

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
40 Gleneida Avenue Room #318
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512
(Chairman Albano, Legislators Castellano & Gouldman)

Wednesday

March 23, 2022

(Immediately Followed 6:30PM Economic Development Mtg.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:25p.m. by Chairman Albano who requested Legislator Gouldman lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Castellano, Gouldman and Chairman Albano were present.

Item #3 - Approval/ Physical Services Meeting Minutes/ February 17, 2022

Chairman Albano stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #4 - Discussion/ Approval/ Putnam County Housing Corporation's (PCHC) Application for a NYS Homes and Community Renewal, through the CDBG CARES Act Grant/ Joel Greenberg, President PCHC

Chairman Albano stated Joel Greenberg, President PCHC and Suzanne Brought, Executive Director PCHC were present to speak to this item.

Joel Greenberg, President PCHC stated this is a grant in the amount of \$985,000 through the CARES Act. He stated there are a few requirements the PCHC needs to meet to submit a complete application. He stated one of the requirements is to secure the approval and support from the County Legislature. He stated the application needs to be submitted by June, but the earlier they get the application in, the sooner they get the funding. He stated that he had additional documents to submit to the members of the Legislature. He stated the PCHC has four (4) housing projects, three (3) in Carmel and one (1) in Mahopac. He stated this funding will be used to purchase air-conditioning for the tenants. He stated also a vehicle will be purchased. He stated the vehicle will be used to bring food to the tenants. He stated also some of the funding will be used to perform maintenance around the facilities. He stated they are very proud of the work they do and have been doing since the early 1980s.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Waive the Rules and Accept the Additional; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Legislator Gouldman questioned how many people will be served throughout the four (4) housing projects.

Suzanne Brought, Executive Director PCHC stated there are 120 low-income seniors who will be served.

Legislator Gouldman questioned what the parameters are.

Suzanne Brought, Executive Director PCHC stated a person needs to be 60 years old, there is one building that 55 year old people who are disabled can qualify to live in. She stated the units are rented and it is affordable housing. She stated a person who meets the age requirements and makes no more than \$42,000 can apply to live in one of the units.

Joel Greenberg, President PCHC explained as units become available, they take the next person from the list they have of people to occupy the vacant apartment. He continued to speak to the different scenarios of living arrangements.

Legislator Jonke stated this is a great non-for-profit. He stated it benefits Putnam County, and it is a positive for our low-income seniors, he stated he will be supporting this.

Legislator Castellano stated his agreement that this will be a positive for the County and he expressed his appreciation for all of the work the members of the PCHC put into this. He questioned how many people are on the waiting list.

Suzanne Brought, Executive Director PCHC stated hundreds of people are on the waiting list.

Legislator Montgomery stated she would love to see the PCHC buy something on the western side of the County.

Joel Greenberg, President PCHC stated they have tried, but there has been no interest.

Legislator Montgomery stated her recognition of the fantastic work done by the PCHC. She stated that the Office of Senior Resources delivers meals on wheels, and she is sure they deliver to the PCHC units.

Suzanne Brought, Executive Director PCHC clarified the vehicle mentioned earlier will be purchased and used to bring groceries from a food bank to their clients.

Legislator Sullivan stated that he echoed what his colleagues had said. He stated his appreciation for the work that the PCHC does for the Seniors, it is so important to them. He stated to have air-conditioners will be wonderful. He stated he is happy to help in anyway.

Legislator Sayegh stated her support for this request and all the work that the PCHC does.

Legislative Counsel Robert Firriolo requested if the resolution of support the PCHC is requesting needs to follow a specific format or is it just a general format, of which this committee could

support in principle, and it could be created, for consideration at the April 5th Full Legislative Meeting.

Suzanne Brought, Executive Director PCHC stated a general resolution is all they need.

Chairman Albano stated his appreciation for the work that the members of the PCHC do. He stated he is happy to support this request.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve Putnam County Housing Corporation's (PCHC) Application for a NYS Homes and Community Renewal, through the CDBG CARES Act Grant; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #5 - Approval/ Request to Donate/ Tax Map No.: 45.1-1-61/ Town of Southeast – Brewster Industrial Owner LLC/ County Attorney Bumgarner

Chairman Albano stated there is more information needed on this matter. He stated he will make a motion to Table it to next month's meeting.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Table the Request to Donate/ Tax Map No.: 45.1-1-61/ Town of Southeast – Brewster Industrial Owner LLC; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #6 - Approval/ Conveyance of Tax Map No.: 85.12-1-9/ Town of Carmel Suez/ County Attorney Bumgarner

Chairman Albano stated he reviewed this matter with County Attorney Bumgarner. He stated there is a water district in this neighborhood. He stated the County owns property that surrounds it, in a sense the property is landlocked. He explained the Suez water company would like to purchase the property from the County. He stated it would improve their access to their property.

Legislator Castellano questioned if it is a vacant lot.

Chairman Albano stated it is vacant.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the price to sell it is at a market rate.

Chairman Albano stated there was an appraisal done, and they agreed with the appraisal price.

Legislator Jonke stated he is familiar with the parcel. He stated the lot is not a building lot, and it would not be useful to anyone, other than the water company, so he would support this request.

Legislator Castellano stated if the sale goes through, it will put the parcel back on the tax roll.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Approve Conveyance of Tax Map No.: 85.12-1-9/ Town of Carmel Suez; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #7 - Other Business

**a. Discussion/ Peekskill Hollow Road/ Litter and Signage -Mr. Patrick Cummings/
Judy Allen**

Judy Allen, constituent stated she sent an email to the Legislature on March 22, 2022. She explained the email is from a resident, Patrick Cummings, who walks along Peekskill Hollow Road. She read it into the record. She stated Mr. Cummings stated there is a lot of trash thrown from the vehicles and there is also a lot of sign litter as well. She stated a suggestion, in addition to having the litter and signs cleaned up, would be to post a sign that would state the heftiest littering fine possible. She questioned if the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds could be used for this purpose. She stated there was a position in the County years back that addressed that focused on littering throughout the County. She stated that would be a great use for the ARPA funds to create that position again.

Legislator Sayegh stated the County has a Solid Waste Focus Group that the County is currently working on a ten (10) year plan. She stated it involves the Town Supervisors. She stated Ms. Allen could be involved if she would like. She stated she would be happy to forward her the information if she would like it.

Legislator Montgomery stated Peekskill Hollow Road is a County Road and the County Highway Department maintains the County Roads. She stated she believes this is a request that could be sent to the Highway Department for them to investigate. She stated there are regulations about signs, and every sign on that road is illegal.

Chairman Albano stated this was not a matter on this agenda, so he will not spend much time on this. He stated he will look into it. He stated Town signs are put up by the Towns. He stated the Towns have sign regulations. He stated litter is a big priority. He stated he will look into this, and perhaps have it on the next meeting for an update.

Item #8 - Adjournment

There being no further business at 7:47 PM Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.