

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
HELD IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Tuesday

July 6, 2021

(Immediately following Public Hearing starting at 6:45 P.M.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 P.M. by Chairwoman Addonizio who requested Legislator Jonke lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Sayegh lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Albano, Jonke, Castellano, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio were present. Legislator Nacerino was absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Castellano who presented the “Pretrial, Probation, Parole Supervision Week” proclamation to Probation Director Gene Funicelli.

Legislator Castellano stated that Director Funicelli was retiring shortly and he thanked him for the tremendous amount of work he did on behalf of the County over the last 33 years of his service.

PRETRIAL, PROBATION, PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK - JULY 18-24, 2021

**WHEREAS, community corrections is an essential part of the justice system; and
WHEREAS, community corrections professionals uphold the law with dignity, while recognizing the right of the public to be safe-guarded from criminal activity; and
WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are responsible for supervising adult and juvenile offenders in the community; and
WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are trained professionals who provide services and referrals for offenders; and
WHEREAS, community corrections professionals work in partnership with community agencies and groups; and
WHEREAS, community corrections professionals promote prevention, intervention, and advocacy; and
WHEREAS, community corrections professionals provide services, support, and protection for victims; and
WHEREAS, community corrections professionals advocate community and restorative justice; and
WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are a true Force for Positive Change in their communities; now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim the week of July 18-24, 2021 as Pretrial, Probation, Parole Supervision Week and encourage all Putnam County residents to honor these community corrections professionals and to recognize their achievements.

Legislator Montgomery made a point of order for the record. She asked that the Chairwoman and Legislative Counsel confirm that no County business was conducted or discussed in the caucus held prior to the meeting.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated that it was not a point of order. He stated that a point of order is to enforce rules. He stated that Legislator Montgomery was making an inquiry that was not on the agenda.

Chairwoman Addonizio explained that caucus meetings are acceptable and permissible by law. She stated that they are the regular and accepted practice of the New York State Legislature. She stated that caucuses are confidential.

Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – June 1, 2021
Budget & Finance Meeting – June 1, 2021

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #5 – Correspondence
a) County Auditor

There was no activity during this reporting period.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
(All Legislators)**

Item #6a – Approval/ 2022 Decentralized Budget Review Process for Preparation and Adoption of the 2022 County Budget was next. Chairwoman Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #123

APPROVAL/ 2022 DECENTRALIZED BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee has reviewed and recommended the adoption of the attached Decentralized Budget Review Process for implementation in 2021 of the adoption of the 2022 budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby adopts the attached budget review process; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Putnam County Charter Section 7.04 the Putnam County Legislature hereby adopts and notifies the County Executive of the policy and practice guidelines contained in Section E of this Decentralized Budget Review Process/ 2022 to be complied with by the County Executive.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Nacerino & Sullivan)**

Item #6b – Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (21T106)/ Purchasing and Highways & Facilities Reorganization/ Reclassification was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator

Jonke, Chairman of the Personnel Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #124

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY TRANSFER (21T106)/ PURCHASING AND HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES REORGANIZATION/ RECLASSIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary transfer (21T106) to provide funding for the reorganization/ reclassification in the Purchasing Department and Highways & Facilities Department; and

WHEREAS, said funding will provide for an Account Clerk position in the Purchasing Department effective 6/25/21; and

WHEREAS, due to a retirement in the Highways & Facilities Department, the vacated Fiscal Manager position will be replaced with a Senior Account Clerk position effective 7/01/21; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10134500 51000 (10105)	Personnel Services	23,466
	Account Clerk (Grade 6, Step 2)	

10149000 51000 (10129)	Personnel Services	23,391
	Account Clerk (Grade 10, Step 1)	

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10149000 51000 (10105)	Personnel Services	46,857
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2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6c – Approval/ Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #125

APPROVAL/ STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System requires the County to file the Standard Work Days for elected and appointed employees based on time and attendance records or the records of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, a copy of this report was contained in the following:

- Resolution #195 of 2010 and Resolution #286 of 2010 (one employee only).
- Resolution #338 of 2011 correcting Resolution #190 of 2011.
- Resolution #218 of 2012 correcting Resolution #155 of 2012.
- Resolution #143 of 2013.
- Resolution #168 of 2014.
- Resolution #150 of 2015.
- Resolution #148 of 2016.
- Resolution #156 of 2017.
- Resolution #244 of 2017 reflecting change made on Resolution #226 of 2014 which corrected Resolution #143 of 2013 (one employee only).
- Resolution #170 of 2018.
- Resolution #141 of 2019.
- Resolution #266 of 2019 correcting Resolution #141 of 2019.
- Resolution #115 of 2020.
- Resolution #176 of 2020 correcting Resolution #115 of 2020.

And

WHEREAS, it is now time to file the report for 2021, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the County of Putnam hereby established the following as standard work days for the listed elected officials in schedule “A” and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement system based upon time and attendance records or on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Sayegh & Sullivan)**

Item #6d – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A050)/ Sheriff’s Department/ 2019 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Sayegh, a member of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #126

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A050)/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ 2019 EXPLOSIVE DETECTION CANINE TEAM GRANT

WHEREAS, by Resolution #42 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature authorized the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department to apply to the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) for a grant under the FY2018 Explosive Detection Canine (EDC) Team Grant Program in the amount of \$15,000; and

WHEREAS, the grant was denied and the Putnam County Sheriff's Department reapplied for the FY2019 Explosive Detection Canine (EDC) Team Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has been awarded \$20,000 in federal funding under the FY2019 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the performance period for this award is April 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment (21A050) be made:

Increase Revenues:

17311000 443890 10163	FY19 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant	20,000
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Increase Appropriations:

17311000 54150 10163	FY19 Explosive Detection Grant – Canine	10,000
17311000 51093 10163	FY19 Explosive Detection Grant – Overtime	9,289
17311000 58002 10163	FY19 Explosive Detection Grant – Soc Sec	<u>711</u>
		20,000

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6e – Approval/ Support for the Supporting Accurate Views of Emergency Services Act of 2021 (“911 Saves Act”), Bill H.R. 2351 was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Sayegh made a motion to accept the revised resolution which includes wording to send a copy of the resolution to the bills’ sponsors as well; seconded by Chairwoman Addonizio. All in favor.

Legislator Sayegh made a motion to approve the revised resolution.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she introduced this at the Protective Committee meeting. She stated that she was happy to see it is moving forward. She explained that it was long overdue to have our dispatchers classified as first responders and she hoped to see this passed by the State and on the Federal level as well.

RESOLUTION #127

APPROVAL / SUPPORT FOR THE SUPPORTING ACCURATE VIEWS OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ACT OF 2021 (“911 SAVES ACT”), BILL H.R. 2351

WHEREAS, the federal government's Standard Occupational Classification System (SOCS) sorts workers into occupational categories for statistical purposes, according to the nature of the work performed and, in some cases, on the skills, education, or training needed to perform the work; and

WHEREAS, America's 9-1-1 telecommunicators are currently incorrectly categorized in the SOCS as an "Office and Administrative Support Occupation," a category which includes secretaries, office clerks, and taxicab dispatchers; and

WHEREAS, classifying 9-1-1 telecommunicators as an "Office and Administrative Support Occupation" fails to recognize their central role in public safety and homeland security; their specialized training and skills; and their uniquely stressful work environment; and

WHEREAS, the Supporting Accurate Views of Emergency Services Act of 2021 ("911 SAVES Act") directs the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reclassify public safety telecommunicators from "Office and Administrative Support Occupations" to the category of "Protective Service Occupations"; and

WHEREAS, classifying public safety telecommunicators as "Protective Service Occupations" – alongside police, firefighters, security guards, lifeguards, and others whose job it is to protect our communities – would better reflect the work they perform, and align the SOCS with related classification systems; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature call upon all members of the State of New York's U.S. House delegation to support and co-sponsor H.R. 2351, the Supporting Accurate Views of Emergency Services Act of 2021 (911 SAVES Act), which would direct the OMB to reclassify public safety telecommunicators as a "Protective Service Occupation"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature also call upon the State of New York's U.S. Senators to support and co-sponsor any companion legislation that may be introduced into the United States Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to United States Representative Sean Patrick Maloney, United States Senator Charles E. Schumer, United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, as well as the bills' sponsors and be it further

RESOLVED, that members of the Putnam County Legislature will continue to advocate for an accurate statistical classification for 9-1-1 professionals to support critical research into the nature and impacts of 9-1-1 jobs, which differ substantially from those encountered by non-public-safety "Office and Administrative Support Occupations."

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6f – Approval/ Support for NYS Legislation Designating Certain Emergency and Public Safety Dispatchers and Operators as First Responders (A5966 / S5154) was next. \ On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Sayegh made a motion to accept the revised resolution which includes wording to send a copy of the resolution to the bills' sponsors as well; seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Chairwoman Addonizio moved the revised resolution.

RESOLUTION #128

APPROVAL / SUPPORT FOR NYS LEGISLATION DESIGNATING CERTAIN EMERGENCY AND PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS AND OPERATORS AS FIRST RESPONDERS (A5966 / S5154)

WHEREAS, emergency response operators, emergency services dispatchers and other emergency response personnel provide critical and often life-saving services for the public and various agencies, and may encounter stressful and potentially traumatic events and experiences in the course of exercising their duties; and

WHEREAS, while these personnel provide essential services to the community, they are not considered first responders under applicable state law and, as a result, are not afforded the same benefits and protections under state law as those who are; and

WHEREAS, New York State legislative bills A5966 and S5154 would amend the definition of "Certified First Responder" in the state Public Health Law to include "public safety dispatchers, emergency responders, emergency operators, emergency complaint operators and emergency services dispatchers, who provide communication support services within police and sheriff's departments as well as fire, rescue and emergency services departments"; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature hereby call upon the New York State Legislature and Governor Andrew Cuomo to support A5966 and S5154; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Governor, Putnam County's representatives in the State Legislature and leadership of our State Legislature, as well as the bills' sponsors.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
(Chairman Sullivan, Legislators Albano & Castellano)**

Item #6g – Approval/ Litigation Settlement/ Roberts v. County of Putnam was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Sullivan, Chairman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano and Castellano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #129

APPROVAL/ LITIGATION SETTLEMENT/ ROBERTS V. COUNTY OF PUTNAM

WHEREAS, on or about August 19, 2019 the Plaintiff, Laura Roberts, who was a Putnam County Assistant District Attorney at the time, was notified by District Attorney Robert Tendency that her employment was being terminated effective immediately, and she subsequently commenced an action in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against the County of Putnam and Robert V. Tendency, in both his official and individual capacity, wherein it was alleged that the County had engaged in unlawful employment discrimination; and

WHEREAS, mediation took place on May 19, 2021 at which time a settlement was reached between the parties wherein the County agreed to pay Plaintiff the sum of sixty thousand (\$60,000.00) dollars before ongoing litigation became necessary; and

WHEREAS, the parties negotiated the terms of a Stipulation of Settlement which was made subject to the approval of the Putnam County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney, the County's outside counsel, James A. Randazzo, and NYMIR's claims representative recommended the settlement as an alternative to lengthy litigation; and

WHEREAS, the settlement is in the public interest and has avoided the costs of further litigation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement to be entered into between the County of Putnam and Laura Roberts, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the settlement of this matter for the sum of sixty thousand (\$60,000.00) dollars is hereby approved.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6h – Approval/ Local Law Adopting a Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Albano and Castellano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:

Legislator Jonke stated that he had a number of constituents who asked him to support this.

Legislator Sayegh stated that she too had several constituents in favor of this. She stated that she is from a family of hunters. She stated that hunters are conservationists who advocate for open space that provide critical habitat and recreational opportunities that are utilized by everyone. She stated that hunters provide other benefits like managing wildlife population throughout the United States. She stated that during COVID-19 many retreated to the outdoors and the State saw a surge in the issuing of hunting licenses. She believed that the tradition needed to be handed down to our children. She explained that she supported this local law.

Legislator Sullivan stated that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife service study states that the community spends approximately \$5 million per year in the State of New York in pursuit of sporting activities, and these sporting activities are responsible for the support of approximately 56,000 jobs across New York State. He believed this was important as it has a strong economic impact on our economy, as well as it allows our youth to have other activities to be involved in. He stated that he is in full support of this local law.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that many of her constituents are in favor of this. She stated that this is a PILOT program put forth by New York State. She wanted everyone to be aware that every junior hunter must complete a course in hunting education and must obtain a license.

RESOLUTION #130

INTRODUCING A LOCAL LAW ADOPTING A PILOT YOUTH DEER HUNTING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935 establishes a pilot program wherein a hunting license holder who is twelve (12) or thirteen (13) years of age may hunt deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloading firearm in areas where, and during the hunting season in which, such implements may be used; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Conservation Law §11-0935 requires that in order to be an “eligible area,” a county must pass a local law authorizing participation in the pilot program; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2011 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service study, the community spends approximately \$4.95 billion per year in the State of New York in pursuit of sporting activities, and sporting activities are responsible for the support of approximately 56,000 jobs across New York State; and

WHEREAS, sporting activities have a positive impact on the local and statewide economy; and

WHEREAS, public interest and participation in sporting activities, including deer hunting, has significantly increased, including the number of individuals completing hunter education programs and purchasing hunting and other sporting licenses; and

WHEREAS, the universal hunting age of twelve (12) is supported by the 2012 – 2016 NYS Deer Management Plan and the draft 2021 – 2025 NYS Deer Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, prior to the adoption of Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935, 49 out of 50 States – with New York being the exception – permitted twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year olds to participate in hunting under varying circumstances; and

WHEREAS, hunting with youth provides quality time for parents, guardians and other mentor figures to bond with their children, other family members, and friends in an outdoor setting, and presents an excellent opportunity to introduce youth to nature, stewardship, conservation, and responsible wildlife management; and

WHEREAS, hunting with youth provides an opportunity to mentor and instruct youth hunters regarding safe and responsible hunting; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam supports opting-in to the provisions of Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a local law entitled “A LOCAL LAW ADOPTING A PILOT YOUTH DEER HUNTING PROGRAM” is hereby adopted by the Putnam County Legislature.

This Local Law has no fiscal impact upon the County of Putnam.

A LOCAL LAW ADOPTING A PILOT YOUTH DEER HUNTING PROGRAM

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section 1.

Creating new Chapter 171 of the Putnam County Code entitled “Hunting”.

Section 2.

Chapter 171 of the Putnam County Code is hereby amended to add a new Article I entitled “Youth Deer Hunting” to read as follows:

§ 171-1 Findings and intent; statutory authority.

- A.** The Putnam County Legislature declares the intent of this Local Law is to authorize the County of Putnam's participation in a pilot program which permits twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old individuals to participate in the new hunting opportunities provided by Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935.
- B.** This Local Law is adopted under the authority granted by:
- 1.** Article IX of the New York State Constitution, § 2[c];
 - 2.** New York Municipal Home Rule Law, § 10; and
 - 3.** New York Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935.
- C.** The Putnam County Legislature hereby finds as follows:
- 1.** The enacted 2021-2022 New York State Budget included a pilot program allowing the opportunity for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to hunt deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloading firearm through 2023, provided that the County authorizes such action by local law.
 - 2.** The County of Putnam is enacting this Local Law in recognition of hunting as a prized tradition for many families, and this new opportunity allows experienced adult hunters to introduce the values and disciplines of hunting and conservation to the next generation. Furthermore, teaching young people safe, responsible, and ethical hunting practices will ensure a rewarding experience for the youth, while providing quality food to families and contributing to important deer population management practices.

§ 171-2 Definitions

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ELIGIBLE AREA

Any county within the State of New York that has enacted a local law authorizing participation in a youth hunting pilot program, and has notified the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation of such participation.

HUNTING LICENSE HOLDER

A person who has successfully completed a hunter education/safety course, and currently holds a valid hunting license issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

LEGAL GUARDIAN

A person legally responsible for a minor participating in the Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program who currently holds a valid hunting license issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and has at least three years of prior experience hunting deer as a hunting license holder.

MENTOR

A person who: (a) currently holds a valid hunting license issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; (b) is twenty-one years of age or older; (c) has at least three years of prior experience hunting deer as a hunting license holder; and (d) has been designated in writing by a minor's parent or legal guardian on a form prescribed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to serve as a mentor to said minor for purposes of the Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program.

MINOR

A youth twelve or thirteen years of age who currently holds a valid hunting license issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to hunt deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloading firearm within an eligible area.

PARENT

A person who currently holds a valid hunting license issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, has at least three years of prior experience hunting deer as a hunting license holder, and is the parent of the minor participating in the Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program.

PHYSICAL CONTROL

The physical proximity of a minor to a parent, legal guardian, or mentor and is such that the parent, legal guardian, or mentor is: (a) reasonably able to issue verbal directions and instructions; (b) maintain constant visual contact; and (c) otherwise able to provide guidance and supervision to the minor.

§ 171-3 Opt-In Authorization to Pilot Program

The youth hunting opportunities authorized by Environmental Conservation Law section 11-0935 shall be applicable within the boundaries of the County of Putnam upon: (a) the enactment of this Local Law by the County of Putnam; and (b) notice provided to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation of the enactment of this Local Law.

The County of Putnam hereby elects to participate in a Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program to allow minors ages twelve (12) or thirteen (13) to hunt deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun or muzzleloading firearm when accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or mentor.

§ 171-4 State Eligibility and Requirements

- A. A minor aged twelve (12) or thirteen (13) may hunt deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloading firearm within the County of Putnam when accompanied by, and is under the physical control of, a parent, legal guardian, or mentor as those terms are defined in this Article.**
- B. A minor participating in the Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program in an eligible area must be in possession of a valid New York State hunting license and valid tags, as appropriate, while afield at all times. The accompanying parent, legal guardian, or mentor must also be in possession of a valid New York State hunting license at all**

times when supervising a minor participating in the Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program.

- C. A minor and the accompanying parent, legal guardian, or mentor must display either a minimum total of two hundred fifty (250) square inches of solid fluorescent orange or pink, or patterned fluorescent orange or pink, consisting of no less than fifty percent (50%) fluorescent orange or pink material worn above the waist and visible from all directions, or a hat or cap with no less than fifty percent (50%) of the exterior consisting of solid fluorescent orange or pink material and visible from all directions.
- D. A minor aged twelve (12) or thirteen (13) participating in the Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program must remain at ground level at all times when hunting deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloading firearm.
- E. A minor participating in the Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program must remain within the physical proximity of a parent, legal guardian, or mentor which means they must be capable of receiving verbal directions and instructions, and be in constant visual contact with the supervising parent, legal guardian, or mentor at all times.
- F. A minor participating in the Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program must abide by all other federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations applicable to hunting including, but not limited to, manner of take, bag limits, hunting hours, geographical or general implement restrictions, hunting seasons, tagging, transporting, and reporting requirements.

§ 171-5 Local Law Filing Requirements

In accordance with Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935.2, a copy of this Local Law shall be filed with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation thereby notifying the Department of Putnam County's participation in the Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program. A copy shall also shall be filed with the New York State Department of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

§ 171-6 Severability

If any part of this Local Law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Local Law. The County hereby declares that it would have passed this Local Law and each section or subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

§ 171-7 Repeal

All ordinances, local laws, and parts thereof inconsistent with this Local Law are hereby repealed.

§ 171-8 Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6i – Approval/ Local Law to Amend Section 2.04 of the Putnam County Charter Entitled “Powers and Duties” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Albano and Castellano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to table this item. She believed that the Charter Review Commission did not do its due diligence in collaborating with the residents and elected officials of Putnam County.

There was no second on the motion to table.

Legislator Montgomery stated that the County Charter should provide for a government that is efficient, effective and accountable, environmentally and fiscally responsible and most of all, inclusive and open. She stated that it should be reflective of the democratic system we are here to uphold and defend. She stated that it should be representative of different geographic areas and demographic diversity of the County. She explained that the Commission to review our county government should be made up of bipartisan representation, instead the Commission is exclusive to County government and one (1) party. She stated that there is no evidence that this Commission did its due diligence. She stated that she has requested the schedule of meetings, times they meet and meeting minutes. She stated that she did not see them prior to these local laws being produced. She stated that the County District Attorney and Sheriff had comments regarding these changes and the County Charter. She stated that the District Attorney requested his comments to be read into the record and they were not. She stated that she did not see the Sheriff’s comments included for the public to review. She read the District Attorney’s comments which were not received in the Legislative Office. She also read the Sheriff’s comments into the record (see attached).

Legislator Albano stated that the District Attorney states it clearly and the Legislature will comply with whatever is stated in the law. He explained that there have been times when requested information, that was pertinent for the Legislature to make a decision, was not received. He believed this clearly states that the Legislature is entitled to certain information. He explained that any Legislator can make a recommendation for a Charter change, however, he has not seen any proposals.

Legislator Jonke reviewed the comments from both the District Attorney and the Sheriff. He stated that it seems like the Sheriff understands that there are limitations on what the Legislature has access to. He stated that we will not get anymore information than what we can legally receive. He stated that we will not be granted access to anything confidential. He did not know why there is so much concern. He stated that this just clarifies what we are entitled to.

Legislator Sullivan stated that Legislator Montgomery misleads the public with the geographical makeup of the Charter Review Commission. He stated that there are individuals on the Commission from all sections of the County. He stated that regarding political parties, the Commission has sent letters out to all town Supervisors regardless of political affiliation, asking them to submit comments, suggestions and/or questions. He stated for her to say it is made up of one (1) party was not true. He believed a memorandum was sent out this week to the Legislature, informing them that the next Commission meeting was scheduled for July 8th at 10:00 am. Legislator Sullivan read the Legislature's response to the Sheriff (see attached).

Legislator Sayegh stated that during the Police Policy Review process there was discussion about transparency. She stated that in the news you hear about an incident taking place and immediately the law enforcement officer is remanded to desk duty pending further investigation. She stated if a similar incident happens in the Sheriff's Department the Legislature is not able to access that information, even if we ask for it. She stated that the Legislature represents the people of Putnam County, and we want to make sure they understand what is going on. She stated that there is no department in the County that is an island unto itself. She stated that as representative to our districts, we have the obligation to look out for the taxpayers.

Legislator Montgomery asked if Legislator Sullivan could tell her when the Commission meetings were when he presented these three (3) local laws and the minutes from those meetings which she has asked for. She stated that the Police Policy Review Panel meetings were transparent. She stated that as we move ahead and establish the laws of the County, she believed we would want to make it as transparent as possible. She believed bipartisan participants and members of the community should be included. She did not believe that one (1) letter sent out to the municipalities asking them if they had any recommended changes did not meet the requirements for changes in the Charter. She explained who should be included in the Commission meetings and/or contacted for recommendations.

Legislator Albano explained that there were no issues when this was discussed in Committee.

Legislator Sullivan made a motion to call the question; seconded by Legislator Albano. By Roll Call Vote: Seven Ayes – Legislators Albano, Castellano, Gouldman, Jonke, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio. One Nay – Legislator Montgomery. Legislator Nacerino was absent. Motion Carries.

Chairwoman Addonizio called for a vote on the resolution.

RESOLUTION #131

APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 2.04 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED "POWERS AND DUTIES"

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 2.04 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED "POWERS AND DUTIES"

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

Section 1.

Section 2.04 of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 2.04. Powers and duties.

The County Legislature shall be the legislative, appropriating and policy-determining body of the County. Except as may otherwise be provided in this Charter, it shall have and exercise all the legislative powers and duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed upon it by this Charter or upon a board of supervisors or the legislative body of a county by state law, together with all the powers and duties necessarily implied or incidental thereto. The County Legislature shall have, but not by limitation, the following powers and duties:

- (a) To adopt by resolution all necessary rules and regulations for its conduct and procedure;**
- (b) To make appropriations, levy taxes, incur indebtedness and adopt the County budget;**
- (c) To exercise all powers of local legislation in relation to enacting, amending or rescinding local laws, Charter laws, legalizing acts or resolutions;**
- (d) To adopt, amend and repeal by local law an Administrative Code which shall set forth the details of the administration of the County government consistent with the provisions of this Charter;**
- (e) To confirm, when required, the appointments made by the County Executive according to the procedure cited in § 2.08 of this article;**
- (f) To create, alter, combine or abolish by local law County administrative units not headed by elective officers;**
- (g) To fix by resolution the compensation of all officers and employees paid from County funds except members of the judiciary and employees whose salary is set by the Board of Elections pursuant to Section 3-300 of the Election Law; also except that the compensation of any elected official paid from County funds shall not be decreased during his or her term of office.**
- (h) To fix by resolution the compensation to be paid from County funds for persons who are rendering service to or in behalf of the County but who are not officers or employees of the County;**
- (i) To make or cause to be made such studies, audits and investigations as it deems to be in the best interest of the County, and in connection therewith to obtain professional and technical advice, appoint temporary advisory boards of citizens, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and subpoena or require the production of bonds, papers and other evidence deemed necessary;**

- (j) To fix the amount of bonds of officers and employees paid from County funds;**
- (k) To designate annually by resolution one, but not more than three, newspapers published within the County to publish all enactments, notices and other matters required by law;**
- (l) To establish or abolish positions of employment and titles thereof;**
- (m) To fill vacancies in any elective county offices except the judiciary in accordance with this Charter and other applicable laws;**
- (n) To designate one or more depositories for the deposit of all monies received by the Commissioner of Finance;**
- (o) To fix the amount of the annual salary of its members by resolution provided, however, that the Chair shall receive an additional stipend of 25% of such annual salary;**
- (p) To determine and make provision for any matter of County government not otherwise provided for;**
- (q) To appoint, as deemed necessary and proper, by resolution duly adopted, outside counsel on a per case basis;**
- (r) To appoint, or consent to be appointed, by resolution duly adopted, a mediator or arbitrator in any collective bargaining labor dispute or negotiation involving the County as an employer.**
- (s) Publication requirements.**
 - (1) The notice hearing to be held by the County Executive for the adoption of a local law as provided for in § 3.04-B of the Charter shall contain an abstract of the provisions thereof and shall include the location and availability of a copy of the actual text of each local law.**
 - (2) Upon adoption of each local law of the County of Putnam the Clerk of the Legislature shall cause the publication once in the official newspapers of the County of the Notice of Adoption of said local law and an abstract of the provision thereof. Said notice shall include the location and availability of a copy of the actual text of each local law. This publication shall be in lieu of that required by County Law 214(2), which is hereby expressly superseded by this local law.**
- (t) To require the production or inspection of documents, records, bonds, papers and other information kept, held, maintained, or in possession of any officers or employee paid from County funds as deemed necessary;**

(u) To establish, review, and approve policies to be followed by all officers and employees paid from County funds.

Section 2.

This Local Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its passage and is subject to permissive referendum.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6j – Approval/ Local Law to Amend Section 2.08 of the Putnam County Charter Entitled “Confirmation of Appointments” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Albano and Castellano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that based upon the process and that no Commission meeting minutes have been provided or the schedule of when meetings are held, she would be voting no.

Legislator Sayegh explained that the change in the Charter adds, “submitted to the County Legislature” in the first sentence after “Confirmation of appointments.”

Legislator Sullivan restated that the only change to this section of the Charter is that we are adding the words, “submitted to the County Legislature.” He stated that the Commission is reviewing the Charter with input from Department Heads, Town Supervisors and anybody else that would like to provide input. He explained that the Commission was trying to improve the Charter, making it more understandable with less vague areas.

Legislator Sullivan made a motion to call the question; seconded by Legislator Jonke. By Roll Call Vote: Seven Ayes – Legislators Albano, Castellano, Gouldman, Jonke, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio. One Nay – Legislator Montgomery. Legislator Nacerino was absent. Motion Carries.

Chairwoman Addonizio called for a vote on the resolution.

RESOLUTION #132

APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 2.08 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED “CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS”

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 2.08 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED “CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS”

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

Section 1.

Section 2.08 of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 2.08. Confirmation of appointments.

Confirmation of appointments submitted to the County Legislature, except as otherwise provided by the Charter, shall be the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole number of members of the County Legislature taken at a regular or special meeting. Said vote shall be taken no longer than sixty (60) days after such appointment has been filed with the Clerk of the Legislature and shall include the committee review process. If the County Legislature shall fail to approve or disapprove any appointment on or before the sixtieth (60th) day, such appointment shall be deemed approved and take effect at that time.

Section 2.

This Local Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its passage and is subject to permissive referendum.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6k – Approval/ Local Law to Amend Section 2.09 of the Putnam County Charter Entitled “Audits” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Albano and Castellano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:

Legislator Sullivan stated that the Commission removed a sentence that read, “Where appropriate, a single audit or audits may be commissioned by the Legislature as required by law.” He stated that we also added the word, “such” instead of “The” and added another sentence at the end which read, “Additional audits may be commissioned by the County Legislature at any time.” He explained that these were minor changes to make it clearer and easier for people to understand and for the Legislature to make decisions.

Chairwoman Addonizio explained that the review process includes a line-by-line overview. She referenced the changes made in Item #6i where a subsection “t” and “u” were added. She stated as Legislator Jonke pointed out the amendments will not allow interference with the constitutional duties of law enforcement. She stated that it reinforces the legislators existing right to obtain information which has always existed under State law.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to table this resolution. There was no second. Motion failed.

Chairwoman Addonizio called for a Roll Call Vote on the resolution.

RESOLUTION #133

APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 2.09 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED “AUDITS”

**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 2.09 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER
ENTITLED "AUDITS"**

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

Section 1.

Section 2.09 of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 2.09. Audits.

The County Legislature shall, on an annual basis, provide that an independent audit be performed of the accounts of the County and of every County department, office and agency. Such audit shall be made by a qualified accountant or accounting firm, so designated by the Legislature, which has no personal or professional conflict of interest with respect to the affairs of the County or of any of its departments, offices or agencies. Additional audits may be commissioned by the County Legislature at any time.

Section 2.

This Local Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its passage and is subject to permissive referendum.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY.
LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Addonizio & Nacerino)**

**Item #6L – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A051)/ Office for Senior Resources/
Outside Donations/ Furniture was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator
Sayegh, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On
behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislator Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator
Sayegh moved the following:**

**Legislator Goldman thanked the Putnam Valley Friends of Senior Citizens for the
donation.**

RESOLUTION #134

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A051)/ OFFICE FOR SENIOR RESOURCES/
OUTSIDE DONATIONS/ FURNITURE**

**WHEREAS, the Office for Senior Resources has received a donation from the
Friends of the Senior Citizens of Putnam County (FSCPC) in the amount of \$793.90 to
purchase outdoor benches for the Putnam Valley Friendship Center; and**

**WHEREAS, the Director of the Office for Senior Resources has requested a
budgetary amendment (21A051) to account for this donation; and**

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Revenues:

10677400 427051 OSR Federal Nutrition Program – Outside Donations 793.90

Increase Expenses:

10677400 52110 OSR Federal Nutrition Program – Furniture 793.90

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Albano, Legislators Castellano & Gouldman)**

Item #6m – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A055)/ Highways & Facilities/ 2021 CHIPS Funding was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Albano, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #135

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A055)/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ 2021 CHIPS FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (21A055) to amend the 2021 Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) County Capital Project budget to equal the adopted NYS Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 53000 52101 CHIPS 2021 623,808

Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 435011 52101 State Aid – CHIPS 2021 623,808

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6n – Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (21T119)/ Finance/ Railroad Station Maintenance – MTA was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #136

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY TRANSFER (21T119)/ FINANCE/ RAILROAD STATION MAINTENANCE – MTA

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary transfer (21T119) to fund the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Railroad Station Maintenance costs pursuant to Section 1277 of the Public Authorities Law; and

WHEREAS, MTA has determined the cost for Metro-North Commuter Railroad, a subsidiary corporation of the MTA, of operation, maintenance and use of Metro-North Commuter Railroad passenger stations located in the County of Putnam, including the buildings, appurtenances, platforms, lands and approaches adjacent of incidental thereto, for the period commencing April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, each year, the change in the C.P.I. factor is applied against the prior year's billed amount to arrive at the current year's billed amount; and

WHEREAS, this transfer will fund the deficit created by greater than anticipated C.P.I. factor; and

WHEREAS, the law requires that payment be made to the MTA by September 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10564000 54950	Railroad Station Maintenance – MTA	16,151
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	16,151
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2021 Fiscal Impact - \$16,151

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6o – Approval/ Inclusion of Parcels in Putnam County Agricultural District was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Sayegh reiterated the guidelines regarding farm operations from the Agricultural Board. She explained that Article 25 AA of the Agriculture and Market Law is used to determine farm operations to identify and define commercial enterprises through the use of land, building, equipment and practices. She stated that what we are talking about in all these instances is having an actual business and business plan that

generates revenue, and not about that it is a nice place to put a farm. She stated that she supported the recommendation of the Agricultural Board.

RESOLUTION #137

APPROVAL/ INCLUSION OF PARCELS IN PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, by Resolution #81 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature created an Agricultural District in the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #193 of 2011, after the 8th year anniversary of the formation of the district, the Putnam County Legislature modified said Putnam County Agricultural District #1, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #244 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature established the month of November in which a landowner may request inclusion in the Putnam County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #154 of 2015, the Putnam County Legislature changed the annual thirty-day inclusion request period, from the month of November to April 1st through April 30th, commencing in the year 2016 and each year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, November 19, 2019 marked the second 8-Year Anniversary of the formation of this district requiring the Putnam County Legislature to review this district and either continue, terminate or modify the district created; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #204 of 2019 the Putnam County Legislature determined that the Putnam County Agricultural District No. 1 remained the same in accordance with the recommendations of the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to consist of 157 parcels with a total acreage of 5,113.9 acres; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, requests were presented to the Putnam County Legislature to modify the existing Agricultural District in the County of Putnam by including the following parcels in the District:

Town of Kent:

Sunshine Farm Inc. (Sunshine & Joseph Greico) – Tax Map#19.-1-36 (6.0 acres) Total Acreage: 6.0

Town of Putnam Valley:

Valley View Farm (Grace De Libero & Alexander Kaspar) – Tax Map #72.-1-50 (113.10 Acres) and Tax Map #83.-1-11 (60.40 acres) Total Acreage: 173.50

Town of Southeast:

Whitehouse Farm (Michael Coughlin) – Tax Map #56.18-1-34.1 (15.04 acres) Total Acreage: 15.04

Total acreage in petitions: 194.54

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25 AA of the Agriculture and Market Law, section 303-b, a public hearing on the requests was conducted by the Putnam County Legislature on July 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board considered the requests for inclusion and reported which, if any, parcels for inclusion would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District and recommended the inclusion of said parcels in the Putnam County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature reviewed and approved the recommendations made by the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has considered the comments of the speakers at the public hearing, the recommendations of the Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, the various letters in support and in opposition to the inclusion of these parcels in the modification of the Agricultural District; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature accepts and adopts the findings provided by the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby declines to include any of the parcels requested for inclusion in the Putnam County Agricultural District.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

***Copy of Applications on file in the Legislative Office for review.**

Item #6p – Approval/ 2021 Consolidated Funding Applications (CFA) for Grant Funding for Projects Aimed to Increase Local Economic Development and Encourage Growth in Putnam County was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #138

APPROVAL 2021 CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATIONS (CFA) FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AIMED TO INCREASE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENCOURAGE GROWTH IN PUTNAM COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature agree that through economic development efforts that generate, retain and/or create jobs; prevent, reduce and/or eliminate unemployment and underemployment; and increase business and economic activity in Putnam County (the “County”), employment opportunities will develop and jobs will be created, property values will improve and increased sales tax revenues realized, all of the foregoing positively impacting the County’s economic competitiveness, which is in the best interests of County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, \$750 million in competitive funding opportunities are being offered through New York State (\$225 million in grants and tax credits to fund high value regional priority projects and \$525 million to support community revitalization and business growth consistent with existing regional plans), more particularly, the New York Regional Economic Development Council (NYREDC), as set forth in the recently published New York State Regional Economic Development Councils’ 2021 Available CFA Resources Manual¹ (the “Manual”), for which submission of applications for grant funding are due on or before July 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, funding opportunities exist in connection with, among other things, projects that focus on economic growth by making investments that enforce

¹ See, <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/mid-hudson>

interconnecting strategies identified by New York State to improve business climate and expand economic growth, which, if implemented in the County, are expected to positively impact the County’s economic and social viability and vitality and are wholly in the best interests of County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, is desirous to competitively seek grant funds through the 2021 CFA competitive grant application process as outlined in the Manual for certain projects (“Proposed Projects”); and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature agree that the County should submit its 2021 CFA competitive funding applications in connection with its projects as aforesaid, more specifically, in connection with water quality improvements and environmental protection of historical property (“Proposed Projects”), the foregoing being in the best interests of County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, if grant funding is awarded to the County by the NYREDC, depending on the award and grant category, the maximum contributions by NYREDC will be fifty (50%) percent match or seventy-five (75%) percent, *to wit*:

<u>Proposed Project</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated Costs</u>	<u>CFA Application</u>
Putnam County Salt Storage Facility	841 Fair Street Carmel, NY	\$619,000	\$309,500
Putnam County Historic Courthouse Column Restoration	Gleneida Avenue Carmel, NY	\$175,000	\$87,500
Transit Facility Energy Efficiencies/ Solar Panels	841 Fair Street Carmel, NY	\$100,000	\$75,000

and

WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, has/continues efforts to seek and make application for supplemental grant funding for the aforesaid Proposed Projects; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the County Legislature, support the County’s applications for CFA grant funding for submission on or before July 30, 2021 and approves the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation’s request to apply for 2021 CFA grant competitive funding; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7 - Other Business

There was no other business submitted to the meeting.

Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

Mr. Alexander Kaspar of Putnam Valley had a question about Item #6h – Approval/ Local Law Adopting a Pilot Youth Deer Hunting Program. He questioned where this hunting would take place. He stated that space was needed where guns and bows would be used. He believed that you would need 2,000 or 3,000 feet from the public to be safe. He questioned what lands they had in mind where this Pilot Program would take place.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that anywhere in designated areas that allowed hunting in New York State.

Mr. Alexander Kaspar questioned Item #6j – Approval/ Local Law to Amend Section 2.08 of the Putnam County Charter Entitled “Confirmation of Appointments.” He explained that years ago he commented to the Legislature and the State regarding the confirmation of appointments, specifically areas where the Legislature was appointing people who should not be on a board, which he did not have a problem with as this happens all the time. However, he stated that the Legislature was not appointing people that should be on the boards. He spoke about the Soil & Water Conservation Board and the Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board. He explained how he was once a member of the Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board, and he believes the appointments have become very political. He also explained how he was removed from the Agricultural District.

Mr. Scott Reing of Mahopac explained that the previous Charter Review Commission was made up of individuals who were not just within County government. He stated that it is the County Legislature that votes on these changes, and he believed it was crucial that you have outside contributors. Mr. Reing proceeded to make negative comments towards Legislator Sullivan.

Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Gouldman stated that it was a long 1½ years, and he was glad to finally meet in a room with his colleagues instead of through a webinar meeting. He stated that summer was here, and he reminded everyone to be safe.

Legislator Montgomery explained that her votes on the proposed County Charter changes were not pertaining to the details of the actual changes, but because of the process. She explained that other counties specifically state that no appointments to their commission shall be a county employee or Elected Official at the time they serve on the commission. She stated that the Charter is a living document, and we make changes here and there, however the review process is only done every 10 years. She believed that the purpose of the commission was to include the public and she was sorry that we were unable to do that. She stated that we are not aware of when the meetings are held, when these three (3) proposed local laws were discussed and we do not have a copy of the minutes of the meetings. She explained and appreciated that she is now informed of when the meetings take place ever since her request to receive a schedule of the meetings. Legislator Montgomery explained that she was happy to announce that Assemblywoman Galef has secured a grant through the Dormitory Authority for the senior center in Philipstown. She stated that these State funds will help to alleviate the enormous burden that the lease of \$11,000 per month and rehab of the Lahey building puts on local taxpayers. She explained that there was a drowning in her district last week. She was grateful for the firefighters and Fire Departments who responded. She

explained that when we sent our police boat back to the State, we also sent on board infrared cameras back. She believed that equipment would have been helpful in recovering the victim. She believed a greater impact will be every day. She questioned who would conduct the day-to-day marine patrol, speed checks, safety operation checks and boaters driving under the influence. She stated that this was not the job of our fire companies, they are law enforcement responsibilities. She believed that Putnam County has just walked away from its responsibility on the Hudson River. She stated that she fought hard to keep the Marine Patrol intact. She believed that the press release issued by the Bureau of Emergency Services was very misleading. She believed the call time would have been very different if we had a boat in the water with the Sheriff that was on patrol. She stated that, unlike our volunteers, our Sheriff deputies have a lot more training in Marine Patrol and safety than our very dedicated volunteers on the Fire Departments. She stated that the boat in the water would have been within minutes of Little Stoney Point and there would have been an extra set of eyes on the water. She stated that there was no police boat on the water the evening of the drowning. She stated that she is a trained EMT, and she knows that time matters. She stated that it was unfortunate that we paid someone \$50,000 to write press releases, but we eliminated a marine unit that cost \$65,000 last year which the County was reimbursed for half of that from the State.

Legislator Jonke questioned Legislator Montgomery if she was saying that the Sheriff's Department could have prevented the drowning.

Legislator Montgomery stated that the Sheriff's Department would have provided extra eyes on the river. Legislator Montgomery stated that an extra set of eyes on the river when someone is drowning could be a matter of life or death.

Legislator Albano explained that he saw no information or justification that supported having the Marine Patrol on the Hudson. He stated that pertaining to the Charter, it is a living document and if anyone has recommendations or would like changes to be made, he encouraged them to come to our Committee meetings, and/or send the Legislature something in writing, as the Charter can be changed at any time.

Legislator Sullivan proceeded to address the Chairman of the Democratic Party, Mr. Scott Reing, and his negative comments made earlier. He explained that when the Legislature conducts their meetings, they expect decorum and professionalism. He explained that he did not understand why Mr. Reing made negative comments towards him when he did nothing towards him to warrant that. He stated that if someone makes comments which are untrue, which he believed the Sheriff did, he stated that he would bring them up.

Legislator Albano stated that "caucus" comes up at every other meeting implying that something wrong was being done. He stated that it is a common practice for a political party to caucus. He believed that to imply that anything improper is being done was not fair and should not be brought up at a meeting.

Legislator Sayegh stated that as a Legislator it was an honor for her to represent her district. She believed that we were all here because we want to do business for Putnam County to the best of our abilities. She proceeded to read the following "Prayer for Common Ground." "Today, may I be open to others' ideas and beliefs, respectful of our differences, not threatened by them. May I grow in understanding of my own motives,

knowing that people often act out of their own fears. May I be a force for replacing fear with insight, helping us all to be patient and kind as we talk. Strength, real strength, can always find compromise, working together, may we find a common ground, enable us to move forward with a shared purpose. May we see what is truly important and unites us, focusing on that, to banish roadblocks of ego and fear, today, may I be open to others' ideas and beliefs." She stated that she is encouraged by the work before us and hoped that we could all work together for the common good.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that she was finally glad to be here meeting in person. She stated that we have faced unprecedented times, 15 months of lockdown has taken its toll on many people. She stated the 33% of Americans have reported mental health issues related to COVID-19. We have faced emotional and physical health problems, burnout, fear, isolation, and financial pressure. She believed that we were moving in the right direction. She wished everyone a safe and healthy summer.

Legislator Montgomery stated that it was a great wish to want to work together and she hoped that Legislator Sayegh would acknowledge the two (2) memorandums, for two (2) months in a row where she requested of Legislator Sayegh, as the Chair of the Health Committee, to put the New York Health Act on the agenda for discussion. She stated that there was no response other than a complete no. She stated to speak to Legislator Albano's point about the caucus, she believed there was a difference between an implication and a question. She stated that she asks questions and does not imply.

There being no further discussion, at 8:43 P.M., Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Albano and Jonke. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.