

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

Tuesday                      October 3, 2023                      7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Jonke who requested Legislator Gouldman lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Ellner lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Ellner, Castellano, Sayegh and Chairman Jonke were present. Legislator Crowley was absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Nacerino who presented the “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” proclamation to Ms. Ann Ellsworth – Executive Director Putnam/Northern Westchester Women’s Resource Center and Ms. Amy Dehais – Probation Supervisor.

**OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is an epidemic affecting individuals in every community including Putnam County, regardless of age, economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 men are victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the Putnam Northern Westchester Women’s Resource Center (WRC) answered 1,106 Hotline calls from victims; and

WHEREAS, WRC staff accompanied 176 victims to the Putnam County Sherriff, Court, District Attorney, Probation; and

WHEREAS, since it’s opening in 2022 the Special Victim Unit, a joint project of the Women’s Resource Center and the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department has so far provided safe space for 30 adult victims to meet with law enforcement and victim advocates following a domestic violence and/or sexual assault incident; and

WHEREAS, the Women’s Resource Center, the Putnam County Department of Probation, Sheriff’s Department, District Attorney, Child Advocacy Center, and the Department of Social Services work tirelessly together to end domestic violence now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim October 2023 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in Putnam County.

Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Addonizio who presented the “National Fire Prevention Week” proclamation to the Commissioner of Emergency Services Robert Lipton and his son Robert Lipton - Chief of the Carmel Fire District.

## **NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - OCTOBER 8-14, 2023**

**WHEREAS, National Fire Prevention Week will be October 8-14, 2023, during which attention will be focused on promoting fire safety and prevention. In 2021, there were 1,353,500 reported fires in the United States, 3,800 deaths caused by fires, and 14,700 injuries. Those fires resulted in an estimated \$31.3 billion dollars in property damage; and**

**WHEREAS, The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign: "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention." works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking; and**

**WHEREAS, Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove; and**

**WHEREAS, If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking; and**

**WHEREAS, Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop; and**

**WHEREAS, On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled; and**

**WHEREAS, If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire... Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire. Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home; and**

**WHEREAS, Putnam County is served by dedicated Volunteer Fire Departments whose service we greatly value and appreciate. In 2021 across this Nation there were 141 firefighter deaths and 60,750 firefighter injuries. Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But, cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim the week of October 8-14, 2023 as National Fire Prevention Week in the County of Putnam and remind the citizens to learn about cooking safety in and around the kitchen.**

**Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Ellner who presented the "National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week" proclamation to Putnam County Public Health Nurse Jeanette Baldanza.**

## **NATIONAL LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK – OCTOBER 22-28, 2023**

**WHEREAS, every Putnam County resident deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe environment, free from harmful effects of lead; and**

**WHEREAS, the major source of lead exposure is the dust from deteriorating lead-based paint or renovations to houses or childcare facilities built before 1978 and lead poisoning caused by renovations can be prevented by using EPA certified contractors who follow the Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule; and**

**WHEREAS, 73% of lead poisoning cases have lead-based paint as the primary or contributing source; and**

**WHEREAS, although individuals with lead poisoning often exhibit no symptoms, lead interferes with normal brain development, and is associated with permanently**

reduced IQ, learning disabilities, behavioral disorders, and has been cited as an indicator of decreased lifelong learning potential; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 535,000 preschool children in the United States are living with lead levels high enough to call for medical management, it is vital that all Putnam County residents, especially parents and child caregivers are aware of the dangers of lead poisoning and seek appropriate screening for their children as a preventative measure; and

WHEREAS, October 22-28, 2023, is National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week and is an opportunity for Putnam County to provide education and raise awareness about lead poisoning prevention measures; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim October 22-28, 2023 as Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in Putnam County, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Sayegh who presented the “National Substance Abuse Prevention” proclamation to Commissioner of Social Services Michael Piazza, Deputy Commissioner of Social Services Sara Servadio, Mr. James Schiller from St. Christopher’s Inn, Ms. Barbara Naccari-Mueller from CoveCare Prevention Program and Ms. Sylvia Wallin from the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub.

#### OCTOBER AS NATIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Every day, far too many Americans, including Putnam County residents, are hurt by substance use disorders. From diminished achievement in our schools to greater risks on our roads and in our communities, to the heartache caused by lives cut tragically short, the consequences of substance abuse are profound. Yet, we also know that they are preventable. This month, we pay tribute to all those working to prevent substance abuse in our communities, and we rededicate ourselves to building a safer, drug-free Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, By promoting awareness with the aim of stopping substance abuse before it starts, we can prevent the disease of addiction and create stronger neighborhoods across our County; and

WHEREAS, Community-based prevention systems that join stakeholders at every level of government with local organizations can deliver local solutions; and

WHEREAS, All of us can play a role in preventing drug and alcohol abuse. As our children’s first teachers, parents and guardians can help by talking to their kids about the dangers of substance abuse. Alongside them, coalitions of teachers, faith-based groups, health care providers, law enforcement officials, and other local leaders are joining together to address substance abuse in their communities; and

WHEREAS, As we observe National Substance Abuse Prevention Month, let us help to address the stigma face by those with Substance Use Disorder by mindfully labeling our recognition as “Substance Use Prevention Month” paying particular attention to preventing onset of any substance use, and reducing negative outcomes of substance misuse; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Putnam County Executive and Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim October 2022 as Substance Use Prevention Month. Along with the Prevention Council of Putnam, the Putnam CTC Coalition and all substance use prevention and treatment providers in Putnam County encourage all residents to increase their awareness of Substance Use Disorder, the dangers of substance misuse, the success of prevention and treatment programs; especially for our youth, and to actively

support and encourage referrals for harm reduction, treatment and recovery support of individuals and support individuals with Substance Use Disorder.

**Item #4 – Correspondence**

- a) County Auditor

There was no activity during this reporting period.

**Item #5 – Pre-filed resolutions:**

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

**Item #5a – Approval/ SEQRA/ Intent to Serve as Lead Agency/ Fair Street – DPW Maintenance Facility Project/ Town of Patterson was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Gouldman, Chairman of the Physical Services. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Montgomery, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #189**

**APPROVAL/ SEQRA / INTENT TO SERVE AS LEAD AGENCY/ FAIR STREET – DPW MAINTENANCE FACILITY PROJECT/ TOWN OF PATTERSON**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering the approval of a Putnam County project referred to as “Fair Street – DPW Maintenance Facility” (the “Project”); and**

**WHEREAS, Putnam County is planning to replace the existing DPW maintenance structure at the 841 Fair Street DPW Maintenance Facility with a pre-engineered metal 200’ by 45’ structure (roughly 9,000 square feet) that will serves as the hub for road maintenance and snow operations. It will house the plow truck fleet, brine operations, other equipment storage, an office (for administration, scheduling, dispatch and salt tracking) and a bunk room for overnight road maintenance. The new building will be located slightly north of the previous structure’s footprint. There is minimal site work required to prep the site. The long sides of the building will be the north/south faces. Water for the bathrooms and brine operations will be supplied by the existing drilled well. Sewage will be collected in a holding tank. The tank will be on a regular pumping schedule. Electrical service upgrades are being coordinated with NYSEG; and**

**WHEREAS, a new salt storage building will be constructed on the western side of the property. This building will be 60’x128’ hi-arch gambrel roofed structure. A retaining wall system will be constructed to create the building pad and the loading dock for the Salt Storage; and**

**WHEREAS, the proposed action is subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the Regulations promulgated thereunder (“SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617”); and**

**WHEREAS, other potential involved or interested agencies have been identified in connection with the proposed action; and**

**WHEREAS, a short Environmental Assessment form (EAF) has been prepared for the Project, along with supporting documentation, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, after a review of SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617 *et seq.*, finds that the proposed action is an Unlisted action; now therefore be it RESOLVED, the Putnam County Legislature hereby declares its intent to act as the Lead Agency under the procedures and requirements of SEQRA and will conduct a coordinated SEQRA environmental review for the proposed action; and be it further RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5b – Approval/ Grant Application/ State and Municipal Facilities Grant Program/ Municipal Electrification and Renewable Energy Projects was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Montgomery, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery thanked Senator Harckham and said that these funds will go a long way.

Legislator Ellner stated that this is a grant application. We have not received the funding.

RESOLUTION #190

**APPROVAL/ GRANT APPLICATION/ STATE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM/ MUNICIPAL ELECTRIFICATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, Section 5-2(E) of the Putnam County Code provides that an applicant of any grant application that does not require local Putnam County (“the County”) matching funds shall notify the Putnam County Legislature (“the Legislature”) of the submission of a grant application and, further, if the Legislature objects to such grant application, the applicant shall not apply for said grant; and

WHEREAS, by and through the State of New York and the Office of Senator Peter Harckham, the County has the opportunity to apply for a State and Municipal (“SAM”) Crest Grant in the amount of \$100,000 administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (“DASNY”) for municipal electrification and renewable energy projects; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant funds is to subsidize the costs associated with projects that support the transition to a fossil fuel-free, clean energy future of which the County is desirous of same; and

WHEREAS, there is no matching fund requirement by the County to accept the SAM Crest grant for the Project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature authorizes and approves the County’s submission, by the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, of its application for a \$100,000 grant administered through DASNY and awarded by the SAM Crest Facilities Grant Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5c – Approval/ Grant Application/ State and Municipal Facilities Grant Program/ Putnam County Fire Training Center was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Montgomery, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #191**

**APPROVAL/ GRANT APPLICATION/ STATE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM/ PUTNAM COUNTY FIRE TRAINING CENTER**

WHEREAS, Section 5-2(E) of the Putnam County Code provides that an applicant of any grant application that does not require local Putnam County (“the County”) matching funds shall notify the Putnam County Legislature (“the Legislature”) of the submission of a grant application and, further, if the Legislature objects to such grant application, the applicant shall not apply for said grant; and

WHEREAS, by and through the State of New York and the Office of Senator Peter Harckham, the County has the opportunity to apply for a State and Municipal (“SAM”) Crest Grant in the amount of \$200,000 administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (“DASNY”) for Renovations to the Putnam County Fire Training Center; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant funds is to subsidize the costs associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, there is no matching fund requirement by the County to accept the SAM Crest grant for the Project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature authorizes and approves the County’s submission, by the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, of its application for a \$200,000 grant administered through DASNY and awarded by the SAM Crest Facilities Grant Program for the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #5d – Approval/ Ratification of Application for 2023/ 2024 Grant Funds Available Through the New York State Department of Transportation’s Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Montgomery, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #192**

**APPROVAL/ RATIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR 2023/ 2024 GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MODERNIZATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has apportioned Putnam County \$206,564 in funding to upgrade, modernize and enhance public transportation services through NYSDOT’s State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023-2024 Modernization and Enhancement Program (MEP); and

WHEREAS, the MEP grant funding is one hundred (100%) percent State funding; and

**WHEREAS, the MEP grant funding requires an application to apply the funding to an eligible project, and the deadline for application submission was August 21, 2023; and**

**WHEREAS, Section 5-1(D)(1) of the Putnam County Code requires the Legislature approve all grant applications prior to their submission and that in the event time is of the essence requiring submission before Legislature approval is obtained for such application submission, consideration of the application shall occur at the next Full Legislature Meeting; and**

**WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation (the "Department"), is desirous to utilize the awarded funding for renovations at the Transit Facility including new rotary bus lifts and EV charging stations and submitted a grant application by the August 21, 2023 deadline set forth by NYSDOT; and**

**WHEREAS, the Legislature, by and through the Physical Services Committee, approves the County's application for MEP grant funding submitted by the Department to NYSDOT by the August 21, 2023 deadline; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the County Legislature, supports the County's application for NYSDOT's MEP grant funding in connection with the costs associated with renovations at the Transit Facility including new rotary bus lifts and EV charging stations to be formally submitted to NYSDOT on/before August 21, 2023, is hereby accepted, approved and ratified by the County Legislature.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

#### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Castellano & Nacerino)**

**Item #5e – Approval/ Confirmation/ Appointment/ Commissioner of the Department of Public Works was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke stated that it was his privilege to move the following:**

**Legislator Nacerino stated that she was honored to confirm the appointment of Thomas Feighery as the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works. She stated that throughout the years he has demonstrated his acute knowledge and leadership skills in every capacity. She stated that he is highly respected by both his colleagues and staff. She stated that it is no coincidence that two (2) County Executives recognized his boundless potential. She stated that he is an asset to the County and the people of Putnam County.**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that she is thrilled to confirm this appointment. She explained that when she needed assistance with road clean-ups after the storm, he immediately responded to the hardships in the Town of Philipstown by providing the necessary equipment. She explained that he has always made himself available to address her questions or concerns pertaining highways and facilities.**

**Legislator Castellano stated that he was part of the interview process of candidates for the position. He explained that there were outstanding candidates that interviewed for the position, but he believed that Thomas Feighery was head and shoulders above the rest. He explained that Thomas Feighery has done a great job while working for Putnam County and will continue to serve the people of Putnam County.**

**Legislator Gouldman believed that Thomas Feighery will be an asset to Putnam County serving as Commissioner of the Department of Public Works. He explained that he observed the phenomenal job he performed after the County's last devastating rainstorm. He explained that many times he has called Thomas Feighery asking for his help with constituent issues regarding the Peekskill Hollow Road project. He stated he has always made himself available and takes care of the problem right away.**

**Legislator Addonizio congratulated Thomas Feighery. She stated that his professional background speaks volumes for this position. She stated that she is proud and confident to vote to confirm Thomas Feighery as our next Commissioner of the Department of Public Works.**

**Legislator Sayegh stated that she was very happy to approve this appointment. She stated that he has years of service with the County and a union perspective serving as the previous Deputy County Executive. She stated that he will be an asset serving as the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, and the first Commissioner of this newly named department. She shared a story about the American Legion in her district wanting to donate a sign for the Putnam County Veterans Home, and how Thomas Feighery made it happen immediately. She stated that during the ribbon cutting of the new sign, Thomas Feighery and his crew stood in the back row not wanting any recognition.**

**Legislator Ellner stated that Thomas Feighery is going to be the first Commissioner of the Department of Public Works. He believed that he would set a very high standard for all the future Commissioners to follow. He stated that it was his honor to vote in favor of his confirmation.**

**Chairman Jonke explained that he has called Thomas Feighery his friend. He stated that he knows his character and how hard he works, which has been demonstrated to all of us. He stated that most importantly, he has demonstrated strong leadership skills. He stated that it is an honor and privilege to confirm his appointment as Commissioner.**

#### **RESOLUTION #193**

#### **APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ APPOINTMENT/ COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**WHEREAS, County Executive Kevin M. Byrne has appointed Thomas Feighery as Commissioner of Public Works, pursuant to Article 9, Section 9.01 of the Putnam County Charter; and**

**WHEREAS, Thomas Feighery possesses the requisite knowledge, experience, and qualifications to serve as the Commissioner of Public Works for the County of Putnam; and**

**WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee of the Putnam County Legislature considered and approved this appointment; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of Thomas Feighery as the Commissioner of Public Works for the County of Putnam, pursuant to Article 9, Section 9.01 of the Putnam County Charter; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that Thomas Feighery shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.01 of the Putnam County**

Charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this appointment shall comply with the requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #5f – Approval/ Fund Transfer (23T272)/ Emergency Services/ Dispatcher Overtime was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #194**

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (23T272)/ EMERGENCY SERVICES/ DISPATCHER OVERTIME**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance is requesting a fund transfer (23T272) to cover Bureau of Emergency Services Dispatcher Overtime due to vacancies; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

**Decrease:**

13398900 51000 10126	Personnel - BES Dispatcher	36,683
13398900 51000 10127	Personnel - BES Dispatcher	36,683
13398900 51000 10128	Personnel - BES Dispatcher	36,683
13398900 51000 10129	Personnel - BES Dispatcher	<u>9,951</u>
		120,000

**Increase:**

13398900 51093	BES Dispatcher – Overtime	120,000
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2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5g – Approval/ Continuation of the Community Engagement & Police Advisory Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

Chairwoman Nacerino explained that it was a pleasure to accept CEPAB’s request for the reinstatement of said board into 2024, allowing them to continue the fine work they do here in Putnam County.

Chairman Jonke stated that he was grateful for the volunteerism provided by the Board members. He stated that they have done a great job.

**RESOLUTION #195**

**APPROVAL/ CONTINUATION OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & POLICE ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, Resolution #104 of 2021 established a Police Policy Advisory Board known as the “Community Engagement & Police Advisory Board” (CEPAB); and

WHEREAS, said Board was reestablished by Resolution #268 of 2022 and is set to expire on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the CEPAB members have requested the continuation of said Board via letter dated September 2, 2023; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that unless extended by subsequent resolution, this Advisory Board shall be dissolved and terminate all activity on December 31, 2024, on which date the Advisory Board shall deposit all the records of its proceedings with the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Advisory Board shall inform the Legislature of its desire to continue its existence by a written request to the Clerk of the Legislature prior to the date this Advisory Board is scheduled to terminate.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

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

Item #5h – Approval/ Grant Application/ Health Department/ Expanding Harm Reduction Services for Priority Populations Who Use Drugs was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Sayegh, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Crowley and Nacerino, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino believed this was a wonderful opportunity to support vulnerable populations. She hoped that the County was successful in obtaining the grant funding.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she appreciated the work of the Health Department in conjunction with the work of the Department of Social Services. She stated that this is a very competitive grant which is specifically for older adults and the pregnant/parenting. She believed this was a great population to target and it was much needed in Putnam County. She thanked them for their hard work on this grant.

**RESOLUTION #196**

**APPROVAL/ GRANT APPLICATION/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ EXPANDING HARM REDUCTION SERVICES FOR PRIORITY POPULATIONS WHO USE DRUGS**

WHEREAS, Section 5-2(E) of the Putnam County Code provided, in relevant part, that any grant application not requiring Putnam County (the “County”) matching funds shall notify the Putnam County Legislature (the “Legislature”) of the submissions of a

grant application and further, if the Legislature objects to such grant application, the applicant shall withdraw it forthwith; and

WHEREAS, through the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute (NYSDOH AI) Office of Drug User Health announced the availability of state funds to provide harm reduction interventions in community settings in New York State; and

WHEREAS, this funding is directed toward People Who Use Drugs (PWUD), focusing on NYSDOH-identified priority populations who are especially vulnerable to overdose; and

WHEREAS, there is no matching fund requirement by the County, and grant applications are due October 3, 2023; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, by and through the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, approves and authorizes the County's submission of the NYSDOH AI grant application Expanding Harm Reduction Services for Priority Populations Who Use Drugs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
(Chairman Castellano, Legislators Ellner & Gouldman)**

Item #5i – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A054)/ County Clerk/ Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Grant Award was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #197**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A054)/ COUNTY CLERK/ LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT FUND (LGRMIF) GRANT AWARD**

WHEREAS, County Clerk Michael C. Bartolotti has requested a budgetary amendment (23A054) to account for a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Grant (Project #0580-24-0413) awarded in the amount of \$50,150 from New York State Archives, a division of the NYS Education Department (SED); and

WHEREAS, it is a shared services grant with the Town of Putnam Valley which will add to the existing electronic document management system created under the previous shared service grants and will address the problems that are prevalent with the storing and access of paper records, as well as give the availability to convert microfilm to digital images; and

WHEREAS, this grant runs from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, there are no matching County funds required and therefore no approval resolution was needed to apply for said grant; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Revenue:  
 10146000 430601 10207 State Aid – Records Management  
 LGRMIF 22-23 Grant 50,150

Increase Appropriations:  
 10146000 54646 10207 State Aid – Records Management – Contracts  
 LGRMIF 22-23 Grant 50,150

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
 2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5j – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A056)/ Health Department/ Compensatory Time Payout/ Restore Overtime Line was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #198

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A056)/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/  
 COMPENSATORY TIME PAYOUT/ RESTORE OVERTIME LINE

WHEREAS, three years ago, the current Director of Environmental Health was in CSEA Union as Associate Public Health Sanitarian and carried compensation time; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Environmental Health, a PUMA Management position, does not receive and cannot carry any compensation time; and

WHEREAS, accrued compensation time was paid out on March 10, 2023, in the amount of \$14,693.73; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Commissioner of Health has requested a budgetary amendment (23A056) to restore \$14,000 in the Environmental Health Services Overtime line; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

12401000 51093	EHS Overtime	14,000
12401000 58002	EHS FICA	<u>1,071</u>
		15,071

Decrease Appropriations:

10199000 54980	General Contingency	9,646
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

12401000 434011	EHS – General Public Health	5,425
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2023 Fiscal Impact - \$9,646  
 2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #5k – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A057)/ Public Works/ 2023 County-Wide Pavement Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #199**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A057)/ PUBLIC WORKS/ 2023 COUNTY-WIDE PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE & REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS, the adopted 2023 Capital Projects Plan for the County-Wide Pavement Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program was originally going to be funded with Bond Proceeds; and**

**WHEREAS, due to the present economic conditions, it is financially prudent to cover this program with Contingency Funds rather than borrowing and incurring additional closing costs and accrued interest costs throughout the life of the borrowing; and**

**WHEREAS, Department of Public Works Interim Commissioner Thomas Feighery has requested a budgetary amendment (23A057) which would allow DPW to continue the Pavement Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program to address the remainder of roads in need of repair for the 2023 season; and**

**WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:**

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

<b>10990100 59020 52302</b>	<b>Transfer Out – Capital</b>	<b>675,000</b>
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**Decrease Appropriations:**

<b>10199000 54980</b>	<b>General Contingency</b>	<b>675,000</b>
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**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

<b>55197000 428601 52302</b>	<b>Transfer In – General</b>	<b>675,000</b>
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**Decrease Estimated Revenues:**

<b>05000 45710N 52302</b>	<b>2023 Serial Bond Proceeds</b>	<b>675,000</b>
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**2023 Fiscal Impact - \$675,000**

**2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Legislator Castellano made a motion to table Item #5L until we have consideration to fund the Quonset Hut Storage Facility under Other Business Item #6a; seconded by Chairman Jonke.

By Roll Call Vote: Eight Ayes. Legislator Crowley was absent. Motion carries.

Item #5L – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A058)/ Public Works/ Purchase Quonset Hut Storage Facility was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A058)/ PUBLIC WORKS/ PURCHASE QUONSET HUT STORAGE FACILITY**

WHEREAS, by Resolution # \_\_\_\_ of 2023, the Putnam County Legislature approved the use of the Capital Facility Reserve fund for Project #23CP16 – Quonset Hut Storage Facility; and

WHEREAS, the old pole barn structure at the Fair Street location which housed numerous trucks, brine making equipment and staff offices, was condemned this past July and was subsequently demolished; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to identify a solution in the interim that would protect expensive County owned equipment throughout the winter months at the Fair Street location, the Department of Public Works solicited proposals from multiple vendors to purchase a storage structure; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of said structure was \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #179 of 2023, the County utilized \$50,000 from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF) awarded in the amount of \$100,000 received earlier this year for the Fire Training Center; and

WHEREAS, Interim Commissioner of Public Works Thomas Feighery has requested a budgetary amendment (23A058) to transfer the remaining balance of \$50,000 from the LATCF award to the Capital Facility Reserve fund to cover the purchase of a Quonset Hut Storage Facility; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

10990100 59020	Transfer Out – Capital Fund	50,000
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10131000 440893	Federal Aid – LATCF Funds	
	CFDA 21.032 (Did not apply for funds)	50,000

**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

55197000 532316 51509	Capital – 23CP16 – Quonset Hut Storage Facility	50,000
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

55197000 428601 51509	Transfer In – General Fund	50,000
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2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**Item #6 – Other Business**

Chairman Jonke made a motion to place Item #6a on the agenda; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

By Roll Call Vote: Eight Ayes. Legislator Crowley was absent. Motion carries.

**Item #6a – Approval/ Department of Public Works/ Use of Capital Facility Reserve/ (23CP16) (Quonset Hut Storage Facility) was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:**

Chairman Jonke explained that procedurally we needed to approve the use of the Capital Facility Reserve prior to approval of the budgetary amendment.

**RESOLUTION #200**

**APPROVAL/ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/ USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE/ (23CP16) (Quonset Hut Storage Facility)**

WHEREAS, Interim Commissioner of Public Works Thomas Feighery has proposed the use of \$50,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve to fund Project #23CP16 – Quonset Hut Storage Facility at DPW’s Fair Street location; and

WHEREAS, the old pole barn structure at the Fair Street location which housed numerous trucks, brine making equipment and staff offices, was condemned this past July and was subsequently demolished; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to identify a solution in the interim that would protect County owned equipment throughout the winter months at the Fair Street location, the Department of Public Works solicited proposals from multiple vendors to purchase a storage structure; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approved this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the expenditure of \$50,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve fund budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:

**23CP16 – Quonset Hut Storage Facility**

**Project cost not to exceed \$50,000**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Chairman Jonke requested that Legislator Castellano proceed with Item #5L.

**Item #5L – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A058)/ Public Works/ Purchase Quonset Hut Storage Facility was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #201**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A058)/ PUBLIC WORKS/ PURCHASE  
QUONSET HUT STORAGE FACILITY**

WHEREAS, by Resolution #200 of 2023, the Putnam County Legislature approved the use of the Capital Facility Reserve fund for Project #23CP16 – Quonset Hut Storage Facility; and

WHEREAS, the old pole barn structure at the Fair Street location which housed numerous trucks, brine making equipment and staff offices, was condemned this past July and was subsequently demolished; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to identify a solution in the interim that would protect expensive County owned equipment throughout the winter months at the Fair Street location, the Department of Public Works solicited proposals from multiple vendors to purchase a storage structure; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of said structure was \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #179 of 2023, the County utilized \$50,000 from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF) awarded in the amount of \$100,000 received earlier this year for the Fire Training Center; and

WHEREAS, Interim Commissioner of Public Works Thomas Feighery has requested a budgetary amendment (23A058) to transfer the remaining balance of \$50,000 from the LATCF award to the Capital Facility Reserve fund to cover the purchase of a Quonset Hut Storage Facility; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

10990100 59020	Transfer Out – Capital Fund	50,000
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10131000 440893	Federal Aid – LATCF Funds	
	CFDA 21.032 (Did not apply for funds)	50,000

**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

55197000 532316 51509	Capital – 23CP16 – Quonset Hut Storage Facility	50,000
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

55197000 428601 51509	Transfer In – General Fund	50,000
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2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items**

**There were no members of the public that wished to comment.**

**Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators**

**Legislator Gouldman reminded the public to get involved in the 2023 County Budget process to see how the County obtains and uses revenue and how your tax dollars are spent. He stated that the process starts on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 7:00 in the Historic Courthouse when the County Executive will present the budget to the Legislature. He also provided the public with information on the following: Putnam County Sheriff's Cadets, Hazardous Household Waste Day – Saturday, October 14, 2023, at Fahnestock State Park 8:30am-12:30pm, and Breast Cancer Screening at Putnam Hospital – Saturday, October 14, 2023.**

**Legislator Ellner reminded everyone that this weekend is Carmel High School's Homecoming.**

**Legislator Castellano stated that October is a great time of year to be in the Hudson Valley area. He stated that we have a great celebration for Columbus Day. He stated that this past Sunday the Putnam County Italian American Club in Brewster celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He hoped that next year the Columbus Day Parade could be brought back to the Mahopac area.**

**Legislator Sayegh reminded everyone that early voting starts on October 28<sup>th</sup> through November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**There be no further business, at 7:41 P.M., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Nacerino and Ellner. All in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.**