AGENDA PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MODIFICATION OF THE PART BUSES 3 & 5 TRANSPORATION ROUTES HELD IN THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Tuesday September 3, 2013 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 P.M. by Chairman Othmer who requested President of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, Bill Nulk lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Oliverio, Nacerino, Albano, Gross, Castellano, LoBue, and Chairman Othmer. Also present was Legislative Counsel Van Ross. Legislator DiCarlo was absent.

Chairman Othmer requested the Clerk to read the Public Notice:

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that PART 3 & 5 public transportation routes are being modified and that a public hearing on the modifications will be held prior to the Putnam County Meeting of the Full Legislature on September 3, 2013 in the Historic Courthouse located at 44 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York at 6:30 PM.

The PART 3 & 5 modifications eliminate the deadhead miles on two routes, but have no impact on public service; therefore, there is no impact on the current Paratransit ¾- mile buffer zones.

The plans will be available on the Putnam County Government website and are available to the public at the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation at 841 Fair Street, Carmel, New York and at the Putnam County Office Building, Legislative Office at 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, NY 10512.

Written comments may be sent to the Transportation Manager, Vincent M. Tamagna at the Putnam County Planning, Development and Public Transportation Department at 841 Fair Street, Carmel, New York 10512.

BY ORDER OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE Ms. Diane Schonfeld Clerk of the Legislature

Item # 4 - Presentation/Modification of PART Buses 3 & 5 Transportation Routes.

Legislator Oliverio questioned what Transportation Manager Vincent Tamagna meant by deadhead miles.

Transportation Manager Tamagna stated deadhead miles are those which are traveled with no reimbursement by New York State standards. He stated specifically, the miles are those from the bus station at 841 Fair Street to Hannaford, where the first bus stop is. He stated eliminating these miles will be done by changing two routes to have the first pick up right at the station at 841 Fair Street. He stated by doing this, the County will gain \$2,000 in State reimbursement for 2013.

Legislator Oliverio questioned if there will be other deadhead miles eliminated.

Transportation Manager Tamagna stated they are working on the Trolley Routes. He stated that by parking the Trolley in Cold Spring it would save 35 miles and which would eliminate extra maintenance and fuel. He also stated he is currently working with the Commissioner of Planning in Dutchess County to bring the Trolley to Dutchess.

Legislator LoBue questioned how much it would cost to pick up the extra passengers.

Transportation Manager Tamagna stated the route is still being followed, but in reverse.

Legislator Gross questioned if the Trolley would be parked in a secure facility.

Transportation Manager Tamagna stated it will be parked with the Cold Spring police cars and highway equipment in a locked facility.

Legislator Albano stated Transportation Manager Tamagna did a great job with the PART routes.

Legislator Oliverio questioned if at budget time there would be cuts on the routes.

Transportation Manager Tamagna stated there will be no cuts; it is just a modification to increase revenue. He also stated that the Veteran's Van is being utilized more and more each week. He further stated the County had engaged in a contract with Mr. Jack Reilly as the Transportation Consultant.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that at the Putnam Valley Town Board Meeting she mentioned that the County would be putting a survey out to decide if a shuttle service was needed from Putnam Valley to the train stations. She stated that she would like to work with Transportation Manager Tamagna on that.

Transportation Manager Tamagna stated that there was an issue with the Trolley service route being cut from the southern end of Philipstown to the Garrison area. He stated that after discussions with Legislator Scuccimarra, the County is working on putting Garrison back on the Trolley schedule a few times per day.

Legislator Nacerino commended Transportation Manager Tamagna for doing an outstanding job and serving residents well.

Chairman Othmer stated the Administration and Legislature deserve credit for letting government work its course.

Item # 5 - Public Comment

Director of Veterans Affairs, Karl Rohde stated that Veterans are very happy to have the Veterans Van available to them.

Transportation Manager Tamagna stated that the Office for Veteran's Affairs, County Clerk's Office, and Transportation are working to give back to those who gave a lot. He stated that having them utilize the right size vehicle, for the intended purpose, is being looked at by Transportation.

There being no further business at 6:49 P.M., Legislator Oliverio made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Chairman Othmer. All in favor.