

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

Tuesday

June 19, 2012

6:15 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. by Chairwoman Conklin who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Tamagna, Oliverio, Albano, Gross, LoBue, and Chairwoman Conklin were present. Legislators Birmingham, DiCarlo and Othmer were absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Van Ross.

Item #3 – At the Request of the County Attorney/Re-Affirm and Re-Adopt/ Local Law to Amend Article 12, Title I, Section 12.08 of the Putnam County Charter Entitled “Coroner” (Reducing Four Coroners to Three)

Chairwoman Conklin stated that the County Attorney has requested that the Legislature have this Special Meeting in order to re-affirm and re-adopt the Local Law reducing the number of Coroners from four to three.

RESOLUTION #148

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND ARTICLE 12, TITLE I, SECTION 12.08 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED “CORONER” (Reducing Four Coroners to Three)

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

Section 1.

Article 12, Title I, Section 12.08 of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

§12.08. Coroner

A. The Office of Coroner in the County is hereby continued. The office shall be filled by the election of three coroners to four-year terms, except as otherwise provided in this section. They shall have knowledge and/or experience in forensic medicine and shall either be licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York or shall have received a doctoral degree in biochemistry and/or other areas related to forensic medicine. Each coroner shall have the powers and perform all the duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed by law and perform such other and related duties as required by the County Executive and the County Legislature. There shall be a Coordinator of Coroners who

shall be chosen annually from among the coroners by a majority vote. The duties of the Coordinator of Coroners shall be:

1. To coordinate the schedules of the coroners of the County to insure that there is twenty-four (24) hour coverage, seven (7) days a week;
2. To prepare and submit on behalf of the coroners the estimates of revenues and appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year as prescribed under §7.04A(3) of this Charter;
3. To recommend to the County Executive standardized forms for use by all the coroners of the County;
4. To insure that the office is complying with all statutes, laws, rules and regulations of both the state and the county.

B. The coroners shall be elected at general election and shall serve staggering terms of office as hereinafter provided:

1. The term of office of the coroner elected for a four-year term commencing on January 1, 2009 shall expire on December 31, 2012. At the general election to be held in November of 2012, the office shall be filled by the election of a coroner to a four-year term commencing on January 1, 2013 and every fourth year thereafter.
2. The term of office of the coroner elected for a four-year term commencing on January 1, 2010 shall expire on December 31, 2012. At the general election to be held in November of 2012, the office shall be filled by the election of a coroner to a two-year term commencing on January 1, 2013 and every fourth year thereafter.
3. The term of office of the coroner elected for a four-year term commencing on January 1, 2012 shall expire on December 31, 2012. At the general election to be held in November of 2012, the office shall be filled by the election of a coroner to a three-year term commencing on January 1, 2013 and every fourth year thereafter.

Section 2.

This Local Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its adoption, subject to referendum on petition in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS BIRMINGHAM, DICARLO & OTHMER WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

There being no further business, at 6:16 P.M., Legislator LoBue made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.