

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
ROOM #318
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Members: Chairman Jonke & Legislators Nacerino & Sullivan

Tuesday **6:00 p.m.** **March 12, 2019**

(Personnel Mtg. to Immediately Follow)

The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM by Chairman Jonke who requested that Legislator Nacerino lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislator Nacerino and Chairman Jonke were present. Legislator Sullivan was absent.

Item #3 - Approval/ Protective Services Meeting Minutes/ February 13, 2019

Chairman Jonke stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #4 - Discussion/ Town of Putnam Valley Request for SPO Program/ Supervisor Sam Oliverio

Chairman Jonke stated Putnam Valley Supervisor Oliverio was present to speak to this request.

Putnam Valley Supervisor Oliverio stated the Putnam Valley Town Hall office building is isolated, and in the past year there have been a couple of incidents that required them to call the Sheriff's Department to send an Officer over to Town Hall to calm things down. He stated the employees are rightfully concerned. He stated that they understand that the Town of Putnam Valley would need to cover all of the costs. He stated the Town is asking the County to do the training, get the uniforms and the weapons. He stated they would like the SPO to work on Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00p.m. He stated that even reduced hours, such as 11:00 – 2:00p.m. which are the busiest hours would work. He explained they did not budget for it in the 2019 town budget. He stated the start date would be January 1, 2020. He stated that he has majority support from the Putnam Valley Town Board members. He stated that he would request that the cost that Putnam Valley would be responsible for be provided to them.

Chairman Jonke stated that there will be an estimated cost based on the agreement with the Town of Carmel. He stated that Sheriff Langley is present. He stated that he would like to invite him to speak to this matter.

Sheriff Langley stated that there will need to be two (2) SPOs hired, because the retired officers can earn up to \$30,000.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she recommends if the Town of Putnam Valley supports having an SPO, it should be approved to have an SPO on the premises the entire working day.

Putnam Valley Supervisor Oliverio stated he agrees with that recommendation. He stated in the time that he worked in the Schools there were School Resource Officers (SRO) and their presence absolutely was beneficial to the schools. He stated that he knows that the Town of

Carmel is currently working with the County to get SPOs in the Town Hall office. He stated he believes all of the Towns should do this.

Chairman Jonke confirmed the County is willing to work with the Town of Putnam Valley on this important matter and looks forward to continuing with the process related to this request.

Item #5 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T032)/ To Cover Overtime Expenses for January/ Sheriff Langley (also to be reviewed at Personnel Committee Mtg 03/12/19)

Chairman Jonke questioned if the Sheriff had any comment related to this request.

Sheriff Langley stated that this is to cover the monthly overtime in the jail that occurred as a result of suicide watches and open shifts.

Legislator Nacerino stated that there are four (4) vacancies.

Sheriff Langley stated they just hired one (1) person to fill one of the vacancies. He stated that there is a candidate that Personnel Director Eldridge is working with that may be hired as well.

Legislator Nacerino stated she is aware that it is a very long and rigorous process to hire employees in the Sheriff's Department. She questioned why there are four (4) vacancies.

Sheriff Langley stated they occurred due to retirements and there was a disability retirement.

Legislator Nacerino questioned if there is a way to avoid this in the future.

Personnel Director Eldridge stated that he is working on that.

Legislator Nacerino questioned what the time period is that an employee must notify the Personnel Department of their retirement.

Personnel Director Eldridge stated no less than 15 days and no sooner than 90 days. He stated that there is a reduction in the number of candidates applying for the positions and the quality of the candidates are a concern.

Chairman Jonke facilitated further discussion on this matter.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve and move to the Audit & Administration meeting Fund Transfer (19T032) To Cover Overtime in the County Jail -Expenses for January; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #6 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A023)/ Adjust Budget for the Receipt of the 2018 SICG- Formula Grant Award/ Deputy Commissioner Bureau of Emergency Services Robert Lipton

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve and move Budgetary Amendment (19A023)/ Adjust Budget for the Receipt of the 2018 SICG- Formula Grant Award; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #7 - FYI/ Fund Transfer (19T043)/ District Attorney Utilizing Forfeiture Program to purchase magnets that will list all Law Enforcement (LE) Numbers to be Distributed to cut down on 911 Call Center Calls/ District Attorney Tandy

Eric Gross, member of the Emergency Safety Services Advisory Board (ESSAB) stated an initiative the ESSAB came up with was to design magnets that would include local Non-Emergency Phone Numbers people can call. He stated The Board needed money to get the magnets made. He explained that they contacted District Attorney Tandy and asked if the Asset Forfeiture fund could provide the money to cover this cost. He stated after the necessary paper work was completed and submitted the funding was approved. He stated 10,000 magnets will be made and distributed to residents throughout the County.

Chairman Jonke stated a copy of the different design options are in the backup. He stated design #3 was selected. He stated the hope is to alleviate some of the pressure on the 911 call center. He expressed his respect for the District Attorney and his acknowledgment and willingness to assist the ESSAB with their campaign by appropriating the necessary funds from the Asset Forfeiture budget.

Item #8 - FYI/ 2018 Full Year Coroner Report – Duly Noted

Item #9 - Other Business - None

Item #10 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 6:25 PM Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.