

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
CALLED BY THE CLERK AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRMAN
HELD IN ROOM 318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Tuesday

March 25, 2019

(Immediately following Audit Mtg starting at 6:30 P.M.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 P.M. by Chairman Castellano who requested that Legislator Montgomery lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Sayegh lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Albano, Jonke, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairman Castellano were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Item #4 – Approval/ Confirmation/ Appointment/ Commissioner of Social Services was next. Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Addonizio.

Legislator Nacerino stated for the record that the appointment commences on April 1, 2019 and continues through March 31, 2024.

Legislator Albano stated that Commissioner Piazza is doing a great job.

Legislator Montgomery explained that she recently had a difficult situation with a constituent, and Commissioner Piazza came to her assistance again with the help of the Cold Spring Police and the Putnam County Sheriffs. She stated that it was wonderful that she has someone she could reach out to when there is a critical situation. Commissioner Piazza answers the call time and time again.

Chairman Castellano stated that Commissioner Piazza has a difficult job and we are very thankful that we have him here in Putnam County.

RESOLUTION #71

APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ APPOINTMENT/ COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, County Executive MaryEllen Odell has appointed Michael J. Piazza, Jr. as Commissioner of the Department of Social Services for the County of Putnam pursuant to Sections 3.03 and 10.01 of the Putnam County Charter, as well as Article III, Title 7-B, §116 of the New York State Social Services Law; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Piazza, Jr. possesses the requisite knowledge, experience and qualifications to serve as Commissioner of Social Services for the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee of the Putnam County Legislature considered and approved this appointment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of Michael J. Piazza, Jr. as the Putnam County Commissioner of Social Services, pursuant to Article 10, Section 10.04 of the Putnam County Charter, for a five (5) year term as provided by

Article III, Title 7-B, §116 of the New York State Social Services Law commencing April 1, 2019 and continuing through March 31, 2024; and be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5 – Approval/ Confirmation / Appointment/ Commissioner of Mental Health was next. Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Addonizio.

RESOLUTION #72

APPROVAL/CONFIRMATION/APPOINTMENT/COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH

WHEREAS, County Executive MaryEllen Odell has appointed Michael J. Piazza, Jr. as Commissioner of Mental Health for the County of Putnam pursuant to Sections 3.03 and 10.08 of the Putnam County Charter; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Piazza, Jr. possesses the requisite knowledge, experience and qualifications to serve as Commissioner of Mental Health for the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Social Services has considered the appointment of the Putnam County Commissioner of Social Services as the Commissioner of Mental Health as well, and has issued an approval of such appointment so long as it is Michael J. Piazza, Jr. specifically serving in that capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee of the Putnam County Legislature considered and approved this appointment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of Michael J. Piazza, Jr. as the Commissioner of Mental Health for the County of Putnam, pursuant to Section 10.08 of the Putnam County Charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Michael J. Piazza, Jr. shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive as Commissioner of Mental Health until the expiration of her term on December 31, 2022 in accordance with the terms of Section 10.08 of the Putnam County Charter; and be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6 – Approval/ Local Law to Amend Chapter 147 of the Code of Putnam County Entitled “Electronic Cigarettes” (E-Cigarettes), Subsection 147-10 Entitled “Signage” was next. Chairman Castellano move the following; seconded by Legislator Addonizio. (Local Law was not published from Full mtg 3/05/19 – needed to reapprove this resolution)

Chairman Castellano explained that this is correcting the language in the signage section of the Electronic Cigarettes law by changing: “eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21).

RESOLUTION #73

APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 147 OF THE CODE OF PUTNAM COUNTY ENTITLED “ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES” (E-CIGARETTES), SUBSECTION 147-10 ENTITLED “SIGNAGE”

WHEREAS, the sale of any Electronic Aerosol Delivery System to individuals who are between the ages of eighteen (18) and twenty-one (21) is prohibited pursuant to Section 223-3 of the Putnam County Code, enacted pursuant to Resolution # 215 of 2018; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 147 of the Putnam County Code, enacted pursuant to Resolution # 294 of 2018; created a licensing requirement for, and otherwise regulates, the retail sale of Electronic Aerosol Delivery Systems in Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, as enacted, Section 147-10 of the Putnam County Code requires persons operating certain places of business wherein any Electronic Aerosol Delivery System is sold or offered for sale to post a conspicuous sign giving notice of the New York State age restriction on sales of such products; and

WHEREAS, as enacted, the sign specified in Section 147-10 of the Putnam County Code does not account for the countywide age restriction previously enacted in Section 223-3 of the Putnam County Code; and now therefore

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

Section 1.

Section 147-10 of the Putnam County Code is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety, as follows:

§ 147-10 Signage.

Any Person operating a place of business wherein any Electronic Aerosol Delivery System is sold or offered for sale shall post in a conspicuous place a sign upon which there shall be imprinted the following statement, “SALE OF CIGARETTES, CIGARS, CHEWING TOBACCO, POWDERED TOBACCO, SHISHA OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, HERBAL CIGARETTES, LIQUID NICOTINE, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, ROLLING PAPERS OR SMOKING PARAPHERNALIA, TO PERSONS UNDER TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.” Such sign shall be printed on a white card in red letters at least one-half inch in height. This Section shall not apply to any person exempted from licensing pursuant to Section 147-3 (A) or (B) of this Article.

Section 2.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the NYS Secretary of State.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Commissioner of Finance William Carlin stated that on behalf of the Administration and himself personally, he wanted to congratulate the Legislature for reappointing Commissioner Piazza. He stated that he goes back 30 years ago with him when he was a

counselor in the Talbot House. He stated that he does not know of a more hardworking dedicated public servant than Mike Piazza.

There being no further business, at 7:16 P.M., Chairman Castellano made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Montgomery. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.