

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
40 Gleneida Avenue Room #318
Carmel, NY 10512**

Committee Members: Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Castellano & Montgomery

Monday **December 18, 2023**

(Protective Svcs. Mtg. Immediately Followed)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Chairman Gouldman and he led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Castellano, Montgomery and Chairman Gouldman were present.

Item #3 - Acceptance/ Physical Services Meeting Minutes/ October 12th and November 16, 2023

Chairman Gouldman stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #4 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 23A072/ Repurpose of US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration Remaining Section 5339 Funds/ (FFY2015 NY & Danbury, CT)/ Supplement Funding For Access to Empire State Trail Project/ Commissioner of Finance Michael Lewis

Chairman Gouldman stated Commissioner of Finance Michael Lewis is present to speak to this item.

Commissioner of Finance Michael Lewis stated this is a repurposing of the Federal and State funds from the ADA Transit Accessibility Program to the Empire Trail Access.

Commissioner of Planning, Development, and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa stated this is the balance of funding from a sidewalk project. She stated the funding is being repurposed to a similar project.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment 23A072/ Repurpose of US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration Remaining Section 5339 Funds/ (FFY2015 NY & Danbury, CT)/ Supplement Funding For Access to Empire State Trail Project; Seconded by Legislator Montgomery. All in favor.

Item #5 – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 23A074/ Reimbursement from State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company/ Damage to Guide Rail on Stoneleigh Avenue/ Risk Manager Mat Bruno

Risk Manager Mat Bruno stated in addition to the Accident and Incident Reports he will be sending a Property Damage Report. He stated it will include updated and current information when a property damage claim comes into the County's Risk Office. He explained that he and the Commissioner of DPW are working together to get police reports related to guard rail and/or property damage along County Roadways. He stated if a police report is generated, he can work with the Sheriff's Department and the Commissioner of DPW to get the necessary information needed to submit a claim for reimbursement from the corresponding Insurance Company. He stated this is the first reimbursement received. He stated this is new money coming in that in the past the County did not receive. He stated the reimbursement checks, when received, will be sent to Commissioner of Finance and the funding will be put in the proper account. He stated there are several that he is currently working on. He stated the County recently received another reimbursement check for \$7,700 from Progressive. He stated he wanted to bring this good news that they are working on getting property damage reimbursement back to the County for services, materials and labor costs that the County was already doing.

Chairman Gouldman stated his appreciation for Risk Manager Burno's action in seeking reimbursement funding, which was not done before.

Risk Manager Mat Bruno stated the monthly spread sheet he will submit to the Legislature will show what he is working on. He stated he started this work in November of 2023, and to date have received \$17,720.54 in reimbursement.

Legislator Ellner requested why the total on the budgetary amendment is different from the total listed in the backup.

Commissioner of Finance Mike Lewis stated that he will look into it. He stated if there needs to be an edit he will have it for the Audit & Administration and the Year End Meetings tomorrow.

Commissioner of DPW Thomas Feighery expressed his appreciation for the assistance and cooperation from the Town of Carmel, Town of Kent Police Departments, and the Sheriff's Department.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment 23A074/ Reimbursement from State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company/ Damage to Guide Rail on Stoneleigh Avenue; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #6 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 23A075/ Funding from New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) Regarding Federal Transit Funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2023/ Commissioner of Finance Michael Lewis

Commissioner of Planning, Development, and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa stated this is Formula Funding. She stated this is to adjust the budget line. She stated the County received more funding than what was allocated for the year.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment 23A075/ Funding from New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) Regarding Federal Transit Funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2023; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #7 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 23A085/ Funding for the Sprout Brook Road Bridge Replacement Project/ Deputy Commissioner of DPW Joseph Bellucci

Deputy Commissioner DPW Joseph Bellucci stated when the bids were received for this project back in September of 2023, the low bid was higher than the Engineer's Estimate, thus necessitating this request. He stated this project is scheduled to begin in the early Spring of 2024.

Legislator Montgomery stated this is a project that is much anticipated. She stated representatives from the County came to a Community Meeting and spoke to the project and also addressed questions from the residents. She stated they also promised that they would be back once the engineering was reviewed, completed and the project was ready to begin. She questioned if that promise still stands with the Continental Village Homeowners Association. She stated she can provide the DPW Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner the Continental Village Homeowners Association monthly Homeowners Association (HOA) meeting schedule. She stated they are concerned about the impact the work on this project will cause in terms of traffic, school buses etc.

Commissioner of DPW Thomas Feighery stated they would need to meet with them in early March of 2024.

Legislator Montgomery stated she will look into when their HOA meeting is in March and work to coordinate it with Commissioner Feighery.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment 23A085/ Funding for the Sprout Brook Road Bridge Replacement Project; Seconded by Legislator Montgomery. All in favor.

Item #8 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 23A086/ Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and NY & CT American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding to Support Transit Operations and Maintenance at Aging Transit Facility/

Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa

Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa explained this budgetary request involves funding that was allocated for transportation, which was ARPA, COVID Relief funding. She stated the funding must be used on operations or maintenance. She stated the County would like to utilize said funding at the County's Transit Facility in the areas of operations and maintenance, in accordance with the requirements.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment 23A086/ Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and NY & CT American Rescue Plan Act Funding to Support Transit Operations and Maintenance at Aging Transit Facility; Seconded by Legislator Montgomery. All in favor.

Item #9 - Approval/ Authorizing the Implementation of Funding in The First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal – Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds for the Construction and Construction Inspection Phases for the Completion of PIN 8757.48 – Peekskill Hollow Road Renovation Project/ Commissioner of DPW Thomas Feighery

Commissioner of Finance Mike Lewis stated in working with the County's contacts in the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) the Putnam County secured Federal funding in the amount of \$7,826,000 to put towards the Peekskill Hollow Road Renovation project. He explained that a 20% match is required. He stated in May of 2023 the County submitted a \$4 million bond for said project. He stated of that \$4 million, \$2 million will be used to subsidize this local match requirement. He stated the remaining \$2 million will be rescinded and the NYMTC funding will be applied to the Peekskill Hollow Road Renovation.

Chairman Gouldman commented that since the new County Administration has taken over, the Peekskill Hollow Road Renovation project is moving at a fast pace and is progressing very nicely. He also recognized DPW Commissioner Feighery and his staff for their work that contributed to the opening of the Oregon Corners Bridge which was reopened today. He stated that is a very welcomed action by the residents and visitors of Putnam Valley.

Legislator Montgomery stated her appreciation of the support of her Legislative Colleagues, which also contributed to the Peekskill Hollow Road Renovation progressing forward.

Chairman Gouldman echoed Legislator Montgomery's comments.

Legislator Jonke stated his appreciation to Commissioner of Finance Mike Lewis for working to secure this funding. He stated this will result in a savings of millions of dollars for the taxpayers.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Authorizing the Implementation of Funding in The First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal – Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds for the Construction and Construction Inspection Phases for the Completion of PIN 8757.48 – Peekskill Hollow Road Renovation Project; Seconded by Legislator Montgomery. All in favor.

Item #10 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 23A088/ Distribution of Congested Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Funds in connection with the Peekskill Hollow Road Renovation Project/ Commissioner of Finance Michael Lewis or Director of Purchasing John Tully

Commissioner of Finance Mike Lewis stated this budgetary is putting the funds in the correct budget lines and it is related to what was discussed in agenda item #9.

Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery stated he would like to recognize Commissioner of Planning, Development, and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa and Director of Purchasing John Tully, for their efforts and involvement in securing these funds. He stated they serve as the County’s representative on the NYMTC Board.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment 23A088/ Distribution of Congested Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Funds in connection with the Peekskill Hollow Road Renovation Project; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #11 - Approval/ Capital Project – 23CP18/ Purchasing Department Offices Renovation/ Commissioner of DPW Thomas Feighery

Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery stated this is a Capital Project (CP) this year. He stated they are updating the out-of-date County Mailroom and adding an office and updating the Purchasing Department.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Capital Project – 23CP18/ Purchasing Department Offices Renovation; Seconded by Legislator Montgomery. All in favor.

Item #12 - Approval/ Capital Project – 23CP19/ Tilly Foster Farm Building #6 (the Cantina)/ Funding for the Demolition, Razing of Building #6 and Related Site and Utility Work/ Commissioner of Department of Public Works Thomas Feighery

Legislator Castellano requested an update on the building across the street from Tilly Foster Farm along Route 312.

Commissioner of DPW Thomas Feighery stated the Watershed Agricultural Council (WAC) has a new Board and they have expressed an interest in taking that building. He stated the County has offered to take down the structure for them. He stated the County will continue its negotiations with WAC and anticipate it will be on the WAC agenda for the February Meeting that is scheduled with Putnam County. He stated this Capital Project funding request is to cover the cost of the rubbish removal related to the knock down of Building #6, and the utility tie-ins. He stated this is the location where Cornell Cooperative has been approved to erect a new structure on the Tilly Foster Farm property.

Legislator Montgomery stated she has been vocal in her criticism of the County spending any more money on Tilly Foster Farm. She explained in sight of the future use of this new structure and the plans for education that will take place in it by Cornell Cooperative, she is in support of it. She stated she did tour the original Building #6 and is in full support of the fact that it had to be knocked down. She stated she is in support of this request.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve the Capital Project – 23CP19/ Tilly Foster Farm Building #6 (the Cantina)/ Funding for the Demolition, Razing of Building #6 and Related Site and Utility Work; Seconded by Legislator Montgomery. All in favor.

Item #13 - Approval/ Grant Application/ State and Municipal Facilities Grant Program/ Putnam County Office Building ADA Compliant Ramp/ No Matching Funds/ Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa

Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa expressed thanks to Senator Harckham for his efforts to make Putnam County a recipient of a \$50,000 grant. She stated these funds will be used to construct an ADA Compliant Ramp at the front entrance of the County Office Building (COB). She stated this will allow those who need to make use of an ADA entrance to have the option of the ADA entrance that brings them through the back door of the COB into the ground level of the building, which they then utilize the elevator or have them come through the front door entrance of the COB that brings them into the main entrance where and elevator is also accessible.

Legislator Nacerino stated she is happy to see that this will be done. She stated in her opinion it is well overdue. She expressed her appreciation to Senator Harckham for providing the funding.

Legislator Montgomery expressed her appreciation to Senator Harckham and for this project of making the COB easily accessible to everyone.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Grant Application/ State and Municipal Facilities Grant Program/ Putnam County Office Building ADA Compliant Ramp; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #14 - Approval/ Adoption Putnam County Complete Streets Policy/ Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa

Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa stated this is part of the County's Climate Smart Initiative. She stated one of the measures they would like to do is address the Complete Streets, which is a policy of looking at the County's roadway projects through the lens of looking at all avenues of transportation: pedestrians, bicycles and to make sure the design allows everyone to utilize the roadways.

Legislator Montgomery stated for the record she brought forward a similar policy and an expert from Dutchess County to a meeting in 2022. She stated she believes because it was her proposal it was never brought forward. She stated she appreciates that Commissioner Barosa has brought this forward, and she will be in complete favor of this. She continued to speak to her frustration with the fact that the County did not move forward with this program last year which resulted in the loss of incentives that the Complete Street Policies and Climate Smart Programs offer.

Legislator Ellner questioned if the focus will be on new roadway projects or old, and will the County have to spend money to bring all the roads up to this policy.

Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa explained this is a design technique. She stated it makes sure that Planners and Engineers are looking at everything when evaluating projects. She clarified it is not required that the County implement measures.

Chairman Gouldman facilitated further discussion on this matter.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve/ Adoption Putnam County Complete Streets Policy; Seconded by Legislator Montgomery. All in favor.

Item #15 - Approval/ Putnam County's Proposed Program Plan in Conformance With and As Required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and Title VI Regulations/ Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa

Commissioner Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa stated this is an update to the County's Title VI plan, which is required by the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA). She stated that the County's transportation system is operated fairly and equally with consideration of all people.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve/ Putnam County's Proposed Program Plan in Conformance With and As Required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and Title VI Regulations; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #16– Other Business - None

Item #17 - Adjournment

There being no further business at 7:03P.M. Chairman Gouldman made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Montgomery. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.