

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

Tuesday

March 1, 2022

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Chairman Sullivan who requested that Legislator Jonke lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Addonizio in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Jonke, Castellano, Sayegh and Chairman Sullivan were present. Legislator Albano was absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

PROCLAMATION

Chairman Sullivan stated that the Putnam County Sheriff and his Command Staff were unable to attend this evening, therefore we will present this proclamation to them at next month's meeting.

Welcoming Sheriff's Department Command Staff

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department is a highly regarded office within Putnam County Government. The work done each day by members of the Sheriff's Department is imperative to maintaining the safety of each and every resident of Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, as Sheriff Kevin McConville embarks on his first term as Putnam County Sheriff, he has appointed a well-rounded and experienced Command Staff. Undersheriff Thomas H. Lindert, Captain of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation James Schepperly, Captain of Road Patrol Kevin Junjulas, Captain of Operations and Communications Michael Knox, Captain of the Civil Bureau Michael Grossi, and Captain of Corrections James Greenough will support Sheriff McConville as they collectively work for the people of Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature hereby welcome Sheriff Kevin McConville, Undersheriff Thomas H. Lindert and each member of the Sheriff's Command Staff to Putnam County Government.

Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 1, 2022

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Item #5 – Correspondence
a) County Auditor**

Correspondence was duly noted.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

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

Item #6a – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A011)/ Social Services/ Putnam’s Safe Harbor Allocation/ Trafficked and Exploited Children was next. Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Sayegh, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Jonke, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino believed it was great to have this funding. She stated that although Putnam County is a small county, we are not exempt from exploitation within our borders.

Legislator Addonizio stated that human trafficking is the largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world. She stated that it is happening right here in our backyard. She stated that she was glad to see this funding move forward this evening.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she loves the work the Safe Harbor program provides. She stated that Safe Harbor is so important considering the investigation of trafficking right here in Putnam County at the Brewster Police Department. A place where people were supposed to find protection and the protectors were allegedly trafficking and receiving sexual favors as payment. She stated that she was surprised this story has gone on quite unnoticed. She believed that only one (1) local newspaper covered the story. She stated that she was eager to find out the outcome of the investigation. She stated that she was happy to receive this funding and that we were supporting safe harbors in Putnam County.

RESOLUTION #39

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A011)/ SOCIAL SERVICES/ PUTNAM’S SAFE HARBOR ALLOCATION/ TRAFFICKED AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (22A011) to amend the 2022 Social Services budget to include Putnam’s Safe Harbor Allocation for the purpose of contracting with a provider to address the needs of trafficked and commercially sexually exploited children and youth in accordance with Putnam’s Safe Harbor Project Plan approved by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS); and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Revenue:

10058000	Safe Harbor	
436101	Admin Social Services	43,350

Increase Appropriations:

10058000	Safe Harbor	
54646	Contracts	43,350

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6b – Approval/ Fund Transfer (22T008)/ Social Services/ Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Jonke, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #40

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (22T008)/ SOCIAL SERVICES/ OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a fund transfer (22T008) to cover Overtime costs for Probation Officers through 9/30/22 to conduct curfew checks to Supervision & Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) eligible Person in Need of Supervision/Juvenile Delinquent (PINS/JD) youth in accordance with Putnam’s state approved STSJP SFY 21/22 Plan; 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:		
10612300 54989	Miscellaneous	27,524
Increase:		
10612300 51093	Overtime	25,566
10612300 58002	Social Security	<u>1,958</u>
		27,524

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6c – Approval/ Re-Appointment/ Putnam County Home Improvement Board was next. Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Addonizio, Chairwoman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sayegh, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #41

APPROVAL/ RE-APPOINTMENT/ PUTNAM COUNTY HOME IMPROVEMENT BOARD

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

Paul Harnish, Town of Carmel, as a Contractor for a two (2) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that this re-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. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6d – Approval/ Local Law to Amend Section 3.02 of the Putnam County Charter Entitled “Powers and Duties” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sayegh, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio explained that the following wording was removed from Section 3.02(d): “and file with the County Legislature by the first day of March each year an unaudited annual report of the financial affairs.”

Legislator Montgomery explained that the changes to the Charter for Items #6d - #6g all made sense. She explained that although they might be good changes or small changes, she would be voting no based on the process, lack of transparency and public involvement especially during COVID when the public was unable to attend our meetings.

RESOLUTION #42

APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 3.02 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED “POWERS AND DUTIES”

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

Section 1.

Section 3.02 of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 3.02. Powers and duties.

The County Executive shall be responsible for the proper administration of all County affairs placed in his or her charge. He or she shall have and exercise all the powers and duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed on him or her by law or this Charter or the Administrative Code. Among such powers and duties, but not by way of limitation, the County Executive shall:

- a. Execute and enforce all laws and resolutions of the County Legislature;**

- b. Exercise supervision and control over all administrative departments, offices and agencies of the County government and prescribe the internal organization of such departments, offices and agencies;**
- c. Be the Chief Budget Officer of the County and be responsible for the preparation of the operating and capital budgets of the County in the manner provided by this Charter and the Administrative Code to execute the same in accordance with the resolutions and appropriations made by the County Legislature;**
- d. Be responsible for keeping the County Legislature fully advised as to the financial condition and needs of the County, and other affairs of the County;**
- e. Appoint, supervise and terminate, except as otherwise herein provided, all executive committees, commissions and boards to assist him or her in exercising his or her executive functions in the planning, formulation and administration of executive programs;**
- f. Appoint without confirmation by the Legislature, to serve at his or her pleasure, such assistants and employees of this office as may be authorized by the County Legislature;**
- g. Make, sign, and implement all contracts on behalf of the County within authorized appropriations or involving expenditures of County funds, which power may be delegated for specific matters;**
- h. Approve or disapprove the sufficiency of sureties on official bonds and undertakings;**
- i. Approve or disapprove in writing every proposed local law and resolution and the County budget by specified items, subject to provisions of § 3.04 of this Charter;**
- j. Supervise and exercise control over all central administrative services for the County government, including data processing, tabulation, mail and the messenger service, printing and reproduction, and telephone and related support services;**
- k. Make such recommendations to the County Legislature with respect to the affairs of the County and its government as he or she may deem appropriate;**
- l. Declare the existence of emergencies affecting the life, health or safety of the inhabitants of the County and, except as otherwise provided by law, exercise all the powers and duties necessary for the protection thereof; notice of any such emergency shall immediately be given to the Legislature;**
- m. Perform such other duties and have such other powers as may be prescribed by law or by the County Legislature and have all necessary and incidental powers to perform and exercise any of the duties and functions specified or lawfully delegated to him or her;**

- n. Make any study or investigation in the best interests of the County, including but not limited to any study or investigation of the affairs, functions, accounts, methods, personnel or efficiency of any department, office or agency under his or her jurisdiction and in furtherance of his or her executive functions;
- o. Make available to the Legislature or any Committee of the Legislature, upon request of the Clerk of the Legislature, department heads to advise or discuss any program or issue that currently or potentially affects the operation of that particular department.

Section 2.

This Local Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its passage and is subject to permissive referendum.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo explained that Chairwoman Addonizio read the first change made to Section 3.02(d). He stated that there were also changes made to Sections 3.02(g), (j), (l) and (n). He explained that all those changes were part of the resolution.

Item #6e – Approval/ Local Law to Amend Section 3.04-A of the Putnam County Charter Entitled “Executive Action on Resolutions” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sayegh, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio explained the small change made to Section 3.04-A(d). The word “journal” was replaced with “Book of Proceedings.”

RESOLUTION #43

APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 3.04-A OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED “EXECUTIVE ACTION ON RESOLUTIONS”

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

Section 1.

Section 3.04-A of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 3.04-A. Executive action on resolutions.

Unless otherwise provided in this Charter, every resolution adopted by the County Legislature, except resolutions establishing the rules and regulations of the Legislature and other matters pertaining solely to the conduct of its own procedures, shall be submitted to the County Executive for his or her action within five (5) days after passage.

Within ten (10) days after receipt of the original enactment as passed by the County Legislature, he or she shall take action approving or vetoing the same.

- (a) Approval. In the event of approval by the County Executive, he or she shall endorse the original document and return it to the Clerk of the County Legislature within ten (10) days.
- (b) Veto. If vetoed by the County Executive, he or she shall so indicate in writing, setting forth his or her objections to the legislation, and within ten (10) days after receipt thereof return the original document to the Clerk of the County Legislature with his or her veto message attached.
- (c) Failure to act. If within the ten-day limit the County Executive shall fail either to approve or veto an enactment as provided above, such enactment shall take effect in due course without his or her endorsement.
- (d) Reconsideration. A vetoed enactment shall be resubmitted to the County Legislature together with the veto message at its next regular or special meeting, and such message shall be entered into its Book of Proceedings. Within thirty (30) days after such receipt and entry, the County Legislature may consider the vetoed enactment and pass the same over the County Executive's objections by a favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the whole of its number on a roll-call vote. Only one such reconsideration vote shall be taken on any single vetoed enactment.

Section 2.

This Local Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its passage and is subject to permissive referendum.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6f – Approval/ Local Law to Amend Section 3.04-B of the Putnam County Charter Entitled “Executive Action on Local Laws” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sayegh, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio explained the small change made to Section 3.04-B(d). The word “journal” was replaced with “Book of Proceedings.”

RESOLUTION #44

APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 3.04-B OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED “EXECUTIVE ACTION ON LOCAL LAWS”

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

Section 1.

Section 3.04-B of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 3.04-B. Executive action on local laws.

Every local law adopted by the County Legislature shall be submitted to the County Executive for his or her action within five (5) days after passage. Prior to any action by the County Executive and not later than twenty (20) days after receipt of the local law, a public hearing shall be held by the County Executive on public notice of at least five (5) days.

Within twenty-five (25) days after receipt of the original enactment as passed by the County Legislature, he or she shall take action approving or vetoing the same.

- (a) Approval. In the event of approval by the County Executive, he or she shall endorse the original document and return it to the Clerk of the County Legislature within twenty-five (25) days.
- (b) Veto. If vetoed by the County Executive, he or she shall so indicate in writing, setting forth his or her objections to the legislation, and within twenty-five (25) days after receipt thereof return the original document to the Clerk of the County Legislature with his or her veto message attached.
- (c) Failure to act. If within the twenty-five-day limit the County Executive shall fail either to approve or veto an enactment as provided above, such enactment shall take effect in due course without his or her endorsement.
- (d) Reconsideration. A vetoed enactment shall be resubmitted to the County Legislature together with the veto message at its next regular or special meeting, and such message shall be entered into its Book of Proceedings. Within thirty (30) days after such receipt and entry, the County Legislature may reconsider the vetoed enactment and pass the same over the County Executive's objections by a favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the whole of its number on a roll-call vote. Only one such reconsideration vote shall be taken on any single vetoed enactment.

Section 2.

This Local Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its passage and is subject to permissive referendum.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6g – Approval/ Local Law to Amend Section 3.05 of the Putnam County Charter Entitled “Acting County Executive: How Designated; When to Act” was next. On behalf of

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

Legislator Addonizio explained what was added and deleted in the last sentence of Section 3.05: “the County Legislature shall designate the appointed head of ~~one of the~~ a County department or division ~~administrative units~~ to perform such duties.”

RESOLUTION #45

APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 3.05 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED “ACTING COUNTY EXECUTIVE: HOW DESIGNATED; WHEN TO ACT”

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

Section 1.

Section 3.05 of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 3.05. Acting County Executive: how designated; when to act.

The County Executive shall designate in writing within thirty (30) days of assuming office an appointed head of a department or division to perform the duties of the County Executive during his or her absence from the County or his or her inability to act for any reason. Such written designation shall be filed with the Clerk of the County Legislature and may be changed by the County Executive at any time by a new designation filed with the said Clerk. In the event that no Acting County Executive has been so designated, or that he or she is unable to serve during the absence or disability of the County Executive, the Chair of the County Legislature shall designate the appointed head of a County department or division to perform such duties.

Section 2.

This Local Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its passage and is subject to permissive referendum.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6h – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A012)/ Sheriff’s Department/ BCI Overtime Reimbursement Homeland Security Investigations was next. Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislator Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #46

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A012)/ SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ BCI OVERTIME REIMBURSEMENT HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (22A012) based on an agreement between the Putnam County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) and Homeland Security Investigations, New York Field Office, for the purpose of receiving reimbursable costs incurred the PCSO in providing resources to joint operations; 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:

32311000 51093 10177	BCI – Overtime – Homeland Security Investigations	6,965
32311000 58002 10177	BCI – FICA – Homeland Security Investigations	<u>535</u>
		7,500

Increase Estimated Revenues:

32311000 443890 10177	BCI – Federal Aid – Homeland Sec. Invest.	7,500
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6i – Approval/ Confirmation/ Re-Appointments/ Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #47

APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ RE-APPOINTMENTS/ PUTNAM COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, Section 25-38 of the Putnam County Code provides for the appointment of members to the Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board by the County Executive subject to confirmation by the Putnam County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has re-appointed the following:

Patti Frische, Emergency Medical Services Council Representative for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

Fran McCarthy, Putnam County Community Representative, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

Kevin Neary, Chief's Association Representative, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approved said appointments; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby confirms the appointments of Patti Frische, Fran McCarthy, and Kevin Neary to the Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board; and be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6j – Approval/ Re-Appointments/ Putnam County Traffic Safety Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

Legislator Gouldman stated that he is a member of this important board. He explained that he supported the re-appointments of these highly qualified individuals.

Legislator Jonke stated that there are three (3) resolutions appointing and re-appointing volunteer County Board members. He explained how our volunteers are an important part of County government. He thanked them for their service.

RESOLUTION #48

APPROVAL/ RE-APPOINTMENTS/ PUTNAM COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

RESOLVED, that the following be re-appointed to the Putnam County Traffic Safety Board:

William J. Bertram, Town of Carmel, for the remainder of a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2022.

John Tully, Town of Patterson, Deputy Commissioner of Highways & Facilities, for the remainder of a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2022.

Nancy Montgomery, Town of Philipstown, for the remainder of a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

John O'Connor, Director of Emergency Management, for the remainder of a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

Chief Kevin Owens, Town of Kent Police Department, for the remainder of a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

Patrick Perry, Town of Southeast, for the remainder of a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

Ronald Cummings, Town of Putnam Valley, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

Peter Dandreano, Town of Patterson, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

And be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6k - Approval/ Appointments/ Putnam County Traffic Safety Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery questioned Legislative Counsel Firriolo if she could vote on this resolution since she is a member of this Board but is not being appointed on this resolution.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo believed it would be perfectly acceptable for Legislator Montgomery to vote on this because her particular appointment is not an issue.

RESOLUTION #49

APPROVAL/ APPOINTMENTS/ PUTNAM COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

RESOLVED, that the following be appointed to the Putnam County Traffic Safety Board:

Sergeant Stephen McCabe, Town of Carmel Police Department, for the remainder of a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

Mary Smith, Brewster School District Transportation Supervisor, for the remainder of a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

Sergeant Jonathon Cihanek, Putnam County Sheriff's Department, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

Sergeant Matthew Kraisky, Putnam County Sheriff's Department, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

Sheriff Kevin J. McConville, Putnam County Sheriff, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

And be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6L – Approval/ Confirmation/ Appointment/ Putnam County Historian was next. Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Jonke, Chairman of the Personnel Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Jonke stated that Jennifer Cassidy has done a remarkable job for almost 10 years with the County. He stated that it was his honor to move this forward.

Legislator Nacerino concurred. She stated that Jennifer has done a stellar job and is deserving of this appointment. She stated that we are very fortunate to have someone of her caliber, knowledge, and passion for history. She stated that she was proud to have Jennifer appointed as Putnam County Historian.

Legislator Addonizio stated that Jennifer Cassidy is highly qualified and experienced. She stated that she wholeheartedly supports her appointment as County Historian.

Legislator Castellano stated that he was pleased to see Jennifer Cassidy being appointed as County Historian. He stated that he received a message from her that she was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He stated that she is preparing for an interview she is doing about Sybil Ludington tomorrow which he thought was fantastic, given what is going on in the world today in Ukraine. He stated that to think back to the American Revolution, which is rich in history here in Putnam County, this young lady took the journey to alert the American troops to get ready for battle was absolutely fascinating to him. He stated that Jennifer will do a fantastic job and he also thanked her for all the work she did on the Putnam County Veterans medal over the years. He stated that Jennifer will be a great asset in Putnam County government.

Legislator Montgomery stated this past week she attended an event held by the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) group where Jennifer Cassidy was the guest of honor doing a presentation on Putnam County Black History for Black History Month. She stated that the presentation was so extensive and detailed. She stated that she could not believe the amount of work she did and the information she found in the archives of Putnam County for her presentation. She stated that her late husband was a historian and she explained how she is familiar with the amount of work that goes into this type of presentation. She stated that she is so excited about the work that Jennifer is doing, and she is excited about what is to come. She stated that she fully supports this appointment.

Chairman Sullivan stated that he echoes everyone's comments. He stated that Jennifer Cassidy has done a great job in the Historian's office and he fully supported this appointment.

RESOLUTION #50

APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ APPOINTMENT/ PUTNAM COUNTY HISTORIAN

WHEREAS, County Executive MaryEllen Odell has appointed Jennifer McLaughlin Cassidy as the Historian for the County of Putnam pursuant to Section 12.11 of the Putnam County Charter, and

WHEREAS, Jennifer McLaughlin Cassidy possesses the requisite knowledge, experiences and qualifications to serve as Historian 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 Jennifer McLaughlin Cassidy as the Putnam County Historian, pursuant to Article 12, Title I, Section 12.11 of the Putnam County Charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Jennifer McLaughlin Cassidy shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive until the expiration of her term on December 31, 2022 in accordance with the terms of Section 12.11 of the Putnam County Charter; and be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6m – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A009)/ Soil & Water Performance Measures Funds was next. Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Castellano, member of the Physical Services Committee, to fill in for Legislator Albano. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #51

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A009)/ SOIL & WATER PERFORMANCE MEASURES FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Soil & Water Conservation Board voted to utilize up to \$40,000 of Performance Measures Funds in the Soil & Water Conservation District Trust to fund the next stage of the Farm Project which they have been working on; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (22A009) to purchase pervious stone, retaining wall material, patio pavers, rain barrels and piping needed to move forward with the overall demonstration project that Soil & Water has been working on over the past two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, this ties the stormwater retention ponds, educational walkways and plantings into the concept of using pervious surfaces to help catch rainwater instead of allowing runoff over impervious surfaces; and

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

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10874500 54715	Improvements	40,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10874500 439105 State Aid – Soil & Water PM funds 40,000

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6n – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A010)/ Commissioner of Planning/ State and Municipal Facilities (SAM) Program Grant/ Veterans Home Bathroom Renovations 9 Drew Lane, Town of Carmel was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino stated that she was recently at the Veterans Home in celebration of some birthdays. She believed that the bathrooms were in desperate need of renovations. She was glad the County was able to receive these funds.

Legislator Addonizio stated that she was happy we received this grant funding for this project. She stated that the Veterans truly deserve this.

RESOLUTION #52

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A010)/ COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING/ STATE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES (SAM) PROGRAM GRANT/ VETERANS HOME BATHROOM RENOVATIONS 9 DREW LANE, TOWN OF CARMEL

WHEREAS, by Resolution #164 of 2020, the Putnam County Legislature authorized and approved the submission, by the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, of its grant application for \$50,000 through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) and awarded by the State and Municipal Facilities (SAM) for costs associated with the renovations, improvements and related upgrades to the bathroom(s) at the County facility located at 9 Drew Lane, in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning has requested a budgetary amendment (22A010) to adjust the Capital Budget to include funding for bathroom renovations of the Putnam County Veterans Home, 9 Drew Lane, in the Town of Carmel; and

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

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

56997000 53000 52213 Veterans Home – Renovations 50,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:

56997000 437897 52213 State Aid – SAM Grant – Veterans Home 50,000

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #60 – Approval/ SEQRA/ Intent to Serve as Lead Agency/ Rehabilitation of the Maybrook Bikeway II Phase A Bridge 5/ Town of Southeast was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #53

APPROVAL/ SEQRA / INTENT TO SERVE AS LEAD AGENCY/ REHABILITATION OF THE MAYBROOK BIKEWAY II PHASE A BRIDGE 5/ TOWN OF SOUTHEAST

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering the approval of a Putnam County project referred to as the “Rehabilitation of Maybrook Bikeway II Phase A Bridge 5” (“the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project involves the construction of the final section of the Maybrook Bikeway II Phase A over the East Branch Croton River (“Bridge 5”) but due to the need for structural repairs to Bridge 5 that were found during bikeway construction, the segment of said Bikeway over the bridge has not been completed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project involves (i) new concrete substructure sections at the west bridge abutment, (ii) replacement of bridge bearings, (iii) construction of a paved path at grade and installation of prefabricated bridge decking to connect the approach pathway sections between the Lia Honda Dealership Lot (a/k/a Brewster Honda) and Peaceable Hill Road over the East Branch Croton River, (iv) fencing the path approach and bridge, and, (v) during construction, there will be a temporary access roadway installed from Peaceable Hill Road to the west bridge abutment via a gravel roadway that will be removed and restored with topsoil, seeding, mulch, and deciduous trees upon completion of the Project; and

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

WHEREAS, other potential involved or interested agencies have been identified in connection with the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, a short Environmental Assessment form (EAF) has been prepared for the Project, along with supporting documentation, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, after review of SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617 *et seq.*, finds that the proposed action is an Unlisted action; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby declares its intent to act as the Lead Agency under the procedures and requirements of SEQRA, will circulate a Lead Agency Notice along with the EAF and associated documentation to all involved/interested agencies, and will conduct a coordinated SEQRA environmental review for the proposed action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6p – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A111)/ Commissioner of Finance/ Year End Journal Entry #2 was next. Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #54

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A111)/ COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ YEAR END JOURNAL ENTRY #2

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (21A111) for the second Year End Journal Entry for the year ending December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, further entry(ies) 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 1,360,407.00

Increase Estimated Revenues:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 1,360,407.00

ROAD FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 158,129.00

Increase Estimated Revenues:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 158,129.00

ROAD MACHINERY FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 48,710.00

Increase Estimated Revenues:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 48,710.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 353,707.65

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 452,909.24

Increase Estimated Revenues:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 354,139.45

Decrease Estimated Revenues:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET

453,341.04

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6q – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A013)/ Veterans Affairs/ Peer to Peer Program was next. On behalf of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Castellano explained that this has been a great program over the years which is available to Putnam County Veterans.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she was pleased to see this funding from the State. She stated that for several years it was removed from the State’s budget and reinstated in the budget at the final hour. She stated that it was wonderful and refreshing to see these funds come through in a timely manner. She stated that this program is crucial to the wellbeing of our Veterans. She applauded all those who participate and are instrumental to the program.

Legislator Sayegh stated that she was happy to see this funding come through, as Legislator Nacerino stated we had to fight for this a few years in a row. She stated that that post traumatic stress effects our military heroes at any stage. She stated that it is good to invest in our mental health, especially for our military heroes.

Legislator Addonizio stated that it is usually at the 11th hour that this funding is reinstated. She explained how this small peer to peer counseling group, with Veterans reaching out to other Veterans, was very effective.

Chairman Sullivan explained that the renovation to the Veteran’s Residence bathroom was long overdue, and he stated that the Peer to Peer Program is crucial to our Veterans health and wellbeing. He stated that he fully supported both of these items tonight.

RESOLUTION #55

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A013)/ VETERANS AFFAIRS/ PEER TO PEER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Putnam County has been notified by the NYS Office of Mental Health of \$185,000 in funding for the Putnam County Office of Veterans Affairs’ Peer to Peer Support Pilot Program for CY2022; and

WHEREAS, these funds are to assist Veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome or other related combat stress disorders through individual and small group peer-to-peer counseling methods; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available until December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services, Mental Health has requested a budgetary amendment (22A013) to account for these funds; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Revenues:

10651000 437895 10105	Veterans Peer to Peer Program	185,000
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Increase Appropriations:

10651000 54646 10105	Veterans Peer to Peer Program – Contracts	185,000
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6r – Approval/ Corrective Action Plan/ Putnam County Probation Department/ Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) Audit/ Restitution Payments was next. On behalf of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Castellano explained that the State Comptroller’s Audit of the Probation Office found that there was a small amount of money that should have been paid out in restitution to some victims. They requested that Putnam County come up with a plan to get the funds to the rightful owners.

RESOLUTION #56

APPROVAL/ CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN/ PUTNAM COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT/ OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER (OSC) AUDIT/ RESTITUTION PAYMENTS

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller’s Office, Division of Local Government & School Accountability, has forwarded to the County a Report of Examination of the Putnam County Probation Department under file No. S9-20-2; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Executive’s Probation Department has issued a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) under date of February 3, 2022 responding to the various Audit Recommendations with an Implementation Plan of Action; and

WHEREAS, this CAP has been reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee of the Putnam County Legislature, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature accepts the Corrective Action Plan prepared by the County Executive’s Probation Department dated February 3, 2022 and authorizes it to be sent to the N.Y.S. Comptroller’s Office, Division of Local Government and School of Accountability.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6s – Approval/Authorization/Legislators to Attend March New York State Association of Counties Conference was next. On behalf of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #57

APPROVAL/ AUTHORIZATION/ LEGISLATORS TO ATTEND MARCH NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, six (6) Legislators have requested permission to attend the New York State Association of Counties Conference to be held in Albany, New York in March 2022 for registration and lodging total expenditure of approximately \$845 per person; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes six (6) Legislators to attend the New York State Association of Counties Conference to be held in Albany, New York in March 2022.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7 – Other Business

There was no other business submitted to the meeting.

Item #8 - Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

Director of Veteran's Affairs Karl Rohde thanked the Legislature for approving the two (2) items pertaining to the Veterans. He stated that the State of New York is one (1) of the lowest per capita for Veterans in the nation. He stated that he was glad that Putnam County received the \$185,000 for the Peer to Peer Program without having to fight for it. He stated that although he has not received any confirmation yet, it was supposed to be extended to every County in the State. He stated that he does not know if this happened or not. He stated that it is currently in 20 counties. He stated that the bathroom in the Veteran's Residence needed replacement for approximately 10 years. He stated that he was glad that this will be renovated now for the Veterans.

Item #9 - Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Sayegh stated that she would be attending the upcoming NYSAC conference. She stated that she has not attended a conference since March 1, 2020 when a group of Legislators attended a NaCO conference two (2) years ago today. She looked forward to meeting in person again and discussing the important proposed resolutions brought forward.

Legislator Castellano stated that he was looking forward to seeing everyone out at the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sunday, March 13th.

Legislator Montgomery stated that March is Women's History Month. She honored the women she serves with on the Legislature, Legislators Sayegh, Addonizio and Nacerino. She thanked the Legislature's support staff in the Legislative Office and Auditing

Department. She stated that every year she makes it her tradition to honor her mentor Betty Budney who was the first woman to be elected to the Philiptown Town Board for 26 years. She explained that she did many other things that united her community. She stated that the Villages of Cold Spring and Nelsonville and the Town of Philipstown all held public meetings to discuss what their plans were for the ARPA funds. She stated that she heard that the County Executive reached out to the local municipalities to discuss what their plans were and what could possibly be partnered on. She hoped that the Legislature would be part of that discussion and that the process was more public. She stated that she looked forward to what the County's plan was and the outcome of the meetings with the municipalities.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she would like to close the meeting in memory of Elizabeth Howell who was 21 years old and gunned down on the street just outside the SUNY Potsdam Campus. She explained how Beth was an accomplished and gifted cellist at the school's prestigious Crane School of Music. She stated that Beth was due to graduate in May and planned on becoming an educator. She stated that Beth graduated from Brewster High School in 2018 and she described her many talents and how she was a highly active member of her community. She stated that our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

Legislator Gouldman stated that it is a terrible situation with what is happening in Europe with Russia and Ukraine. He asked everyone to pray that this does not turn out to be a bigger situation than it currently is.

There being no further business, at 7:42 P.M., Chairman Sullivan made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Addonizio and Jonke. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.