responsive to their questions, that this is the second successive rate filing in which these issues have occurred, and that similar problems were noted in a 2016 management audit as well; and

WHEREAS, State regulations governing rate proceedings (16 NYCRR §61) require the NYSEG provide "competent testimony" with detailed financial justification that is "neither speculative or conjectural" to support its rate requests, but NYSEG has failed to do so; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Public Service Commission is undertaking an investigation of the billing practices of NYSEG because the number of consumer complaints has skyrocketed recently; and

WHEREAS, the billing problems as well as the inadequacies of the rate filing call into question the administrative competence of this monopoly utility and have eroded the public trust in the company; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam calls on the Public Service Commission and Governor Hochul to dismiss the NYSEG rate increase request and protect the public interest by making sure NYSEG corrects its billing practices and submits a proper, detailed rate filing before a substantive rate hike is even considered; and further be it

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul and Putnam County's delegation in the New York State Legislature, and to PSC Chair Rory Christian and PSC Secretary Michelle Phillips with a request to file this resolution in each of the following rate cases: 22-E-0317 and 22-G-0318.

Legislator Addonizio _____
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Legislator Gouldman _____
Legislator Montgomery _____
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Legislator Sayegh _____
Chairman Jonke _____

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APPROVAL/ PUTNAM ARTS COUNCIL GRANTS FOR 2022

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2023, the Putnam Arts Council reported to the Putnam County Legislature their recommendations for distribution of the 2023 Arts Link Community Regrant Program (formerly Putnam Arts Fund) totaling \$13,993; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature accepts and approves the recommendation of the Putnam Arts Council dated March 7, 2023, distribution of \$13,993 for the 2023 Arts Link Community Regrant Program for the first round of applications pursuant to the attached list.

Legislator Addonizio _____
Legislator Castellano _____
Legislator Crowley _____
Legislator Ellner _____
Legislator Gouldman _____
Legislator Montgomery _____
Legislator Nacerino _____
Legislator Sayegh _____
Chairman Jonke _____

cc: all
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Putnam Arts Council @ the Belle Levine Art Center
521 Kennicut Hill Road, Mahopac, NY 10541

To: Diane Schonfeld for the Putnam County Legislature
From: Putnam Arts Council
Date: 3/7/23
Re: *Funding Recommendations for 2023 Arts Link Community Regrant Program (formerly Putnam Arts fund)*

The Putnam Arts Council's independent Grant Review Panel determined funding award recommendations for the 2023 Arts Link Community Arts Program (formerly the Putnam Arts Fund) at a meeting held on February 8, 2023. These funding recommendations are submitted for approval to the Putnam County Legislature (see separate listing of funding recommendations). The Putnam Arts Council administers its community re-grant program supported with public funds from Putnam County and with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts with support from the NYS Governor and the NYS Legislature. Our Program is essential to the continued growth of the arts county wide and to our ability to foster quality arts programs for the enrichment of our residents. Our Program is comprised of an ongoing and detailed process:

- The first step is to provide technical assistance to each potential applicant through informational seminars and meetings held at sites on both sides of Putnam County. Informational seminars are presented by the Executive Director along with our Grants Coordinator.
- The second step is to create an independent panel of individuals from throughout the County who are willing and able to review the applications and make informed funding recommendations. The review panel is representative of a variety of community members and a variety of backgrounds and interests who reside throughout the Putnam County area.
- The third step is to familiarize new panel members with regrant program goals, policies and procedures and provide the entire panel with copies of applications for review.
- The fourth step is to convene the panel at the annual Panel Meeting where they discuss, review, and consider each application with an eye to reward artistic merit and determine projects that will develop audiences for the arts. Additionally, the Panel is encouraged to support programs that appeal to a diverse range of residents and to support projects that are presented in towns throughout Putnam County.
- The progress and success of each funded project is monitored through mid-year and final reports from the recipients as well as through ongoing audits by PAC representatives.

100% of funding is disseminated to cultural organizations and community non-profits throughout Putnam County to support high-quality arts projects for the enrichment and enjoyment of our residents. These programs also encourage cultural tourism as for every dollar spent on cultural activities, \$8 are raised.

Under separate cover, I have provided:

- An Arts Link Community Regrant Program overview
- A list of Re-grant review panel members for 2023
- A list of the grants panel funding recommendations for the projects supported with Putnam County's \$13,993 contribution to the Program.

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It is our hope that you will be able to approve their recommendations at the next Rules & Enactments Committee meeting followed by a review of the full Legislature. I am available for any questions that may arise.

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Joyce Picone

President & Executive Director

Putnam Arts Council

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Arts Link Community Grant Program 2023 Overview

The Putnam Arts Council serves as an umbrella organization receiving and disseminating public funds from Putnam County Government as well as public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a State Agency, with support from the NYS Governor and the NYS Legislature. Through the Arts Council's ***Arts Link Community Arts Grant Program***, applications are received and reviewed, and funding awards are determined. Grant requests to the Arts Link Program always exceed funds available and each year the process is most competitive.

The Arts Link Community Grant Program is managed and monitored by the Putnam Arts Council and provides public funds to artists, arts organizations, and community non-profits, fostering quality arts projects and activities that are open to the public and offered throughout Putnam County. Goals of the Arts Link Program include supporting programs that enrich and elevate the quality of life for County residents, expanding opportunities for artists and arts organizations and developing audiences for the arts. The Program also connects artists with their communities, promotes discussion and interactions and encourages cultural tourism.

The 2023 Program received 25 funding requests totaling \$77,782, with available Program funding at \$44,793. The funding is comprised of \$13,993 in public funds from Putnam County and the balance of \$30,800 through the NYS Council on the Arts. Putnam County provided a 3.5% increase in funding as compared to FY22. Level funding was received from NYS through a multi-year grant. The 2023 Program will support 24 grants, 14 of which will receive funding through County dollars. The Program serves residents of all ages and interests including children and teens with quality arts projects that are open to the public. This year the Program will support projects in music, dance, theater, literature, multi-disciplinary projects, as well as visual arts, arts, and site-specific outdoor sculpture.

An independent panel of community members meets to review and evaluate all applications and to recommend funding for the projects. Evaluations are based on the projects quality as well as its ability to reach a broad audience, generate the most benefit to the community, and support the professional development of artists and arts groups. Panel recommendations are then submitted to the Board of the Putnam Arts Council for their consideration and approval. County funded grant recommendations also need to be approved by the Putnam County Legislature.

PAC does not retain an administrative fee for the County-funded portion of the re-grant program; 100% of funding is disseminated to the applicants.

The Arts Council stays connected to the Program's award recipients year-round and requires interim and final project reports. Audits of funded projects provide details on content, audience, and funding recognition.

2023 Arts Link Grant Funding Recommendations:

Total County funds to allocate: \$13, 993

Total grant requests: \$77,782

DANCE

Arts on the Lake – sponsor for Putnam Dance Company - Kent \$850
2023 season with three dance events
new works, various professional companies, and children from the community

MUSIC

Patterson Library - Cultural Celebration of the Arts – Patterson \$808
music and dance performances with Calpulli Mexican Dance
or John Grady and his African Drums and Dancers

Putnam Chorale - Brewster \$800

Local amateurs and aspiring singers work with a professional music director to
present choral works: Bruckner's Missa Solemnis and Haydn's Heilige Mass

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center –Putnam Valley \$800

John Cohen Memorial Concerts
Weekend performances in May, June and July
featuring high level, multi-genre musicians

Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition: – Village of Brewster - \$800
Free Summer Concert Series – Six Saturdays starting in June presenting
a diverse selection of bands that appeal to all age ranges and cultures

Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition: – Village of Brewster - \$1750

Concerts around the Corner
4 concerts with world class performers curated by Bob Zubrycki

VISUAL ART

Boscobel House and Gardens – Artist Days – Garrison - \$850
painting on location, free site admission for artists on select weekdays
April through November

Brewster Public Library – sponsor for Nowodworski Foundation – Brewster
Discovering Putnam County- \$1,100
visual arts workshops for children, teenagers and families

Garrison Art Center – Visiting Artist Community Program - \$1,500
Free solo exhibition for a working visiting artist
Free workshops and lectures for the community

THEATER

Arts on the Lake – Kent - \$1,000 Strengthening Connections -
3 theatre events : a new play in conjunction with the Putnam Theatre Alliance,
Credenza by Ron Hutchinson, and a community story-telling project

Patterson Library – summer theater experience – Patterson - \$800
Summer Theater performed and produced working with teens

Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival – Garrison \$1,100
BAKE-OFF Community Playwriting
Hudson Valley residents participate in a series of free playwriting workshops
that culminate in a free public reading series

MULTI-MEDIA

Collaborative Concepts Sculpture at Tilly Foster Farm, Brewster/Southeast
\$1085
September – October site specific sculpture installation with reception and music
at opening

Town of Carmel Dept of Recreation, Carmel \$800
Red Mills Historic Park (Mahopac)– Site Specific Sculpture Exhibit
May - November

LITERARY ARTS

Julia L. Butterfield Library – Cold Spring \$800
Writers Reading Series – Spoken Word, Storytelling and Meet the Author

Grants Panelists 2023



Review panel for 2023 Arts Link Community
Regrant Fund Applications
Meeting convened on 2/8/22

1. **Connie Gray**
Carmel
2. **Karen Herbst**
Beacon
3. **Dutch Pritts**
Peekskill
4. **Katie Schmidt Feder**
Yorktown
5. **Susanne DeMarzo**
Mahopac
6. **Audrey Reiter (alternate)**
Poughquag
7. **Joshua Brittingham**
Somers

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Committee Mtg _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg _____
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL/ RENEW LEASE OF PORTION OF TILLY FOSTER FARM/ PUTNAM/NORTHERN WESTCHESTER BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is the owner of certain real property located at 100 Route 312, Brewster, New York 10509, including the numerous buildings located thereon, which is commonly known as the Tilly Foster Farm; and

WHEREAS, certain portions of the Tilly Foster Farm, including Building # 4 and Building # 8, are not required for the County's use during certain times, and therefore constitute surplus space during those times; and

WHEREAS, Putnam/Northern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services (hereinafter "BOCES") is a regional education agency which offers a variety of educational programs and services, including but not limited to, nearly all of Putnam County School Districts; and

WHEREAS, the County previously entered into a lease agreement with BOCES for said surplus space at the Tilly Foster Farm; and

WHEREAS, said lease agreement expired on July 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the County is desirous of renewing said lease agreement with BOCES; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, pursuant to the authority granted to him under Section 31-22 of the Putnam County Code, has entered into negotiations with BOCES for the renewal of the lease of said portions of the Tilly Foster Farm; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31-22 of the Putnam County Code, the County Executive has requested that the Putnam County Legislature approve such lease agreement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that portions of Building # 4 and Building # 8 of the Tilly Foster Farm are not required for the County's use during certain times, and therefore constitute surplus space during those times; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the Lease Agreement between the County of Putnam and BOCES, which shall be in substantial conformance with the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A", 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 BOCES in the manner approved herein.

Legislator Addonizio _____
Legislator Castellano _____
Legislator Crowley _____
Legislator Ellner _____
Legislator Gouldman _____
Legislator Montgomery _____
Legislator Nacerino _____
Legislator Sayegh _____
Chairman Jonke _____

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Committee Mtg _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg _____
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (23T054)/ OFFICER FOR SENIOR RESOURCES/
RECLASSIFICATION**

WHEREAS, the Director of the Office for Senior Resources is requesting the reclassification of the Principal Account Clerk position to a Fiscal Technician position, due to the outcome of a job analysis review of the position in the fiscal unit initiated in August of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Office for Senior Resources has requested a fund transfer (23T054) to account for this reclassification effective 4/01/23; 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:

10677200 51000 10119	Pers. – Principal Acct Clerk	49,785
10199000 54980	General Contingencies	<u>2,700</u>
		52,485

Increase:

10677200 51000 10145	Pers. – Fiscal Technician	52,293
10677200 58002	FICA	<u>192</u>
		52,485

**2023 Fiscal Impact - \$2,700
2024 Fiscal Impact - \$6,934**

Legislator Addonizio _____
Legislator Castellano _____
Legislator Crowley _____
Legislator Ellner _____
Legislator Gouldman _____
Legislator Montgomery _____
Legislator Nacerino _____
Legislator Sayegh _____
Chairman Jonke _____

**COUNTY OF PUTNAM
FUND TRANSFER REQUEST**

*cc: all
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Reso

TO: Commissioner of Finance

FROM: Sheila Barrett, Deputy Commissioner of Finance *JMB*

DEPT: Finance

DATE: March 8, 2023

I hereby request approval for the following transfer of funds:

FROM ACCOUNT#/NAME	TO ACCOUNT #/NAME	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
10677200.51000.10119 Personnel Services Principal Account Clerk	10677200.51000.10145 Personnel Services Fiscal Technician	\$49,785.00	Reclass position to Fiscal Technician <i>(OSR)</i>
10199000.54980 General Contingencies	10677200.51000.10145 Personnel Services Fiscal Technician	\$ 2,508.00	Reclass position to Fiscal Technician
10199000.54980 General Contingencies	10677200.58002 FICA	\$ 192.00	Reclass position to
Total		\$52,485.00 ✓	

23T054

SIGNATURES NOT NEEDED – THEY WILL BE AUTHORIZED VIA COMPUTER SYSTEM

2023 Fiscal Impact \$ 2,700
2024 Fiscal Impact \$ 6,934

LEGISLATURE
PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY

2023 MAR - 8 PM 1:25

Department Head Signature/Designee

Date

AUTHORIZATION:

Date Commissioner of Finance/Designee: Initiation and \$0-\$5,000.00

Date County Executive/Designee: \$5,000.01 - \$10,000.00

Date Chairperson Audit/Designee: \$0-\$10,000.00

Date Audit & Administration Committee: \$10,000.01 - \$25,000.00

23T054

Kevin M. Byrne
County Executive



*cc: all
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Michael Cunningham
Director



M · E · M · O · R · A · N · D · U · M

DATE: March 7, 2023
TO: Diane Schonfeld, Clerk to the Legislature
FROM: Michael Cunningham, Director of the Office for Senior Resources *mcj*
CC: James Burpoe, Deputy County Executive
William Carlin, Commissioner of Finance
Paul Eldridge, Personnel Officer
RE: Reclassification

The Personnel Department recently conducted a job analysis review of a position in the fiscal unit of our department. The review was initiated in August of 2022 and after all information was considered, including additional details provided by the incumbent in February 2023, the Personnel Department has concluded that the position is properly entitled Fiscal Technician. A budgetary transfer will be provided by the Finance Department under separate cover.

Please refer this request to the Personnel committee for their review.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I, along with Personnel Officer Paul Eldridge, will be in attendance at the March Personnel Committee meeting to answer any questions.

Thank you.

attachment: Fiscal Technician Job Specification

2023 MAR - 7 PM 4: 39
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PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY

FISCAL TECHNICIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is important technical work of a specialized nature requiring a high degree of accuracy. The incumbent is responsible for ensuring accuracy, consistency and organization in all accounting and fiscal functions for a department or agency. The work includes maintenance of accurate financial records, and managing accounts in accordance with yearly budgetary plans. Work also involves establishment and implementation of departmental accounting procedures, in compliance with any instructions that may be received from New York State Audit and Control and the County Finance Department. Work is performed under general supervision, with wide leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out details of the work. Supervision may be exercised over the work of subordinate staff. Performs related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Maintains accurate and current financial records on all departmental or agency accounts and budgets, including fixed asset recording;

Designs, implements, evaluates and refines effective accounting procedures and financial reporting systems for the department or agency;

Assists in the preparation of the annual department or agency budget, secures budget estimate data, forecasts and conducts budget studies;

Gathers data and makes recommendations regarding departmental or agency spending patterns and financial needs;

Maintains accurate data and records with regard to departmental operations, as needed;

Researches relevant laws and regulations pertinent to the financial operation of the department or agency, as needed;

Manages the requisition, purchase, receipt and inventory of supplies and equipment, including payments and records processing;

Manages billing, accounts payable and receipts for outside services provided by the department or agency;

Manages billing, accounts payable and receipts relative to grants and reimbursements;

Prepares periodic fiscal, statistical and management reports;

Coordinates and processes departmental or agency payroll information relative to overtime, part-time, encumbrances, annual salary changes, etc.;

Attends training meetings, workshops and seminars as required;

May confer with Federal, State and local accountants and auditors regarding accounting practices and auditors' recommendations;

May oversee and supervise subordinate staff engaged in a variety of financial operations;

Performs a variety of related activities as required.

Typical Work Activities are intended only as illustrations of possible types of work that might be appropriately assigned to an incumbent of this title. Work activities that do not appear above are not excluded as appropriate work assignments, as long as they can be reasonably understood to be within the logical limits of the job.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL

CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of governmental fiscal accounting and reporting procedures; good knowledge of methods used in keeping financial accounts and records;

FISCAL TECHNICIAN (cont'd)

working knowledge of fiscal terminology; ability to acquire a working knowledge of departmental or agency affairs related to fiscal management; ability to prepare complete and accurate financial reports and statements; ability to lead and direct the work of others; ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships; good judgment; initiative; resourcefulness; tact and courtesy; integrity.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either

- a) Associates degree or completion of sixty (60) college credits in accounting, business administration, economics, or other related field, and two (2) years experience in business administration, account keeping, or payroll administration; or
- b) Graduation from high school or possession of a comparable diploma and five (5) years experience in business administration, account keeping, or payroll administration; or
- c) An equivalent combination of training and experience as indicated in a), b) and c) above.

PLEASE NOTE: Education beyond the secondary level must be from an institution accredited or recognized by the Board of Regents of the New York State Department of Education as a post secondary, degree-granting institution.

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Committee Mtg _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg _____
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (23T065)/ DISTRICT ATTORNEY/ RECLASSIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Personnel Department recently conducted of a job analysis review of two (2) clerical positions in the District Attorney’s office; Typist/Office Assistant and Office Assistant Legal; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the job analysis review, it was determined that the appropriate classification for these two (2) positions is Senior Office Assistant Legal; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has requested a fund transfer (23T065) to account for this reclassification effective 4/01/23; 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:

10116500 51000 10121	Typist/Office Assistant	35,553
10116500 51000 10120	Vacant Senior Office Asst Legal	6,294
10116500 51000 10117	Office Assistant Legal	<u>38,467</u>
		80,314

Increase:

10116500 51000 10131	Senior Office Assistant Legal	39,362
10116500 51000 10132	Senior Office Assistant Legal	<u>40,952</u>
		80,314

**2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2024 Fiscal Impact – unknown**

Legislator Addonizio _____
Legislator Castellano _____
Legislator Crowley _____
Legislator Ellner _____
Legislator Gouldman _____
Legislator Montgomery _____
Legislator Nacerino _____
Legislator Sayegh _____
Chairman Jonke _____

**COUNTY OF PUTNAM
FUND TRANSFER REQUEST**

*cc: all
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Reso

TO: Commissioner of Finance
FROM: Sheila Barrett, Deputy Commissioner of Finance *SMB*
DEPT: Finance
DATE: March 20, 2023

I hereby request approval for the following transfer of funds:

FROM ACCOUNT#/NAME	TO ACCOUNT #/NAME	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
10116500.51000.510121 Personnel Services Typist/Office Assistant	10116500.51000.10131 Personnel Services Senior Office Assistant Legal	\$35,553.00	Reclass position to Sr. Office Asst. Legal <i>Effective 4/1/23</i>
10116500.51000.510120 Personnel Services Senior Office Assistant Legal	10116500.51000.10131 Personnel Services Senior Office Assistant Legal	\$ 3,809.00	Reclass position to Sr. Office Asst. Legal
10116500.51000.10117 Personnel Services Office Assistant Legal	10116500.51000.10132 Personnel Services Senior Office Assistant Legal	\$38,467.00	Reclass position to Sr. Office Asst. Legal <i>Effective 4/1/23</i>
10116500.51000.510120 Personnel Services Senior Office Assistant Legal	10116500.51000.10132 Personnel Services Senior Office Assistant Legal	\$ 2,485.00	Reclass position to Sr. Office Asst. Legal
Total		\$80,314.00 ✓	

23T065
SIGNATURES NOT NEEDED – THEY WILL BE AUTHORIZED VIA COMPUTER SYSTEM

2023 Fiscal Impact \$ -0-
2024 Fiscal Impact - unknown

Department Head Signature/Designee

Date
**LEGISLATURE
PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY**
2023 MAR 21 AM 10:12

AUTHORIZATION:

Date Commissioner of Finance/Designee: Initiation and \$0-\$5,000.00

Date County Executive/Designee: \$5,000.01 - \$10,000.00

Date Chairperson Audit/Designee: \$0-\$10,000.00

Date Audit & Administration Committee: \$10,000.01 - \$25,000.00

23T065

CHIEF ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Chana Krauss

FIRST ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Breanne Smith



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ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
Todd Carpenter
Joseph Charbonneau
Mackenzie Ferguson
Larry Glasser
Melissa Lynch
Kerianne Morrissey

ROBERT V. TENDY
District Attorney

MEMORANDUM

March 20, 2023

TO: Diane Schonfeld, Clerk to the Legislature

FROM: Robert V. Tendy, District Attorney *R. T.*

SUBJECT: Reclassification

The Personnel Department recently conducted a job analysis review of two clerical positions in our department. The review was initiated on January 12, 2023, and after all information was considered, the Personnel Department has concluded that the positions are properly entitled Senior Office Assistant Legal. This change in classification will result in a nominal change in the 2023 staffing budget, which has been reduced since 2020. A budgetary transfer will be provided by the Finance Department under separate cover.

Please refer this request to the Personnel committee for their review.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I, along with Personnel Officer Paul Eldridge, will be in attendance at the March Personnel Committee meeting to answer any questions.

cc: James Burpoe, Deputy County Executive
William Carlin, Commissioner of Finance
Paul Eldridge, Personnel Officer

attachments:

Senior Office Assistant Legal Job Specification
Reclassification Letters from the Personnel Department

2023 MAR 20 PM 3:59
LEGISLATURE
PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY

PAUL ELDRIDGE
Personnel Officer



ADRIENE IASONI
Deputy Personnel
Officer

January 19, 2023

Classification/Reclassification Notice

Robert Tendy
District Attorney

Dear Mr. Tendy,

Our office has completed a review of the below referenced forms and documentation submitted on behalf of Michele Galligan and Carmela Surace for job classification evaluation:

- Job Classification Questionnaire (Form 220) Dated 1/12/23
 New Position Duties Statement (Form 222) Dated _____
 Request for Additional Position(s) in an Already Established Classification (Form 222A)

Please be advised that, pursuant to Civil Service Law, Section 22, we have classified this position as Senior Office Assistant (Legal) the Competitive jurisdictional classification. Please see requirements below.

Please Note:

Competitive Jurisdictional Classification: Permanent appointment from an appropriate eligible list, now or subsequent to an approved provisional appointment, should this position be adopted as a position in your department or agency.

Non-Competitive Jurisdictional Classification: Permanent appointment following a review of a current application of any potential appointee should this position be adopted as a position in your department or agency.

Labor Jurisdictional Classification: Permanent appointment following a review of a current application of any potential appointee should this position be adopted as a position in your department or agency.

Exempt Jurisdictional Classification: Appointment following a review of a current application of any potential appointee should this position be adopted as a position in your department or agency.

If you have any questions or require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

At this time, Ms. Surace appears on the eligible list for the title of Senior Office Assistant (Legal) and once funding is approved by the legislature, could be appointed to said title. Ms. Galligan does not appear on the current list; however, she can be appointed provisionally until such time as a competitive exam is held. Other appointment options may be available as well, which I am happy to discuss with you.

Sincerely,
Patricia Rau 
Senior Personnel Specialist

CC: Christina Rizzo, Chief of Staff

SENIOR OFFICE ASSISTANT (LEGAL)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is advanced level legal office/clerical and administrative work performed to support the efficient operation of a municipal legal office such as the Law Department, District Attorney's Office or Social Services Attorneys' Office. Familiarity with complex legal terminology used in the preparation of legal briefs and documents is required. Work involves the operation of automated systems equipment in the preparation and storing of legal documents and correspondence. General supervision is provided by legal staff and higher-level administrators. Supervision is not a responsibility of this position. Performs related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

- Prepares and processes legal correspondence and documents relative to New York Criminal Procedure Law (§370.15, §710.30) and other laws and statutes, such as notices, subpoenas, orders, responses, declarations, statements, certificates, affidavits and other legal forms required for federal, state and local courts and related procedures;
- Prepares and provides legal documents and information to Probation Department as requested;
- Receives monthly calendars for assigned local courts and organizes necessary case materials, filing/processing of documents, attorney reminders, etc.
- Receives and maintains case dockets, documents and files relative to all cases on local court calendars for assigned courts;
- Prepares and organizes case files for Assistant District Attorneys' case research and court appearances, which includes running updated criminal histories (Record of Arrests and Prosecutions or RAP sheets) and Department of Motor Vehicles records, evidence and other documentation from arresting agencies such as 911 calls, videos, photos, etc.
- Enters all notes, future court dates, seal orders, warrants, orders of protection, and any other additional information upon case files' return from court, including forfeitures;
- Processes physical and electronic closing/breakdown of cases once they have received dispositions, including proper processing of seal orders;
- Prepares evidence letters on a monthly basis to police agencies relative to disposal of evidence;
- Maintains direct and regular communications with police agencies, jail personnel, laboratories, court clerks, defense attorneys, probation officers, immigration officers, etc. via telephone, fax and email;
- Accesses and monitors relevant confidential information online through, and maintains up-to-date user certification for, browser-based applications including New York State Division of Criminal Justice e-JusticeNY and New York State Department of Motor Vehicles data systems;
- Uses general computer applications such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software in performing work assignments;
- Answers and screens telephone calls, greets and directs visitors, takes messages and responds to requests for routine information in accordance with office procedures;
- May open and distribute mail;
- Performs a variety of related activities as required.

Typical Work Activities are intended only as illustrations of possible types of work that might be appropriately assigned to an incumbent of this title. Work activities that do not appear above are not excluded as appropriate work assignments, as long as they can be reasonably understood to be within the logical limits of the job.

SENIOR OFFICE ASSISTANT (LEGAL) (cont'd)

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of modern law office methods and procedures, legal forms and legal terminology; good knowledge of executive secretarial skills including correct English usage, grammar, spelling and legal formatting; good knowledge of the capabilities of computer systems equipment and software for legal documents; familiarity with the operations of a public law office; ability to effectively use computer applications such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software; ability to understand and carry out complex oral and written directions; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships; accuracy; resourcefulness; initiative; tact and courtesy.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either

- a) Associate's degree and two (2) years of office clerical experience, one (1) year of which must have involved the producing and processing of legal correspondence and documents; or
- b) Graduation from high school or possession of a comparable diploma and three (3) years office clerical experience, one (1) year of which must have involved the producing and processing of legal correspondence and documents; or
- c) An equivalent combination of education and experience indicated in (a) and (b) above.

PLEASE NOTE: Education beyond the secondary level must be from an institution accredited or recognized by the Board of Regents of the New York State Department of Education as a post-secondary, degree-granting institution.

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Committee Mtg _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg _____
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A092)/ COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ YEAR
END JOURNAL ENTRY #3**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment
(22A092) for the third Year End Journal Entry for the year ending December 31, 2022; and**

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

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

GENERAL FUND:

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 2,083,890.00**

**Decrease Estimated Appropriations:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 83,890.00**

**Increase Estimated Revenues:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 2,000,000.00**

CAPITAL FUND:

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 2,860,503.00**

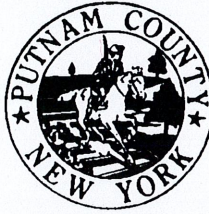
**Decrease Estimated Appropriations:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 2,514,335.25**

**Increase Estimated Revenues:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 3,181,903.00**

**Decrease Estimated Revenues:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 2,835,735.25**

**2022 Fiscal Impact \$83,890
2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

Legislator Addonizio _____
Legislator Castellano _____
Legislator Crowley _____
Legislator Ellner _____
Legislator Gouldman _____
Legislator Montgomery _____
Legislator Nacerino _____
Legislator Sayegh _____
Chairman Jonke _____



cc: all
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WILLIAM J. CARLIN, Jr. CPA
Commissioner Of Finance

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Diane Schonfeld, Legislative Clerk
From: William J. Carlin, Jr., Commissioner of Finance
Re: Budgetary Amendment - 22A092
Date: March 20, 2023

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2023 MAR 20 PM 3:47
LEGISLATURE
PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY

At the request of the Commissioner of Finance, the following budgetary amendment is required.

GENERAL FUND:

<u>Increase estimated appropriations:</u>	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	2,083,890.00
<u>Decrease estimated appropriations:</u>	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	83,890.00
<u>Increase estimated revenues:</u>	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	2,000,000.00

CAPITAL FUND:

<u>Increase estimated appropriations:</u>	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	2,860,503.00
<u>Decrease estimated appropriations:</u>	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	2,514,335.25
<u>Increase estimated revenues:</u>	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	3,181,903.00
<u>Decrease estimated revenues:</u>	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	2,835,735.25

Fiscal Impact - 2022 - \$ 83,890
Fiscal Impact - 2023 - \$ 0

This Resolution is required to record year end journal entry #3 as per the attached spreadsheet.

Approved:

Kevin M, Byrne
County Executive

FD ORG	OBJECT	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE ESTIMATED APPROPNS	DECREASE ESTIMATED APPROPNS	INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUES	DECREASE ESTIMATED REVENUES	COMMENTS
05 05000	45710J	51912	BOND PROCEEDS 2019					
05 05000	45710K	51912	BOND PROCEEDS 2020					TO CORRECT ACCOUNT TO CORRECT ACCOUNT
05 55197000	53000	51509	CAPITAL PROJECTS RESERVE	2,000,000.00		71,400.00	71,400.00	TO INCREASE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT TO INCREASE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT
05 55197000	428601	51509	CAPITAL PROJECTS RESERVE			2,000,000.00		TO INCREASE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT
05 55197000	449898	52201	FED AID ARPA - BRIDGES & CULVERTS			500,000.00		USE OF ARPA FUNDS INSTEAD OF BORROW
05 05000	45710M	52201	BOND PROCEEDS 2022				500,000.00	USE OF ARPA FUNDS INSTEAD OF BORROW
05 55197000	531903	51509	TILLY FOSTER RENOVATION		250,000.00			CLOSE PROJECT
05 55197000	53000	51509	CAPITAL PROJECTS RESERVE	250,000.00			442,800.00	CLOSE PROJECT
05 05000	45710M	52209	BOND PROCEEDS 2022					CLOSE PROJECT
05 55997000	445971	52209	FED AID - DREWVILLE RD BR				1,771,200.00	CLOSE PROJECT
05 55197000	53000	52209	DREWVILL RD BR					CLOSE PROJECT
05 55197000	53000	52108	ROUTE 6 - FARRINGTON RD		2,214,000.00			CLOSE PROJECT
05 55197000	427050	52108	OTHER REV - ROUTE 6 & FARRINGTON RD		50,335.25			CLOSE PROJECT
05 55997000	428601	52103	INTERFUND TRANSFER - GENERAL FUND			12,223		TO ADJUST 5307 FUNDS FFY 2021 TO ACTUAL
05 55997000	435970	52103	STATE AID - 5307 FUNDS			12,223		TO ADJUST 5307 FUNDS FFY 2021 TO ACTUAL
05 55997000	445970	52103	FED AID - 5307 FUNDS			97,783.00		TO ADJUST 5307 FUNDS FFY 2021 TO ACTUAL
05 55997000	53000	52103	TRANSIT - SECTION 5307 FUNDS FFY 2021	122,229.00				TO ADJUST 5307 FUNDS FFY 2021 TO ACTUAL
05 55997000	428601	52206	INTERFUND TRANSFER - GENERAL FUND			48,828.00		TO ADJUST 5307 FUNDS FFY 2022 TO ACTUAL
05 55997000	435970	52206	STATE AID - 5307 FUNDS			48,827.00		TO ADJUST 5307 FUNDS FFY 2022 TO ACTUAL
05 55997000	445970	52206	FED AID - 5307 FUNDS			390,619.00		TO ADJUST 5307 FUNDS FFY 2022 TO ACTUAL
05 55997000	53000	52206	TRANSIT - SECTION 5307 FUNDS FFY 2022	488,274.00				TO ADJUST 5307 FUNDS FFY 2022 TO ACTUAL
				2,860,503.00	2,514,335.25	3,181,903.00	2,835,735.25	

FD	ORG	OBJECT	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE ESTIMATED APPROPNS	DECREASE ESTIMATED APPROPNS	INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUES	DECREASE ESTIMATED REVENUES	COMMENTS
01	10990100	59020		TRANSFER TO CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
01	10131000	427161		USE OF FUND BALANCE	2,000,000		2,000,000		TO INCREASE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT
01	10990100	59020		TRANSFER TO CAPITAL ACCOUNT	12,223				TO INCREASE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT
01	10990100	59020		TRANSFER TO CAPITAL ACCOUNT	48,828				TO ADJUST 5307 FUNDS FFY 2021 TO ACTUAL
01	25117100	54125		LEGAL SERVICES - 188	14,000				TO ADJUST 5307 FUNDS FFY 2022 TO ACTUAL
01	10133500	54783		LICENSING SOFTWARE	4,600				TO ADJUST 188 COSTS TO ACTUAL
01	10085000	54646	10149	CONTRACTS	3,750				ADJUST TO ACTUAL
01	12401000	54310		OFFICE SUPPLIES	270				ADJUST TO ACTUAL
01	10116200	54630		NATURAL GAS	120				ADJUST TO ACTUAL
01	10661000	51000		PERSONNEL SERVICES	60				ADJUST TO ACTUAL
01	10146000	51000		PERSONNEL SERVICES	39				ADJUST TO ACTUAL
01	10199000	54980		CONTINGENCY		83,890			ADJUST TO ACTUAL
					2,083,890	83,890	2,000,000		

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Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg _____
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (23T048)/ RISK MANAGER/ PUTNAM GOLF & TILLY'S TABLE/ INSURANCE INCREASE

WHEREAS, Putnam County was notified by Brown & Brown Insurance that Selective Insurance completed an Audit on Putnam Golf which resulted in an additional premium for 2022 / 2023 of \$7,701.00; and

WHEREAS, based on the same audit, there was an adjustment made to the 2023 / 2024 policy term to reflect the increase in sales, resulting in a \$8,258.00 additional premium for the current policy; and

WHEREAS, the insurance premiums which are based on sales, are split - 75% for Putnam Golf and 25% for Tilly's Table; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Risk Manager has requested a fund transfer (23T048) to cover the invoice received from Selective Insurance which reflects this additional increase; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10199000 54980 General Contingencies 15,877

Increase:

10084000 54800 10137 Insurance – Tilly's Table 15,877

2023 Fiscal Impact - \$15,877

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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Legislator Gouldman _____
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Legislator Sayegh _____
Chairman Jonke _____

**COUNTY OF PUTNAM
FUND TRANSFER REQUEST**

*cc: all
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TO: Commissioner of Finance
FROM: Sheila Barrett, Deputy Commissioner of Finance *SYMB*
DEPT: Finance
DATE: February 27, 2023

I hereby request approval for the following transfer of funds:

FROM ACCOUNT#/NAME	TO ACCOUNT #/NAME	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
10199000.54980 General Contingencies	10084000.54800.10137 Insurance – Tilly’s Table	\$15,877.00	Cover Selective Insurance Bill
Total		\$15,877.00	

SIGNATURES NOT NEEDED – THEY WILL BE AUTHORIZED VIA COMPUTER SYSTEM

2023 Fiscal Impact \$ 15,877
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 LEGISLATURE
 PUTNAM COUNTY
 CARMEL, NY

 Department Head Signature/Designee Date

AUTHORIZATION:

 Date Commissioner of Finance/Designee: Initiation and \$0-\$5,000.00

 Date County Executive/Designee: \$5,000.01 - \$10,000.00

 Date Chairperson Audit/Designee: \$0-\$10,000.00

 Date Audit & Administration Committee: \$10,000.01 - \$25,000.00

23T048

Sheila Barrett

From: Mat Bruno
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 1:16 PM
To: Michael Lewis
Cc: Sheila Barrett
Subject: Selective Bill
Attachments: 22 23 Audit.PDF; 23 24 Adjustment.PDF; Ltr - 2nd Page.PDF

Good afternoon, Mike, and Sheila:

I just finished my meeting with Brown and Brown regarding the increase in premium from Selective Insurance. I had them provide some documents (which are attached) and an explanation as to why there was such an increase in premium based on the current invoice.

The 2022/2023 audit was what resulted in the additional premium of \$7,701.00. Essentially the current audit created a need for added primum for last years policy period. Since we paid that in full already, they just added it to the current invoice.

Based on the same audit, there was an adjustment made to the 2023/2024 policy term to reflect the sales picking up. More sales means more primum- due to more liability and potential negligence. It therefore resulted in a \$8,258.00 additional premium for the current policy.

Essentially, we got hit with a double whammy. However, the good news is that I will be reaching out to determine if we can amend any potential sale figures into the 2023 year, thus resulting in a decrease in premium. Because we pay in full, any decrease thereafter will be credited to our account on the next invoice provided (most likely the 2024-25 policy period).

Below is an easy-to-read graph showing same.

Code/Description	Basis	Estimated Exposure	Audited Exposure
16910 – Restaurant <30% Alcohol, Table Service	Gross Sales	n/a	1,001,057
18206 - Sporting Goods Equipment Stores	Gross Sales	75,903	101,817
28162 – Liquor Liability (Location #1)	Gross Sales	115,313	200,510
16916 - Restaurant >30% <75% Alcohol - no dance floor	Gross Sales	228,056	If Any
32015 - Golf Courses Public from \$65 to \$94 Round	Gross Sales	1,578,973	1,824,197
28162 – Liquor Liability (Location #2)	Gross Sales	104,926	If Any
16916 - Restaurant <30% <75% Alcohol No Dance Floor	Gross Sales	429,812	If Any

Mat C. Bruno Sr.
Risk Manager
Putnam County Department of Law
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GOLF 75%
Tilly 25%

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February 10, 2023

Putnam County
DBA Putnam National Golf Course
48 Gleneida Ave.
Carmel, NY 10512

Policy #: S1842347
Policy Term: 1/1/2022 – 1/1/2023
Transaction: Final Audit

Dear Mat Bruno,

Recently, you should have received a copy of the audit completed by your insurance carrier for the captioned policy.

The purpose of the annual audit is to compare your actual performance with what was “estimated” at the beginning of the policy. The classifications and rates have been reviewed; please review the attached Audit Explanation and verify the accuracy of the premium basis shown.

Failure to require sub-contractors to provide a Certificate of Insurance evidencing their coverage with limits required by your insurance carrier will cause you to be charged for their payroll. If you have not obtained Certificates from your sub-contractors, please do so as soon as possible and forward them to our office or directly to the auditor.

This audit results in an additional premium of \$7,701, in which you will receive an invoice directly from the carrier. All additional premiums are due within 10 days of receipt of this letter.

If you do not agree with the audit and dispute the figures, you must contact our office and ask for a re-audit in writing. Due to the time frame that the company allows, we must ask that you let us know before

Please do not hesitate to call if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jordan Belmonte

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AUDIT EXPLANATION

Date: February 10, 2023

Insured: Putnam County DBA Putnam National Golf Course
Policy Number: S1842347
Line of Business: Package
Audit Period: 1/1/2022 – 1/1/2023

Code/Description	Basis	Estimated Exposure	Audited Exposure
16910 – Restaurant <30% Alcohol, Table Service	Gross Sales	n/a	1,001,051
18206 - Sporting Goods Equipment Stores	Gross Sales	75,903	101,817
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February 13, 2023

Putnam County
DBA Putnam National Golf Course
48 Gleneida Ave.
Carmel, NY 10512

Policy #: S1842347
Policy Term: 01/01/2023 - 01/01/2024
Transaction: Endorsement

Dear Mat Bruno,

Enclosed, please find an endorsement, effective 1/1/2023 to the above referenced policy that Amend Sales to Reflect 2022/2023 Audit. Please review the endorsement for accuracy and feel free to contact me if you have any questions. This document should be attached to your policy for future reference.

This endorsement results in an additional premium of \$8,285, which will be processed directly by the company.

It is a pleasure doing business with you. If we can service your insurance needs in any other way, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Jordan Belmonte

Enclosure

23T048

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Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg _____
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY TRANSFER (23T067)/ SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ VEHICLE LEASING

WHEREAS, at the Protective Services Committee meeting, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office demonstrated the benefits of Leasing Sheriff Vehicles as opposed to Purchasing Sheriff Vehicles, per their presentation to the Committee on March 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, per the discussion at the Protective Services Committee, the Committee approved that a transfer be forwarded to the Audit & Administration Committee for consideration and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary transfer (23T067) to transfer funds from the Sheriff's Motor Vehicle lines to the Sheriff's Vehicle Leasing lines; 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 Estimated Appropriations:

10161000 54210	Vehicle Leasing	422,101
10311000 54210	Vehicle Leasing	19,500
17311000 54210	Vehicle Leasing	86,900
32311000 54210	Vehicle Leasing	<u>21,800</u>
		550,301

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10311000 52650	Motor Vehicles	99,500
17311000 52650	Motor Vehicles	365,301
32311000 52650	Motor Vehicles	<u>85,500</u>
		550,301

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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Legislator Montgomery _____
Legislator Nacerino _____
Legislator Sayegh _____
Chairman Jonke _____



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WILLIAM J. CARLIN, Jr. CPA
Commissioner Of Finance

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Diane Schonfeld, Legislative Clerk
From: William J. Carlin, Jr., Commissioner of Finance *WJC*
Re: Budgetary Amendment - 23T067
Date: March 22, 2023

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LEGISLATURE
PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY

At the request of the Commissioner of Finance, the following budgetary amendment is required.

Increase Estimated Appropriations

10161000 54210	Vehicle Leasing	422,101
10311000 54210	Vehicle Leasing	19,500
17311000 54210	Vehicle Leasing	86,900
32311000 54210	Vehicle Leasing	21,800
		<u>550,301</u>

Decrease Estimated Appropriations

10311000 52650	Motor Vehicles	99,500
17311000 52650	Motor Vehicles	365,301
32311000 52650	Motor Vehicles	85,500
		<u>550,301</u>

Fiscal Impact - 2023 - \$ 0
Fiscal Impact - 2024 - \$ 0

This Resolution is required to transfer funds from the Sheriff vehicle purchase lines to vehicle leasing lines as per the presenattion to the Protective Services Committee on March 21, 2023.

Approved:

Kevin M. Byrne
County Executive

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Committee Mtg _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg _____
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 41 OF THE CODE OF PUTNAM COUNTY ENTITLED "DEPOSIT & INVESTMENT POLICY"

A Local Law to Amend Chapter 41 of the Code of Putnam County Entitled "Deposit & Investment Policy"

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

Section 1.

Section 41-5 of the Code of Putnam is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 41-5 Designation of official depositories.

The banks and trust companies authorized for the deposit of monies up to the maximum amounts are:

DEPOSITORY NAME	MAXIMUM AMOUNT
JP Morgan Chase Bank NA	\$40,000,000
Key Bank	\$40,000,000
M&T Bank	\$40,000,000
Putnam County National Bank	\$20,000,000
PCSB Commercial Bank subsidiary of PCSB	\$40,000,000
TD Bank	\$50,000,000
Tompkins Mahopac National Bank	\$30,000,000
Webster	\$40,000,000

Section 2.

Section 41-10 of the Putnam County Code entitled "Purchase of Investments", Subsection 41-10 A(2) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) By utilizing eligible cash management program(s), approved by the Putnam County Legislature in which can be invested a maximum amount of \$50,000,000. Approved Cash Management programs include:

Legislator Addonizio _____
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Legislator Crowley _____
Legislator Ellner _____
Legislator Gouldman _____
Legislator Montgomery _____
Legislator Nacerino _____
Legislator Sayegh _____
Chairman Jonke _____

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Section 3.

Section 41-10 of the Putnam County Code entitled "Purchase of Investments", is hereby amended by adding a new Subsection 41-10 A(2)(d) to read as follows:

(d) NY Muni Trust

Section 4.

This local law shall take effect immediately.

Legislator Addonizio _____
Legislator Castellano _____
Legislator Crowley _____
Legislator Ellner _____
Legislator Gouldman _____
Legislator Montgomery _____
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Chairman Jonke _____

WILLIAM J. CARLIN, Jr. CPA
Commissioner Of Finance



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MICHAEL J. LEWIS
Chief Deputy Commissioner Of Finance


SHEILA BARRETT
Deputy Commissioner Of Finance

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joseph Castellano, Audit & Administration Chair

THRU: William J. Carlin, Jr., Commissioner of Finance

FROM: Michael J. Lewis, Chief Deputy Commissioner of Finance 

RE: **Investment Policy - Update**

DATE: March 20, 2023

Please find enclosed proposed updates to the County's Deposit and Investment Policy (County Code Chapter 41). Adopted in 1993, this periodic update deals specifically with Section 41-5 Designated of official depositories and Section 41-10 Purchase of Investments. Amendments to Section 41-5 will give the County more latitude to deposit monies amongst the various depositories based on the County's current cash position. In addition, we're consolidating two institutions, People's United Bank NA & Sterling Bank, that have merged with M&T Bank and Webster respectively. Signature Bank is being omitted because of the recent news of the bank's collapse dated back on Sunday, March 12, 2023.

Amendments to Section 41.10 specifically identify eligible cash management programs investing in and backed by Government Securities that are designed to maximize County yield. In 2022, NY MuniTrust, a New York Local Government Investment Pool, was established by Orange, Chautauqua, and Genesee County. This fund was created to bring investment diversification opportunities for local governments in New York keeping within the principles of high quality, liquidity, and yield. This Local Government Investment Pool is endorsed by the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC).

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PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY

Section 41-5 Designated of Official Depositories – Now to Read

DEPOSITORY NAME	MAXIMUM AMOUNT	
JP Morgan Chase Bank NA	\$40,000,000	
Key Bank	\$40,000,000	
M&T Bank	\$40,000,000	
People's United Bank NA	\$20,000,000	
Putnam County National Bank	\$20,000,000	
PCSB Commercial Bank subsidiary of PCSB	\$30,000,000	\$40,000,000
Signature Bank	\$40,000,000	
Sterling Bank	\$20,000,000	
TD Bank	\$40,000,000	\$50,000,000
Tompkins Mahopac National Bank	\$30,000,000	
Webster	\$40,000,000	
Wells Fargo	\$40,000,000	

Section 41-10 Purchase of Investments – Now to Read

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1. To remain the same
2. By utilizing eligible cash management program(s), approved by the Putnam County Legislature in which can be invested a maximum amount of ~~\$30,000,000.~~
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 - c. To remain the same
 - d. **NY Muni Trust**

B. to remain the same

C. to remain the same

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Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL/ AUTHORIZATION/ COUNTY AUDITOR TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITORS 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE HELD VIRTUALLY

WHEREAS, the County Auditor and Deputy County Auditor have requested permission to attend the Association of Local Government Auditors 2023 Annual Conference which will be held virtually May 8-9, 2023, for a total expenditure of \$450 per person; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the County Auditor and Deputy County Auditor to attend the Association of Local Government Auditors 2023 Annual Conference held virtually May 8-9, 2023.

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Association of Local Government Auditors

2023 Annual Conference |

Virtual

Conference – May 8-9 | Workshops – May 7 and 10



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APPROVAL / REQUEST TO GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR CRITICALLY NEEDED VETERANS' SERVICE PROGRAMS REMOVED FROM THE FY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE BUDGET

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam greatly appreciates and recognizes the commitment and sacrifices made by our military service members and their families, and pledges to continue to honor and support them for their contributions; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam, while small in size, has from its very origins in 1812 provided military leaders of national and historical significance: Named for Gen. Israel Putnam, an American Revolutionary War hero, the County had four fighting Generals in the Civil War including Gen. Daniel A. Butterfield, who is credited with composing "Taps," and five Congressional Medal of Honor recipients: Abraham K. Arnold, Samuel N. Benjamin, William J. Brewer, Daniel A. Butterfield, and John McCloy; and

WHEREAS, New York State is home to the fifth-largest veteran population in the country, with more than 830,000 of these brave men and women residing in our state; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul has proposed removing funding for 17 veterans' programs, totaling \$2.6 million, in her Fiscal Year 2023-24 Executive Budget Proposal, including funding for these programs of importance to Putnam County's veterans and their families:

- **New York State Defenders Association Veterans Defense Program: The Veterans Defense Program (VDP) provides legal assistance, research and consultation to promote trauma-informed effective representation of veterans and service members in New York State's criminal and family court systems. The VDP was launched in response to a growing crisis in the number of veterans with service-related mental health illnesses who were lost in the criminal justice system.**
- **Legal Services of the Hudson Valley Veterans and Military Families Advocacy Project: This project provides comprehensive free civil legal services to more than 120,000 veterans residing in the Hudson Valley, with attorneys helping to navigate the complex systems of resources and benefits to which veterans are entitled.**
- **Clear Path for Veterans: A non-profit community-based resource center that partners with local businesses and organizations to connect veterans and their families with the resources they need. Clear Path provides in-house, non-clinical programs to ensure that veterans are supported with wraparound services addressing all physical and emotional needs.**
- **Helmets-to-Hardhats: A national, nonprofit organization that connects transitioning active-duty military service members, veterans, the National Guard,**

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and Reservists with skilled training and quality career opportunities in the construction industry. This program helps service members transition back into civilian life by offering them the means to secure a quality career in the construction industry. Since 2013, the New York division of Helmets to Hardhats has assisted more than one thousand military veterans transition into direct-entry apprenticeship opportunities within the construction sector.

- **Services and Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Elders (SAGE): SAGE has established a comprehensive legal and wraparound service program for New York's LGBT+ elder veterans. SAGE has made presentations to more than 600 veterans and caregivers at senior centers, nursing homes, veterans' service providers, community boards, and networking events. SAGE has also connected with 172 veterans' service providers across New York, and plans to continue its engagement with LGBT+ veterans and organizations across the State.**
- **Outdoor RX: This coalition helps veterans in their transition from the military to a healthy and purposeful civilian life through outreach and advocacy. It works to identify the numerous barriers faced by more than one million New York veterans, military members, and families seeking to access our pristine parks, public lands, and waterways, and it spearheads efforts to mitigate these barriers.**
- **Vietnam Veterans of America NYS Council: The VVA is the nation's only congressionally-chartered veterans' service organization dedicated to the needs of Vietnam-era veterans and their families. It provides assistance in navigating and ascertaining available veterans' benefits.**

and

WHEREAS, since these programs make a real, tangible impact on the livelihood and well-being of those who served us both overseas and here at home, it is incumbent on Putnam County and New York State to ensure that these individuals continue to receive these supportive services in the upcoming fiscal year; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature and the Putnam County Executive respectfully call upon Governor Hochul to fully restore the veterans' service programs eliminated in the FY 2023-24 Executive Budget Proposal; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Hochul and to Putnam County's representatives in the New York State Senate and Assembly.

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Legislator Castellano _____
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Legislator Sayegh _____
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