

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Held In Room #318

PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Members: Chairman

Chairman Albano & Legislators Gross & Oliverio

Monday

February 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:35p.m. by Chairman Albano. He led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Oliverio, Gross and Chairman Albano were present.

Item #3) Discussion/Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board (ESSAB)

Chair Albano stated that he would like to welcome some of the members from the ESSAB: Eric Gross, Fran McCarthy, Adam Stiebeling & Eric Peters. Each of these members serves as a representative for a specific category on the ESSAB. Mr. Gross, rep for Bureau of Emergency Services, Mr. Stiebeling, rep for Commissioner McMahan, Ms. McCarthy, rep for Emergency Medical Services Council, Mr. Peters, citizen representative.

Eric Gross stated that the function of the ESSAB is to come up with ideas-recommendations that would make Putnam County a safer place to live. The Board was formed by Commissioner McMahan. He stated that an on going challenge is to secure volunteers. He stated that the numbers of emergency calls increases every year. He stated that they would like a standard key for the emergency response people that would fit every elevator in the County.

Legislator Oliverio questioned what the cost would be.

Deputy Commissioner Stiebeling stated that the initiative is to implement this policy from this point forward in the form of a Local Law. It is not to retrofit the current elevators. Therefore, he does not believe that there would be additional cost.

Fran McCarthy stated that she does not think that it would be an exorbitant amount to retrofit all of the elevator keys.

Chair Albano requested clarification that the key that is being referred to is the one inside of the elevator that operates the elevator.

Eric Peters stated that is correct. He stated that the City of New York follows this procedure. Commissioner McMahan is requesting that Putnam County put it in their Building Code for private and commercial structures and that a time frame be stated that will allow them to retrofit their existing elevators.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he would like a quick cost estimate of the cost what it would cost to retrofit a typical elevator. He stated that times are tough financially for people. He thinks it sounds like a great recommendation, but he would like all of the cost facts associated with it before making a decision on it.

Legislator Gross stated that he would be concerned about it being another unfunded mandate for the schools. He absolutely understands the safety matter, but like Legislator Oliverio, he would like to know all of the facts about the costs that would be associated with these recommendations.

Fran McCarthy stated that there are several facilities in Putnam County where the stretchers do not fit in the Elevators. So in those situations the patients must be carried down the stairs. She stated that she would like to see a requirement put on the books that all future construction with elevators must fit a barometric stretcher.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he would like to contact the County Legal Department to inquire as to the County's legal authority to put a requirement in the Building Codes of the Towns in respect to the Elevators.

Chair Albano stated to be clear this committee supports the "the standard" key idea. The ESSAB will provide a cost projection of retrofitting current elevator & a cost projection of creating an elevator that will be equipped with a standard key.

Item# 4) Approval/Re-Appointment of all Existing (9) Board Members to the Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board (ESSAB) & the (4) Alternate Members

Chair Albano stated that there is additional correspondence accepted this evening in reference to agenda item #4. He stated that after the agenda and back up went out for this meeting, it was discovered that only six (6) members were up for re-appointment plus the four (4) Alternate Members.

Legislator Oliverio made a motion to approve the amended recommendation for Re-Appointment to the Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board and the re-appointment for the four (4) Alternate Members; Seconded by Legislator Othmer. All in favor.

Item #5) Other Business –NONE

Item #6) Adjournment

There being no further business at 8:50p.m. Legislator Oliverio made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Gross. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Administrative Assistant- *Diane Trubulsky*