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

<u>Tuesday</u>	January 24, 2012
(Immediately Following the Personnel Committee Meeting)	

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. By Chairwoman Conklin who requested that former County Executive and now Director of Personnel Paul Eldridge, who was celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday today, lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Oliverio, Othmer, Albano, Gross, Birmingham, LoBue, DiCarlo and Chairwoman Conklin were present. Legislators LoBue and Tamagna were absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Van Ross.

Item #4 – Approval/Confirmation/County Executive's Appointment/Commissioner of Highways & Facilities was called. Chairwoman Conklin stated that this confirmation had been reviewed and approved at the Personnel Committee meeting that was held prior to this meeting.

Legislator Othmer stated that Mr. Pena had been interviewed and selected from a great number of applicants. He is the best candidate as he holds a law degree and an engineering degree. He has strong ties to the community. His children attend Carmel High School and his wife is a teacher in the Carmel Central School District. His confirmation is the right thing because it is important that the Commissioner of Highways and Facilities has a well-rounded knowledge of engineering and construction. He will be able to work well with engineers, be able to read plans and speak the same language with both outside professionals and Highway employees.

Legislator Birmingham moved the following; seconded by Legislator DiCarlo:

**RESOLUTION #27** 

APPROVAL/CONFIRMATION/COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S APPOINTMENT/COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Executive has appointed Fred Pena as Commissioner of Highways & Facilities pursuant to Article 9, Section 9.01 of the Putnam County Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed and considered the background and qualifications of the applicant; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of Fred Pena as Commissioner of Highways and Facilities of the County of Putnam pursuant to the Putnam County Charter.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS LOBUE AND TAMAGNA WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Legislator DiCarlo requested permission to hold a Special Personnel Committee meeting on Monday, January 30, 2012, prior to Audit & Administration Committee meeting. The Administration wanted to discuss their plans for reorganization and consolidation along with funding for these proposed changes.

Chairwoman Conklin stated that since no Legislator had any objections, the meeting would be held.

There being no further business, at 7:10 P.M., Chairwoman Conklin made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Oliverio. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Marrone, Clerk.