# RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE HELD IN ROOM #318 PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Members: Chairwoman Addonizio and Legislators Ellner & Nacerino

Wednesday 6:30pm February 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairwoman Addonizio who requested Legislator Nacerino lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislator Nacerino and Chairwoman Addonizio were present. Legislator Ellner was absent.

# Item #3 – Acceptance of Minutes – December 12, 2023

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

### Item #4 – Approval/ 2024 Putnam Arts Council Grants

President & Executive Director of the Putnam Arts Council Joyce Picone stated the panel was intentional in making sure the grant funding was spread among different art disciplines throughout each town in the County. She stated the Putnam Arts Council received requests of \$92,725 and they were able to provide \$44,793 in funding; \$13,993 from Putnam County and \$30,800 from New York State. She stated these funds are vital to the programs they got toward. She stated \$8.00 are raised both directly and indirectly for every \$1.00 spent on the arts.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated 27 application requests were made to the Putnam Arts Council and 26 were supported.

Putnam Arts Council Regrant Coordinator Mary Beth Becker stated the Putnam Arts Council received three (3) proposals from one (1) organization. She stated there are some organizations that had already applied for New York State Council on the Arts grants, which make them ineligible of New York State funding through the Putnam Arts Council regrant program; they would only be eligible to receive County funds. She stated based on the tighter budget of the County funding and the fact that the organization had not fulfilled part of their contract from the previous year it was decided not to fund them this year.

President & Executive Director Picone stated the organization can also raise money through sponsorships for their projects. She clarified that once application is made directly to the State, the Putnam Arts Council cannot utilize State funding toward that organization or project, whether the State grants or denies the request.

Chairwoman Addonizio spoke to the importance of arts in the community.

Legislator Nacerino stated her appreciation for the work done by the Putnam Arts Council. She stated the arts are so valuable to our wellbeing.

President & Executive Director Picone stated the arts creates jobs and brings in visitors to the County, but most importantly these programs enhance the community for the residents of Putnam County.

Legislator Montgomery thanked the Putnam Arts Council for their work and the consideration given to each applicant. She stated she is grateful that the County provides funding to the Putnam Arts Council for this purpose and would like to see that funding amount increased. She spoke to the revenue generated by the arts.

President & Executive Director Picone stated she is grateful for the funding they receive. She stated this particular program comes into the Putnam Arts Council and goes right back to local projects and organizations.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

# Item #5 – Approval/ Sales Tax Funding Reallocation/ Town of Putnam Valley/ Parks & Recreation Day Camp

Chairwoman Addonizio stated Town of Putnam Valley Supervisor Jacqueline Annabi submitted a request to the Administration in November 2023 to reallocate the Sales Tax funding from the Bell Hollow Road culvert project to be used for their Parks & Recreation Day Camp. She stated when the County was affected by the July 10, 2023 storm, the Bell Hollow Road culvert was undermined and declared an emergency site by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). She stated FEMA will fund the repair of the bridge and culvert as the extent of the damage became much worse than was originally anticipated.

Commissioner of Finance Michael Lewis stated due to the storm damage and the previous project being funded by FEMA, a resolution was created to reallocate \$509,858.90 of the Sales Tax funding to go toward the Parks & Recreation Day Camp project. He stated they met with the towns and villages last week about this funding to notify them that the projects needs to start being planned accordingly or they could be in jeopardy of losing the money.

Legislator Nacerino stated her support for this reallocation.

Legislator Gouldman stated although the July 10, 2023 storm had a major impact on the area, he is happy to see FEMA providing funding for the Bell Hollow Road bridge and culvert repairs, allowing this funding to be redirected to another use.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

## Item #6 – Approval/ Appointment/ Plumbing & Mechanical Trades Board/ Redlon

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

### Item #7 - Approval/ Appointment/ Home Improvement Board/ Katsuk

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

### Item #8 - Approval/ Appointment/ Board of Ethics/ Eldridge

Legislator Nacerino questioned if having Personnel Officer Paul Eldridge on the Board of Ethics could be a potential conflict if a matter involving an employee arose.

Legislative Counsel Robert Firriolo stated he would look into that. He stated he would imagine if such a conflict presented itself, Personnel Officer Eldridge could recuse himself and allow the rest of the Ethics Board to consider the issue.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #9 - FYI/ Litigation Report - Duly Noted

Item #10 - Other Business - None

### Item #11 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 6:46pm, Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Beth Robinson.