

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
HELD VIA AUDIO WEBINAR PURSUANT TO TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDERS**

Tuesday April 6, 2021 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairwoman Addonizio who led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Nacerino, Albano, Jonke, Castellano, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that the following proclamations are for informational purposes and will be mailed to the relevant parties.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs ensure the health of children and families, allowing children to grow into adults who prosper and contribute to society; and

WHEREAS, the Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County, the Department of Social Services Child Protective Services, Child Welfare Services, Legal Division, and Safe Harbour Putnam County are deeply committed to serving child abuse victims and their families with sensitivity, understanding, and compassion and providing services necessary to help healing begin; and

WHEREAS, the Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County, the Department of Social Services Child Protective Services, Child Welfare Services, Legal Division, and Safe Harbour Putnam County especially this month should be commended and recognized for working with schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement, and the business community to implement prevention programs to ensure the physical, mental, and emotional health and well-being of the children of Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Putnam County and call upon all citizens to increase their efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH & AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson is an integral part of our community, serving both as a business and as a human services agency with the mission to empower people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to achieve and experience the highest quality of life; and

WHEREAS, for over sixty-five years, The Arc Mid-Hudson has been the leading provider of services in Putnam County for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities from birth through advanced age; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson is one of the leading employers in Putnam County and also offers Vocational Training and Rehabilitation to participants so they can provide quality work to the business community, training employees in both supported and competitive placements; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson educates and assists over 50 children with autism and special needs through its Preschool to reach their fullest potential and retain their success through their participation in the public school system; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson's Residential program provides for more than 130 people in both homes and apartments throughout Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson's Day Habilitation programs offer the opportunity to expand social, communication, and life skills to over 150 adults with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson provides Community Habilitation, Respite, Educational Advocacy and Traumatic Brain Injury services to over 70 children and adults living at home with their families throughout Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson's clinic, Mid-Hudson Health Specialties, offers clinical services for over 200 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Putnam County and their families, including psychology, social work, occupational, physical, and speech therapies, podiatry, psychiatry, and medical services, as well as behavioral supports for families in their homes; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2021 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and Autism Awareness Month, and recognize and commend The Arc Mid-Hudson for the valuable services this agency provides to people with disabilities, their families, and the business community.

APRIL 20, 2021 AS HEALTHY TEEN BRAIN DAY

WHEREAS, Our youth are our greatest joy and our hope for the future so it is necessary for us to support them in making safe and healthy decisions, while creating a supportive environment that safeguards their future; and

WHEREAS, Many of our youth are making very healthy and safe decisions to remain marijuana-free and providing leadership in their schools and communities to help other youth remain marijuana-free; and

WHEREAS, There is strong objective evidence that marijuana is harmful to the adolescent brain, with the potential to cause distorted perceptions, difficulty with thinking and problem solving, disrupted learning and memory, and impaired reaction time, attention span, judgment, balance and coordination; and

WHEREAS, It is with special pleasure that we join with the youth and adult leaders of the Putnam Communities That Care Coalition in celebrating the first "Healthy Teen Brain Day" to applaud and support our youth who are making healthy decisions; and

WHEREAS, On behalf of the citizens of Putnam County, we are pleased and proud to join all associated with the inception of "Healthy Teen Brain Day" and urge all citizens to acknowledge this very important day.

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 20, 2021 to be Healthy Teen Brain Day in Putnam County and proudly join my fellow residents in marking this very special occasion.

KEEP PUTNAM BEAUTIFUL

WHEREAS, Putnam County is one of the most unique counties in New York State as it is located in close proximity to large cities, but remains a quiet, pastoral community where many natural and historic sites can be enjoyed; and

WHEREAS, Acknowledging the bucolic nature of Putnam County and the importance of preserving it, the County of Putnam established the Keep Putnam Beautiful program in 2005. Lead by Program Coordinator Walt Thompson, Keep Putnam Beautiful utilized an education and community volunteerism approach to work toward their goal of not only preserving the environment, but enhancing it along the way. The collaborative effort set forth involved the towns and villages within the County to achieve a common goal; and

WHEREAS, Legislator Ginny Nacerino recognized that the need to maintain and even improve the environment in Putnam County is ever-present and thereby has launched a campaign to reintroduce the *Keep Putnam Beautiful* slogan and reestablish the program. The Putnam County Health Department and Tourism Department join in the effort with Towns, Villages, and Individual Community Volunteers to make the prevention of litter and preservation of the environment a priority in our community. By employing the same spirit and concerted effort as the original program, a renewed pride will be instilled in our County and Putnam will remain the idyllic home and destination it is and has always been; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell and the Putnam County Legislature, hereby proclaim April as Keep Putnam Beautiful Month and encourage all residents to remain cognizant of their impact on the environment.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK – APRIL 4 – 10, 2021

WHEREAS, libraries are the hearts and hubs of their communities, providing essential and valued resources, collections, and programs for all ages and demographics; and

WHEREAS, libraries are continually evolving to meet the needs of their communities by offering opportunities for lifelong learning through both traditional services and new technologies; and

WHEREAS, libraries worked during the pandemic to provide both new and traditional services in ways which were safe for their communities, and

WHEREAS, libraries employ trained, tech-savvy professionals who provide Internet access, technology training, and access to downloadable content like e-books, downloadable audiobooks, and magazines; and

WHEREAS, libraries offer services such as job-seeking resources, homework help, storytimes, literacy training, and summer reading programs; and

WHEREAS, libraries value, promote, and practice sound sustainability measures that ensure economical services, conserve resources, reduce long-term energy costs, and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library staff, and library supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim the week of April 4-10, 2021 as National Library Week. We encourage all county residents to use their local libraries, either in person or online, to take advantage of the wealth of library resources our libraries provide.

APRIL 11 – 17, 2021 AS NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS' WEEK

WHEREAS, the Putnam County 911 Center answered 88,895 calls for help and dispatched Fire, EMS, and Police agencies 11,735 times during 2019; and

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire, or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Putnam 911 communications center; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Service Dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Service Dispatchers are the single vital link for our police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Service Dispatchers of the Putnam 911 communications center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim the week of April 11th through April 17th, 2021 to be National Telecommunicators' Week in Putnam County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our County and its citizens safe.

APRIL 2021 AS TEEN DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, statistics and experience demonstrate that the greatest danger to our youth in Putnam County, and throughout our country, are the dangers posed from traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS, highway crash statistics inform us that although teen drivers make up only 7% of the driving population, they comprise 11% of the injury related automobile crashes; and

WHEREAS, the leading cause of accidental deaths to our youthful population throughout the United States are automobile accidents; and

WHEREAS, analysis shows us that the reasons for teen overrepresentation in injury related automobile crashes include: driver inexperience, excessive speed, unnecessary risk taking, inattentive driving, and use of alcohol and drugs; and

WHEREAS, in Putnam County, we have too often experienced a tragedy with the death of a teen driver at the wheel. Many of these deaths have occurred during the spring and summer months with a high incidence rate during the period leading up to prom season; and

WHEREAS, all accidents are preventable and crash rates can be lowered through the use of education and awareness programs through the use of our school systems, law enforcement programs and youth services organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Junior RTC programs and the Civil Air Patrol, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, these programs work best when there is a period set aside for local government at every level, our school districts and churches, synagogues, and youth

service organizations coming together to provide these educational programs; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2021 as Teen Driver Safety Awareness Month in Putnam County. We encourage all levels of government, our school districts, law enforcement, our churches and synagogues, our youth service organizations and all the citizens of Putnam County to support programs that promote teen driver safety awareness in Putnam County, thereby protecting one of our most precious resources, our children and grandchildren.

- Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – Regular Mtg – March 2, 2021
- Special Mtg – March 9, 2021
- Special Mtg – State of the County – March 11, 2021
- Special Mtg – March 18, 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:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Nacerino & Sullivan)

Item #6a – Approval/ Fund Transfer (21T034)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Jail Overtime 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 #50

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (21T034)/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ JAIL OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (21T034) to cover Overtime costs incurred for January 2021 due to six (6) Correction Officer vacancies and one (1) Officer on 207C; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee, 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:

10315000 51000 10128	Jail Personnel	4,439
10315000 51000 10143	Jail Personnel	4,439
10315000 51000 10144	Jail Personnel	4,439
10315000 51000 10145	Jail Personnel	<u>4,227</u>
		17,544

Increase:
10315000 51093

Jail Overtime

17,544

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6b – Approval/ Fund Transfer (21T047)/ County Executive/ Increase Contract for East Branch Consulting 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:

Legislator Montgomery stated as discussed in the Rules and Audit Committee meetings, she believed that going from \$12,500 in October of 2020 up to \$50,000 in April 2021 for a consultant to write press releases for the County Executive was not a good use of our emergency funds by taking this from contingency. She stated that we are in the middle of a pandemic when our local municipalities, towns and villages, are struggling to keep their budgets intact. She explained that the County took away the line item that would help her district, the Village of Cold Spring, with garbage removal.

Legislator Sayegh explained that the press releases provide important information to the public such as: COVID-19 numbers that change on a daily basis, hospitalizations, vaccine PODS and clinics. She stated that during COVID-19 the need for this contract has been exorbitant. She stated that it was her understanding that the funds would be moved into this line and if not utilized by the end of the year it would be put back. She believed that it was important to get information out to the public in a timely manner to keep them informed.

Legislator Nacerino believed that it was especially important because there seems to be a lot of misinformation and miscommunication circulating. She stated that when a press release is issued by the County Executive, it ensures accuracy and eliminates a lot of the confusion, miscommunication and speculation that ensues. She believed the press releases were necessary especially during a crisis.

Legislator Sullivan explained that this consulting firm has provided an invaluable service to the County, especially during this past year, when important information needed to be provided to the public regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Legislator Albano concurred. He stated that if ever there was a time of heightened communication being necessary, this was it.

Legislator Montgomery stated that it is critical for the County to get this information out to the public. She explained that in September and October of 2020 she advocated for more resources for the Health Department. She explained that there was one (1) person

taking on the roll of public information officer and just before the pandemic an epidemiologist position was eliminated. She believed that it would be in our best interest to give these resources to the Health Department. She stated that if we are taking money from contingency, she believed it should go directly to the Health Department; not the County Executive's Office. She believed that an expert in health field was needed to get information to the public.

Legislator Sullivan clarified that the consulting firm works with all departments in the County that need to get information out to the public. She stated that it was not just one (1) department.

Legislator Sayegh stated that the Governor's office has daily conferences and information needs to be provided to the public. She believed that all the municipalities and the State have increased public relations awareness. She believed that it was money well spent in order to get information to the public; especially during a pandemic.

Legislator Montgomery believed that we needed someone with expertise in public health. She did not believe this consultant was writing the Sheriff's press releases. She requested specifically what other department they were writing press releases for. She believed that there was enough Administrative staff in the Executive Branch of government to manage a small County's press releases.

RESOLUTION #51

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (21T047)/ COUNTY EXECUTIVE/ INCREASE CONTRACT FOR EAST BRANCH CONSULTING

WHEREAS, the contract between East Branch Consulting LLC and the County of Putnam has exceeded its monthly billable amount due to the increasing number of hours the consultant has spent performing services related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, it has been suggested that the contract be amended to provide compensation more accurately for services rendered by moving to an hourly model with a contract maximum of \$50,000 which complies with the County's procurement policy; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has requested a fund transfer (21T047) to cover the cost of said contract by transferring \$20,000 from contingency to the contract line; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations 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:

10199000 54980	Contingency	20,000
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Increase:

10123000 54646	Contracts	20,000
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2021 Fiscal Impact \$20,000

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6c – Approval/ Fund Transfer (21T053)/ Board of Elections/ Voting Privacy Booths was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Albano and Castellano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #52

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (21T053)/ BOARD OF ELECTIONS/ VOTING PRIVACY BOOTHS

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections has requested a fund transfer (21T053) to purchase new privacy booths for voting; and

WHEREAS, the Rules Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations 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:

10145000 52680	Other Equipment	28,720
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Increase:

10145000 52180	Other Equipment	28,720
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2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6d – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A011)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Use of T-Commission Reserve Funds/ Firearms was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Sayegh & Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino stated that Items #6d, #6e and #6f are budgetary amendment requests for approval using T-Commission Funds. She explained that these funds are raised by inmates of the jail for services such as making telephone calls. She stated that a percentage of these reserve funds go back to the Sheriff’s Department. She stated that during the Protective Services Committee meeting, Lieutenant Kevin McManus explained the need for replacement weapons, indicating the transition to nine (9) millimeter weapons which is recommended by the FBI for law enforcement. He stated that the ammunition is less expensive, and the old weapons will be traded in and the vendor will apply a credit to the department for future purposes of ammunition.

Legislator Sullivan clarified that the purchase was for 170 Glock Model 17 and 20 Glock Model 19 weapons. He stated that moving forward he would like to see these items go through the budget process. He believed that having this request come in mid-year was not the best way to appropriate funds. He stated that these are long term assets that do not require immediate replacement. He explained that he would support this request tonight, although moving forward, future requests should go to through the budget process.

RESOLUTION #53

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A011)/ SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ USE OF T-COMMISSION RESERVE FUNDS/ FIREARMS

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (21A011) to use T-Commission Reserve Funds to purchase Glock Model 17 and Glock Model 23 firearms to replace the firearms currently being used at the Sheriff's Office and Correctional Facility; 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 be made:

Increase Revenue:		
10315000 426605	Sheriff – Jail – T-Comm Use of Reserve	95,190
Increase Appropriations:		
10315000 52180	Sheriff – Jail – Other Equipment	95,190
	2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	
	2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6e – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A013)/ Sheriff's Department/ Use of T-Commission Reserve Funds/ Computer Equipment was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Sayegh & Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino explained that during the Protective Services Committee it was stated that a coordinated effort with the IT Department is required when purchasing computers. She stated that Captain Babcock's email, dated March 29, 2021, indicated that Director Lannon had approved this request, but it was with exception noting that better communication is needed, and discussion will ensue in the near future with Captain Babcock for future department needs. She stated we are moving towards centralized purchases at budget time with policies in place realizing inventory, such as nine (9) year old computers and there should be a replacement schedule in place accordingly as we do for county vehicles and other equipment.

Legislator Sullivan stated that all departments should be going through the same process for the requisition and purchase of computers they need. He explained that in

the future he would like to see a requirement that all departments go through the IT Department for consistency of equipment utilized throughout the County.

RESOLUTION #54

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A013)/ SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ USE OF T-COMMISSION RESERVE FUNDS/ COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (21A013) to utilize T-Commission Reserve Funds to purchase computers to replace older systems currently being used in the Civil Division of the Sheriff's Office and Correctional Facility; 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 be made:

Increase Revenue:		
10315000 426605	Sheriff – Jail – T-Comm Use of Reserve	6,364.08
Increase Appropriations:		
10315000 52130	Sheriff – Jail – Computer Equipment	6,364.08
	2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	
	2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6f – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A014)/ Sheriff's Department/ Use of T-Commission Reserve Funds/ Outfit Forensic Computer Lab was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Sayegh & Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #55

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A014)/ SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ USE OF T-COMMISSION RESERVE FUNDS/ OUTFIT FORENSIC COMPUTER LAB

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (21A014) to utilize T-Commission Reserve Funds to purchase furniture to outfit a Forensic Computer Lab for the Sheriff's Office and Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, this furniture would include two (2) Computer Workstations, two (2) Chairs, two (2) Charging Stations and a Sealer; 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 be made:

Increase Revenue:		
10315000 426605	Sheriff – Jail – T-Comm Use of Reserve	3,909.37
Increase Appropriations:		

10315000 52110

Sheriff – Jail – Furniture & Furnishings

3,909.37

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6g – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A015)/ Bureau of Emergency Services/ 2018 SICG – Targeted Grant Award was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Sayegh & Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino stated that Emergency Services Deputy Commissioner Robert Lipton noted during the Protective Services Committee meeting that the \$6 million award exceeded all expectations as they were hoping to receive at least \$2 million. She applauded Emergency Services Commissioner Ken Clair, Emergency Services Deputy Commissioner Robert Lipton, and IT Director Tom Lannon for making several trips to lobby Albany and for working tirelessly to pursue this funding.

Legislator Sullivan thanked Legislator Nacerino for the comprehensive synopsis and for thanking the highly qualified people who secured this grant.

Legislator Castellano stated that he is thrilled that the County received this funding. He thanked the individuals who made this happen. He stated that Emergency Services not having the ability to communicate throughout Putnam County has been discussed for many years. He believed this would vastly improve emergency services and the quality of life in Putnam County.

Legislator Gouldman concurred with Legislator Castellano. He stated that having \$6 million will be positive for all first responders and law enforcement throughout the County.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that this is great news for our County and she thanked everyone who made this happen.

RESOLUTION #56

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A015)/ BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/ 2018 SICG – TARGETED GRANT AWARD

WHEREAS, by Resolution #205 of 2018, the Putnam County Legislature approved and authorized the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services to apply for the 2018 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG)-Targeted Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has been awarded \$6,000,000 under the SICG-Targeted grant Program; and

WHEREAS, this grant funding allows counties to enhance their public safety operations by strengthening communications infrastructure which is critical in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 SICG-Targeted Program focuses on closing gaps in National Interoperability channels implementation and enhancing regional alliance, ensuring that

county communication systems remain capable to support multijurisdictional response; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (21A015) to account for the \$6,000,000 grant award; and

WHEREAS, the performance period for the 2018 SICG-Targeted grant will be 48 months, from March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2025, with the possibility of an extension; 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 be made:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

53097000 53000 51601	SICG – 2018 Targeted Program	6,000,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

53097000 433971 51601	State Aid – Public Safety	6,000,000
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2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

(Chairman Albano, Legislators Castellano & Gouldman)

Item #6h – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A016)/ Soil & Water Performance Measures Funds/ Mini-Grant Program 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:

Legislator Sayegh stated that these funds come from the State of New York. She explained that the new deadline to apply for the mini-grant program through the Soil & Water Conservation Board will be in May. She stated that once this is approved the Soil & Water Conservation Board will send out the applications to all the municipalities and villages in Putnam County. She stated that we are excited to see how the monies will be used throughout Putnam County to better the soil and water usage in our County.

Legislator Montgomery questioned Legislator Sayegh if the Legislator would get direct information regarding this.

Legislator Sayegh believed it could be requested through the Chair of the Soil & Water Conservation Board, Lauri Taylor. She stated that she could certainly request that and send it to the Legislators.

Legislator Montgomery stated that it would be great if the Legislature had that information when there is grant money available from the County. She believed this communication of information on things available in our Legislative Districts should be automatic.

Legislator Albano stated that this information is public information and given out to all those concerned. He did not think there was a problem with anyone not being aware of this. He stated that we could ask for it.

RESOLUTION #57

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A016)/ SOIL & WATER PERFORMANCE MEASURES FUNDS/ MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Soil & Water Conservation Board voted to start a Mini-Grant Program for municipal projects using \$60,000 of the Performance Measures Funds in the Soil & Water Conservation District Trust; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Soil & Water Conservation Committee has approved the use of these funds for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (21A016) to fund this Mini-Grant Program; 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:

10874500 54936	Partnership Initiative	60,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10874500 439105	State Aid – Soil & Water PM Funds	60,000
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2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6i – Approval/ Authorizing Renewal of Lease/ 276 Main Street, Nelsonville, New York was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino stated that this is a five (5) year lease, and the rental amount is going up. She stated that year one (1) will be \$1,200.00, year two (2) \$1,300.00, year three (3) \$1,400.00, years four (4) and five (5) will be \$1,500.00 per month. She stated that there hasn't been an increase in quite a long time and the rent amounts were agreed upon and the town will be taking care of the snow and ice. She stated that it was her understanding the capital improvements were being done as well.

RESOLUTION #58

AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF LEASE/ 276 MAIN STREET, NELSONVILLE, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the Village of Nelsonville (hereinafter, referred to as the "Village") is the owner of certain real property located at 276 Main Street, Nelsonville, New York, including the structure located thereon (hereinafter, referred to as the "Premises"); and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam and the Village previously entered into a Lease Agreement wherein the County leased the Premises from the Village for certain legitimate County government purposes, including use by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office as a substation; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam continues to require the Premises for certain legitimate County government purposes, including use by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office as a substation; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, has entered into preliminary negotiations with the Village for the renewal of the Lease Agreement for the Premises; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 215 of the NYS County Law, the County Executive has requested that the Putnam County Legislature grant authorization to enter into such Lease Agreement renewal; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam may enter into a Lease Agreement renewal with the Village for the Premises, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, is authorized to finalize and execute said Lease Agreement renewal with the Village for the Premises, upon such other terms and conditions as are contained in the First Amendment and Extension to Lease, which shall be in substantial conformance with the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6j – Authorization/ Telecommunication Tower Agreement with American Tower Management LLC/ Tower Facility at Route 301, Cold Spring, New York (ATC Site #88155) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #59

AUTHORIZATION/ TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN TOWER MANAGEMENT LLC/ TOWER FACILITY AT ROUTE 301, COLD SPRING, NEW YORK (ATC SITE # 88155)

WHEREAS, American Tower Management LLC is the owner of certain real property, including the communication tower located thereon, which is designated and described as Putnam Valley Tower Facility (ATC Site # 88155), Route 301, Cold Spring, New York 10516-3629 (hereinafter the "Tower Facilities"); and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is desirous of occupying certain space at the Tower Facilities for the purposes of installing and maintaining emergency radio communication equipment, which is necessary to improve and optimize the County-wide wireless communications system for emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the County-wide wireless communications system is utilized by the Sheriff's Department, the Bureau of Emergency Services, as well as numerous other County Departments and Putnam County based Fire/EMS Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney and the Director of IT/GIS, has entered into preliminary negotiations with American Tower Management LLC in order to occupy said space at the Tower Facilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 215 of the New York State County Law, the County Executive has requested that the Putnam County Legislature grant authorization for such Agreement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 215 of the New York State County Law the Agreement with American Tower Management LLC for the County to occupy the certain space at the Tower Facilities is approved, as specified herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized, with the advice and the assistance of the County Attorney, to finalize and execute said Agreement with American Tower Management LLC, which Agreement which shall be in substantial conformance with the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6k – Approval/ Memorandum of Agreement with the Hudson Highlands Land Trust, Inc./ Granite Mountain County Conservation Area was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that she is pleased with this project and explained that it was one (1) of the first things she took on when she became a Legislator. She stated that the Hudson Highlands Land Trust, Inc. was working toward this since 2017. She stated that she pushed for this MOA to be facilitated. She was pleased that this landlocked County property will finally become part of the Granite Mountain preserve acreage; now totaling 500 acres. She stated that it is an important piece of property located within the watershed of Peekskill Hollow Brook. It is an important habitat for wildlife, and it is identified by New York State and the U.S. Forest Service as a conservation priority. She thanked the Land Trust for taking care of this property.

Legislator Gouldman stated that this is a wonderful property. He stated that Granite Mountain is a beautiful area and he encourage people to visit it. He stated that we are coming up to a wonderful time of year to go hiking.

Legislator Nacerino thanked Senior Environmental Planner and District Manager Lauri Taylor and Deputy Commissioner of Parks Christopher Ruthven who were also instrumental in bringing this to fruition. She stated that she was happy with the MOA between the Hudson Highlands Land Trust and the County. She stated that it is great that we will have seamless trails that are open for public use.

Chairwoman Addonizio concurred.

RESOLUTION #60

APPROVAL/ MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE HUDSON HIGHLANDS LAND TRUST, INC./ GRANITE MOUNTAIN COUNTY CONSERVATION AREA

WHEREAS, The Hudson Highlands Land Trust, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "HHLT"), is a New York not-for-profit corporation organized under Section 402 of the Not-for Profit Law of the State of New York and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

WHEREAS, HHLT is a community based, accredited land conservation organization devoted to protecting and preserving the natural resources, rural character and scenic beauty of the Hudson Highlands region of New York State, and

WHEREAS, HHLT owns and manages the Granite Mountain Preserve (or the “Preserve”) in the Town of Putnam Valley, which consists of approximately 415 acres of scenic, natural, open space with a network of recreational trails, and is designated and described as Tax Map Numbers 73.-1-46, 73.-1-78, 73.-1-95, 62.-2-18, and 62.-1-42; and

WHEREAS, HHLT has developed and is implementing a Granite Mountain Preserve Management Plan (or the “Management Plan”), written December 2017 and last updated December 2019 to steward the Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the Management Plan (a) identifies the Preserve’s conservation values, including natural features; (b) identifies overall management goals for the Preserve; (c) identifies activities to achieve the goals and reduce any risks or threats to the conservation values; (d) specifies the uses that are appropriate to the Preserve and in line with HHLT’s policies; and (e) provides public access/recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the County owns approximately 91 acres of property located adjacent to Granite Mountain Preserve, which property is designated and described as Tax Map Numbers 73.-1-47, 73.-1-61, 73.-1-68, and 73.-1-99, and is known as the Granite Mountain County Conservation Area (hereinafter referred to as the “Granite Mountain County Conservation Area” and/or the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature by Resolutions 175 of 1994, 196 of 1995, 191 of 1996, 68 & 175 of 1997, 159 of 1998, 224 of 2000, 255 of 2005, and 154 of 2006, declared the Granite Mountain County Conservation Area as parkland and green space, and authorized the County to retain title to said lands and include same in any master plan or report as County-owned Park Area, in the manner consistent with the purposes set forth in Resolution 555 of 1985 entitled “Resolution Adopting a Policy for the Preservation of Open Space in Putnam County”; and

WHEREAS, the Granite Mountain County Conservation Area is landlocked property with no access to a public highway and thus historically could not be accessed easily by the public; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of Resolutions 555 of 1985, 310 of 1990, 175 of 1994, 196 of 1995, 191 of 1996, 68 & 175 of 1997, 159 of 1998, 224 of 2000, 255 of 2005, and 154 of 2006, the County and HHLT desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MOU”), which, among other things, 1) provides public access to the Granite Mountain County Conservation Area via official public trails located in the Granite Mountain Preserve; 2) authorizes, but does not require, HHLT to undertake certain activities, including new trail development, within the Granite Mountain County Conservation Area consistent with the Granite Mountain Preserve Management Plan; 3) authorizes the inclusion of all official public trails located within the Granite Mountain County Conservation Area on HHLT’s maps, so that visitors have a seamless experience between the properties; and 4) allows for boundary posting and invasive species removal; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Department of Highways and Facilities has reviewed the MOU, and has determined same to be acceptable; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Attorney has reviewed and approved the MOU as to form; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County Legislature hereby approves and authorizes the subject MOU, which shall be in substantial conformance with the attached Exhibit “A”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to finalize and execute said MOU on behalf of the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is further authorized to execute any other necessary documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6L – Approval/ Agreement with Village of Brewster and City of New York/ Conveyance of Kent Tax Map #1.-1-6 and Carmel Tax Map #53.-2-52 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Castellano stated that there are fantastic things going on in the Village of Brewster. This will improve the area going through Route 6 towards the new bridge which the State is constructing by the Firehouse. He stated that this is great for the County and the Village of Brewster. He stated that he is grateful this is moving forward.

Legislator Jonke stated this conveyance is critical to the revitalization in the Village of Brewster which will certainly be a big plus for all of Putnam County. He stated that he was happy to move this forward.

RESOLUTION #61

APPROVAL/ AGREEMENT WITH VILLAGE OF BREWSTER AND CITY OF NEW YORK/ CONVEYANCE OF KENT TM # 1.-1-6 AND CARMEL TM # 53.-2-52 (In connection with Brewster Revitalization)

WHEREAS, the Village of Brewster is undertaking a program of urban renewal for certain portions of the Village for the promotion of economic growth and development and for the removal of blighted, substandard, unsanitary deteriorated and deteriorating conditions which negatively impact the residents of the Village, their safety, health, morals and welfare, and their property values (the “Brewster Revitalization”); and

WHEREAS, as part of the Brewster Revitalization, the Village has developed a conceptual plan to revitalize the commercial center of the Village through construction of a large mixed-use development with commercial, residential and public parking facilities close to the commuter train station (the “Transit Oriented Development Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is a signatory to an incentive proposal with Empire State Development (“ESD”), which will be providing certain grant funding in connection with the Brewster Revitalization’s Transit Oriented Development Project (collectively, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, a certain parcel of property in the Village, which is designated and described as Town of Southeast TM # 67.42-1-1, and is owned by the City of New York, is critical for the Project, as it is the proposed site of said public parking facility; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Brewster, the County of Putnam, and the City of New York have agreed to enter into a certain Agreement, which provides, among other things, that the City of New York will transfer said property to the Village of Brewster as required for the Project; and

WHEREAS, such Agreement further provides, among other things, that the County will donate two (2) vacant parcels of property, identified as Town of Kent TM # 1.-1-6 and Town of Carmel TM # 53.-2-52, to the City of New York for the City's Land Acquisition Program; and

WHEREAS, such parcels of property are not needed for use by the County and will be beneficial for City of New York purposes, including, without limitation, water quality protection; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Commissioner of Planning, Development and Public Transportation has reviewed the Agreement, and has determined same to be acceptable; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Attorney has reviewed and approved the Agreement as to form; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature has considered and approves of the conveyance of the parcels identified as Town of Kent TM # 1.-1-6 and Town of Carmel TM # 53.-2-52, to the City of New York; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County Legislature hereby approves and authorizes the subject Agreement, which shall be in substantial conformance with the attached Exhibit "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to finalize and execute said Agreement on behalf of the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 31-8(B) of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature approves the transfer of the parcels identified as Town of Kent TM # 1.-1-6 and Town of Carmel TM # 53.-2-52, to the City of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is further authorized to execute a deed and any/all other necessary documents required to carry out the purposes of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6m – Approval/ Limited Release/ Deed Restriction/ Town of Patterson Tax Map #36.23-1-55 & 36.23-1-56 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino stated that this is a win win. The Town of Patterson has indicated that these parcels are not feasible for the MS4 program and they are desirous of conveying both parcels to the adjoining property owner to merge all three (3) parcels into one (1). She stated that she was happy to see this move forward.

RESOLUTION #62

APPROVAL/ LIMITED RELEASE/ DEED RESTRICTION/ TOWN OF PATTERSON TAX MAP NOS. 36.23-1-55 & 36.23-1-56

WHEREAS, by deed dated February 28, 2006, which was recorded in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk in Liber 1736 at Page 335, the County of Putnam conveyed a certain parcel of real property designated and described as Town of Patterson TM # 36.23-1-55 to the Town of Patterson; and

WHEREAS, by deed dated February 28, 2006, which was recorded in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk in Liber 1736 at Page 323, the County of Putnam conveyed a certain parcel of real property designated and described as Town of Patterson TM # 36.23-1-56 to the Town of Patterson; and

WHEREAS, the County previously acquired Town of Patterson TM # 36.23-1-55 and Town of Patterson TM # 36.23-1-56 through a tax foreclosure proceeding; and

WHEREAS, said deeds to the Town of Patterson both contain a reversionary interest which provide that the respective parcels will automatically revert back to the County of Putnam in the event that they are not used for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems Program (MS4 Program) purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Patterson has advised the County that neither parcel can feasibly be used in the Town's MS4 Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town has further advised that it is desirous of conveying both parcels to the adjoining property owner and merging all three parcels into one combined parcel; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2021 the Town Board, per R-0121-03, authorized the Town Supervisor to request that the County of Putnam grant a release of the reverter contained in the deeds in Liber 1736 at Page 335 and Liber 1736 at Page 332; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee has reviewed and approved this matter, as further provided hereinafter; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam hereby grants to the Town of Patterson, a limited release of the reverter contained in the deeds in Liber 1736 at Page 335 and Liber 1736 at Page 332, as further provided hereinafter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such limited release shall solely permit the Town of Patterson to convey Town of Patterson TM # 36.23-1-55 and Town of Patterson TM # 36.23-1-56 to the record owner of Town of Patterson TM # 36.23-1-54, with the condition that all three parcels be merged into one combined parcel, which shall thereafter be known as Town of Patterson TM # 36.23-1-54; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the limited release provided herein shall in no way be construed to waive and/or release the reverter contained in the deeds in Liber 1736 at Page 335 and Liber 1736 at Page 332, for any other purpose; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, to execute any documentation necessary to effectuate the limited release provided herein, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is hereby authorized to take whatever action is necessary in order to effectuate this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6n – Approval/ SEQRA Determination/ Gipsy Trail Road Culvert Superstructure Replacement Project was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #63

**APPROVAL/ SEQRA DETERMINATION/ GIPSY TRAIL ROAD CULVERT
SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is responsible for conducting all environmental reviews for the County of Putnam in accordance with New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways & Facilities is proposing to repair and renovate a culvert located on Gipsy Trail Road in the Town of Kent, including, but not limited to, demolishing and removing the existing superstructure span and replacing it with prefabricated timber deck sections and preinstalled guiderails with new paving and striping; and

WHEREAS, the culvert superstructure replacement will not involve any additions or changes to the existing footprint of the culvert; and

WHEREAS, this action has been determined to be a Type II Action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2) "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site", now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature accepts the determination that this project is a Type II Action and pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act §617.6(1)(i), there is no further environmental review necessary.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Chairman Castellano, Legislators Albano & Gouldman)

Item #60 – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A022)/ Health Department/ COVID-19 Vaccination Pods was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano & Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #64

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A022)/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ COVID-19 VACCINATION PODS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a budgetary amendment (21A022) to cover costs associated with the successful operation of the Putnam County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccination Pods; 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:

26401001 10162	Health Community Health Asmt Fed	
444892	Vaccination PODS	131,056

Increase Expenses:

26401001 10162	Health Community Health Asmt Fed	
	Vaccination PODS	
51093	Overtime	30,000
51094	Temporary	45,360
58002	Social Security	5,766
52130	Computer Equipment	2,800

54310	Office Supplies	6,000
54311	Printing and Forms	4,300
54320	Food	6,000
54330	Medical Supplies	9,300
54410	Supplies and Materials	1,650
54636	Internet Costs	480
54664	Advertising	6,000
54675	Travel	3,000
54782	Software Accessories	400
54989	Misc Highway Expenses	<u>10,000</u>
		<u>131,056</u>

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6p – Approval/ Fund Transfer (21T054)/ Health Department/ COVID-19 Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano & Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #65

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (21T054)/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ COVID-19 OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a fund transfer (21T054) to cover Overtime costs associated with utilizing Health Department Staff to work overtime for COVID-19 Contact Tracing/Investigation instead of hiring temporary staff; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administrative Committee has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

26401001 51094 10160	(ELC) Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity for prevention & control of emerging infectious diseases COVID-19 Temporary	125,000
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Increase:

26401001 51093 10160	(ELC) COVID-19 Overtime	125,000
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2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6q – Approval/ Fund Transfer (21T055)/ District Attorney/ Temporary was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano & Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #66

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (21T055)/ DISTRICT ATTORNEY/ TEMPORARY

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has requested a fund transfer (21T055) to cover the Temporary line to temporarily bring back a retiree to cover the Senior Legal Assistant position while out of the office on family leave for eight (8) weeks; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10116500 51000 (10121)	Personnel Line	8,500
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Increase:

10116500 51094	Temporary	8,500
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2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6r – Approval/ Refunding Bond Resolution/ Not to Exceed \$2,700,000 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano & Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Castellano stated that this refunding could benefit the taxpayers between \$60,000 and \$75,000. The refinancing is to a lower rate and hopefully will save some money in the process. It is a great opportunity to save money for taxpayers moving forward.

Legislator Albano stated that this is a perfect example of how we are paying attention to detail.

RESOLUTION #67

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

**Meeting of the County Legislature of
the County of Putnam, New York**

April 6, 2021

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A regular meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, New York, was held by Audio Conference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 and subsequent Executive Orders, on April 6, 2021, at 7 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

The following Legislators participated by

Audio Conference: Albano, Castellano, Gouldman, Jonke, Montgomery,
Nacerino, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio.

There were absent: NONE

Also present: Diane Schonfeld, Clerk of the County Legislature
Robert Firriolo, Legislative Counsel

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Legislator Castellano offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 6, 2021, AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING SERIAL BONDS OF SAID COUNTY, STATING THE PLAN OF REFUNDING, APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,700,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,700,000 REFUNDING BONDS TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION, AND MAKING CERTAIN OTHER DETERMINATIONS RELATIVE THERETO.

Recitals

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2012, the County of Putnam, New York (herein called the "County"), issued its 5,905,000 Public Improvement Refunding (Serial) Bonds, 2012, currently outstanding in the principal amount of \$1,995,000 (the "Outstanding 2012 Bonds"); and were originally issued pursuant to the refunding bond resolution duly adopted on September 6, 2011 to refinance the purposes set forth in Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the Outstanding 2012 Bonds mature on December 15 in the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest payable semiannually on June 15 and December 15 in each year to maturity, as follows:

<u>Year of Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year of Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2021	\$ 405,000	3.00%	2022	\$ 660,000	4.00%
2021	240,000	4.00	2023	690,000	3.00

WHEREAS, the Outstanding 2012 Bonds maturing on and after December 15, 2022, are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the County, on December

15, 2021, and any date thereafter, as a whole or in part, at par, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2013, the County issued its \$3,113,000 Public Improvement Serial Bonds-2013, currently outstanding in the principal amount of \$1,520,000 (the "Outstanding 2013 Bonds"); and were originally issued pursuant to various bond resolutions duly adopted to finance the purposes set forth in Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the Outstanding 2013 Bonds mature on November 15 in the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest payable semiannually on May 15 and November 15 in each year to maturity, as follows:

<u>Year of Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year of Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2021	\$ 290,000	2.25%	2024	\$ 310,000	3.00%
2022	295,000	3.00	2025	320,000	3.00
2023	305,000	3.00			

WHEREAS, the Outstanding 2013 Bonds maturing on and after November 15, 2022, are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the County, on November 15, 2021, and any date thereafter, as a whole or in part, at par, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption; and

WHEREAS, Sections 90.00 and 90.10 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), permit the County to refund all or a portion of the outstanding unredeemed maturities of the Outstanding Bonds by the issuance of new bonds, the issuance of which will result in present value debt service savings for the County, and the County Legislature has determined that it may be advantageous to refund all or a portion of the Outstanding Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said County Legislature) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In this resolution, the following definitions apply, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

- (a) "Bond To Be Refunded" or "Bonds To Be Refunded" means all or a portion of the Outstanding Bonds, as shall be determined in accordance with Section 8 hereof.
- (b) "Escrow Contract" means the contract to be entered into by and between the County and the Escrow Holder pursuant to Section 10 hereof.
- (c) "Escrow Holder" means the bank or trust company designated as such pursuant to Section 10 hereof.
- (d) "Outstanding Bonds" shall mean the Outstanding Bonds referred to in the Recitals hereof.
- (e) "Present Value Savings" means the dollar savings which result from the issuance of the Refunding Bonds computed by discounting the principal

and interest payments on both the Refunding Bonds and the Bonds To Be Refunded from the respective maturities thereof to the date of issue of the Refunding Bonds at a rate equal to the effective interest cost of the Refunding Bonds. The effective interest cost of the Refunding Bonds shall be that rate which is arrived at by doubling the semi-annual interest rate (compounded semi-annually) necessary to discount the debt service payments on the Refunding Bonds from the maturity dates thereof to the date of issue of the Refunding Bonds and to the agreed upon price including estimated accrued interest.

- (f) “Redemption Date” or “Redemption Dates” means December 15, 2021, and any date thereafter with respect to the Outstanding 2012 Bonds maturing on and after December 15, 2022, and November 15, 2021, and any date thereafter with respect to the Outstanding 2013 Bonds maturing on and after November 15, 2022.
- (g) “Refunding Bond” or “Refunding Bonds” means all or a portion of the \$2,700,000 Refunding Serial Bonds of the County of Putnam, New York, authorized pursuant to Section 2 hereof.
- (h) “Refunding Bond Amount Limitation” means an amount of Refunding Bonds which does not exceed the principal amount of Bonds To Be Refunded plus the aggregate amount of unmatured interest payable on such Bonds To Be Refunded, to and including the applicable Redemption Date, plus redemption premiums payable on such Bonds To Be Refunded as of such Redemption Date, as hereinabove referred to in the Recitals hereof, plus costs and expenses incidental to the issuance of the Refunding Bonds including the development of the refunding financial plan, and of executing and performing the terms and conditions of the Escrow Contract and all fees and charges of the Escrow Holder as referred to in Section 10 hereof.

Section 2. The County Legislature of the County hereby authorizes the refunding of the Bonds To Be Refunded, and appropriates an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000 to accomplish such refunding. The plan of financing said appropriation includes the issuance of not to exceed \$2,700,000 Refunding Bonds and the levy and collection of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the County to pay the principal of and interest on said Refunding Bonds as the same shall become due and payable. Bonds of the County in the maximum principal amount of \$2,700,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Law. The proposed financial plan for the refunding in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Refunding Financial Plan”) prepared for the County by Roosevelt & Cross, Inc., New York, New York, and hereby accepted and approved, includes the deposit of all the proceeds of said Refunding Bonds with an Escrow Holder pursuant to an Escrow Contract as authorized in Section 10 hereof, the payment of all costs incurred by the County in connection with said refunding from such proceeds and the investment of a portion of such proceeds by the Escrow Holder in certain obligations. The principal of and interest on such investments, together with the balance of such proceeds to be held uninvested, if any, shall be sufficient to pay (i) the principal of and interest on the Bonds To Be Refunded, if any, becoming due and payable on and prior to each applicable Redemption Date and (ii) the principal of and premium on

the Bonds To Be Refunded which are to be called for redemption prior to maturity on any such Redemption Date.

Section 3. The Bonds To Be Refunded referred to in Section 1 hereof are all or a portion of the unmatured aggregate outstanding balances of the Outstanding Bonds issued pursuant to various bond resolutions of the County duly adopted by the County Legislature of the County on their respective dates, authorizing the issuance of bonds of the County for various purposes in and for the County. In accordance with the refunding financial plan, the Refunding Bonds authorized in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$2,700,000 shall mature in amounts and at dates to be determined. The Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer of the County, is hereby authorized to approve all details of the refunding financial plan not contained herein.

Section 4. The issuance of the Refunding Bonds will not exceed the Refunding Bond Amount Limitation. The Refunding Bonds shall mature not later than the maximum period of probable usefulness (“PPU”) permitted by law at the time of original issuance of the Bonds to be Refunded, as set forth in Exhibit B annexed hereto and hereby made a part hereof, for the objects or purposes financed with the proceeds of the Bonds to be Refunded, commencing at the date of issuance of the first bond or bond anticipation note issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds.

Section 5. The aggregate amount of estimated Present Value Savings is set forth in the proposed refunding financial plan attached hereto as Exhibit A, computed in accordance with subdivision two of paragraph b of Section 90.10 of the Law. Said refunding financial plan has been prepared based upon the assumption that the Refunding Bonds will be issued in the aggregate principal amount, and will mature, be of such terms and bear such interest as set forth therein. The County Legislature recognizes that the principal amount of the Refunding Bonds, the maturities, terms and interest rates, the provisions, if any, for the redemption thereof prior to maturity, and whether or not any or all of the Refunding Bonds will be insured, and the resulting present value savings, may vary from such assumptions and that the refunding financial plan may vary from that attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 6. (a) The Refunding Bonds may be sold at public or private sale.

(i) If the Refunding Bonds are sold at private sale, the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized to execute a purchase contract on behalf of the County for the sale of said Refunding Bonds, provided that the terms and conditions of such sale shall be approved, to the extent as may be required, by the State Comptroller.

(ii) If the Refunding Bonds are sold at public sale pursuant to Section 57.00 of the Law, the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to prepare or have prepared a Notice of Sale, which shall be published at least once in “*The Bond Buyer*,” published in the City of New York, not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of said sale. A copy of such notice shall be sent not less than eight (8) nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of said sale (a) to the State Comptroller, Albany, New York 12236; (b) to at least two (2) banks or trust companies having a place of business in the County in which the County is located, or, if only one (1) bank is located in such County, then to such bank and to at least two (2) banks or trust companies having a place of business in an adjoining County; and (c) to “The Bond Buyer”, 1 State Street Plaza, New York, New York 10004; and (d) at least ten (10) bond dealers.

(b) Prior to the issuance of the Refunding Bonds the Commissioner of Finance shall file with the County Legislature all requisite certifications, including a certificate approved by the State Comptroller setting forth the Present Value Savings to the County resulting from the issuance of the Refunding Bonds. In connection with the

sale of Refunding Bonds, the County authorizes the preparation of an Official Statement and approves its use in connection with such sale, and further consents to the distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement prior to the date said Official Statement is distributed. The Commissioner of Finance and his designees are hereby further authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to accomplish said refunding, and to execute any contracts and agreements for the purchase of and payment for services rendered or to be rendered to the County in connection with said refunding, including the preparation of the Refunding Financial Plan..

Section 7. Each of the Refunding Bonds authorized by this resolution shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said Refunding Bonds shall be general obligations of the County, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said Refunding Bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the County for (a) the amortization and redemption of the Refunding Bonds to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 8. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service and Sections 50.00, 56.00 to 60.00, 90.10 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the County Legislature relative to determining the amount of Bonds To Be Refunded, prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the Refunding Bonds, and executing any arbitrage certification relative thereto, and as to executing the Escrow Contract described herein, the Official Statement referred to in herein and any contracts for credit enhancements in connection with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds and any other certificates and agreements, and as to making elections to call in and redeem all or a portion of the Bonds to be Refunded, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 9. The validity of the Refunding Bonds authorized by this resolution may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 10. Prior to the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, the County shall contract with a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in New York State, for the purpose of having such bank or trust company act as the Escrow Holder of the proceeds, inclusive of any premium from the sale of the Refunding Bonds, together with all income derived from the investment of such proceeds. Such Escrow Contract shall contain such terms and conditions as shall be necessary in order to accomplish the refunding financial plan, including provisions authorizing the Escrow Holder, without

further authorization or direction from the County, except as otherwise provided therein, (a) to make all required payments of principal, interest and redemption premiums to the appropriate paying agent with respect to the Bonds To Be Refunded, (b) to pay costs and expenses incidental to the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, including the development of the refunding financial plan, and costs and expenses relating to the execution and performance of the terms and conditions of the Escrow Contract and all of its fees and charges as the Escrow Holder, (c) at the appropriate time or times to cause to be given on behalf of the County the notice of redemption authorized to be given pursuant to Section 13 hereof, and (d) to invest the monies held by it consistent with the provisions of the refunding financial plan. The Escrow Contract shall be irrevocable and shall constitute a covenant with the holders of the Refunding Bonds.

Section 11. The proceeds, inclusive of any premium, from the sale of the Refunding Bonds, immediately upon receipt shall be placed in escrow by the County with the Escrow Holder in accordance with the Escrow Contract. All moneys held by the Escrow Holder, if invested, shall be invested only in direct obligations of the United States of America or in obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, which obligations shall mature or be subject to redemption at the option of the holder thereof not later than the respective dates when such moneys will be required to make payments in accordance with the refunding financial plan. Any such moneys remaining in the custody of the Escrow Holder after the full execution of the Escrow Contract shall be returned to the County and shall be applied by the County only to the payment of the principal of or interest on the Refunding Bonds then outstanding.

Section 12. That portion of such proceeds from the sale of the Refunding Bonds, together with interest earned thereon, which shall be required for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds To Be Refunded, including any redemption premiums, in accordance with the refunding financial plan, shall be irrevocably committed and pledged to such purpose and the holders of the Bonds To Be Refunded shall have a lien upon such moneys and the investments thereof held by the Escrow Holder. All interest earned from the investment of such moneys which is not required for such payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds To Be Refunded shall be irrevocably committed and pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds, or such portion or series thereof as shall be required by the refunding financial plan, and the holders of such Refunding Bonds shall have a lien upon such moneys held by the Escrow Holder. The pledges and liens provided for herein shall become valid and binding upon the issuance of the Refunding Bonds and the moneys and investments held by the Escrow Holder shall immediately be subject thereto without any further act. Such pledges and liens shall be valid and binding against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the County irrespective of whether such parties have notice thereof. Neither this resolution, the Escrow Contract, nor any other instrument relating to such pledges and liens, need be filed or recorded.

Section 13. In accordance with the provisions of Section 53.00 and of paragraph h of Section 90.10 of the Law, the County Legislature hereby elects to call in and redeem all or a portion of the Bonds To Be Refunded which are subject to prior redemption according to their terms on the Redemption Dates, as shall be determined by the Commissioner of Finance in accordance with Section 8 hereof. The sum to be paid therefor on the applicable Redemption Date shall be the par value thereof, the accrued interest to such Redemption Dates and the redemption premiums, if any. The Escrow Holder is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of such call for redemption to be given in the name of the County by mailing such notice at least thirty days prior to such Redemption Dates, and in accordance with the terms appearing in the Bonds to be

Refunded, to the registered holders of the Bonds To Be Refunded which are to be called in and redeemed. Upon the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, the election to call in and redeem the Bonds To Be Refunded which are to be called in and redeemed in accordance herewith and the direction to the Escrow Holder to cause notice thereof to be given as provided in this Section shall become irrevocable and the provisions of this Section shall constitute a covenant with the holders, from time to time, of the Refunding Bonds, provided that this Section may be amended from time to time as may be necessary to comply with the publication requirements of paragraph a of Section 53.00 of the Law, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section 14. This bond resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval by the County Executive, and the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Law in the official newspapers of the County.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: NINE – Legislators Albano, Castellano, Gouldman, Jonke, Montgomery, Nacerino, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio.

NOES: NONE

The resolution was declared adopted.

EXHIBIT A

PROPOSED REFUNDING FINANCIAL PLAN

EXHIBIT B

Outstanding 2012 Bonds

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>PPU</u>
Emergency Operations Center	30
DB Smith Roof Replacement	25
Highway Reconstruction	10
Equipment	5

Outstanding 2013 Bonds

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>PPU</u>
Putnam Golf Renovations	10
Sidewalk Replacements	10
Highway Resurfacing	15
Highway Recon/Planning	5

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, Diane Schonfeld, Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature, in the State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that Bond Resolution No. ____ - 2021 contained in the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Putnam duly called and held on April 6, 2021, has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said County Legislature and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original Bond Resolution, which was duly adopted by the County Legislature on April 6, 2021, and approved by the County Executive on April ____, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County Legislature on this ____ day of April, 2021.

(SEAL)

**Diane Schonfeld
Clerk of the Legislature**

LEGAL NOTICE

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on April 6, 2021, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Putnam, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 6, 2021, AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING SERIAL BONDS OF SAID COUNTY, STATING THE PLAN OF REFUNDING, APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,700,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,700,000 REFUNDING BONDS TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION, AND MAKING CERTAIN OTHER DETERMINATIONS RELATIVE THERETO.

Object or purpose: refunding of all or a portion of currently outstanding Bonds of the County issued in 2012 and 2013.

Period of probable usefulness: various between five (5) and thirty (30) years, commencing on the date of original issuance of the first note or bond issued for the purposes for which the outstanding bonds were issued.

Amount of obligations to be issued: not to exceed \$2,700,000

A complete copy of the refunding bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York

Dated: April 6, 2021
Carmel, New York

Item #7 – Other Business

There was no other business submitted to the meeting.

Item #8 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Sullivan stated that with the New York State budget that was recently passed, the Legislators in Albany failed to recognize they are taxing the people in New York to the point that everyone is leaving. The \$212 billion budget approved was a 10% increase from last year's budget of \$194 billion. He stated that when everyone else is trying to work with less and find ways to save money, he believed it was astounding that our governor continues to approve these outrageous budgets. He stated that there was wasteful spending in the budget, and on top of that, the reimbursement to the County is cut year after year. He stated that they keep raising taxes at unprecedented levels and pass laws such as legalizing marijuana and cashless bail reform. He believed that it was irresponsible.

Legislator Castellano stated that in May Bob Palmer would have celebrated his 100th birthday. He was a World War II Veteran, who was an outstanding gentleman who did so much for our community when he was with us. He took the time on his own to place flags on the Veteran's graves at the local cemeteries in the Town of Southeast and Village of Brewster. He stated that this project continues, known as the Bob Palmer Project. He stated that on April 24th, local Veteran groups, boy scouts, girl scouts and other volunteers will continue this fine tradition that he put forward. He stated that it is a great celebration of his life.

Legislator Montgomery stated that at the March 23rd Physical Services Committee meeting she believed they approved the fund transfer for the purchase of furniture for the Golf Course. She stated that she did not see it on this agenda.

Legislator Albano stated that it was moved to the Audit & Administration Committee meeting for a signature.

Legislator Sayegh stated that April 22nd is the 51st Anniversary of Earth Day. She reminded everyone that there are no garbage cans on the bike path. If food or drinks are brought on the bike path you must bring your garbage out. She stated that May 1st is Household Hazardous Waste Day from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and will be held at Fahnestock State Park on Route 301. Please visit www.putnamcountyny.com/green-putnam for more information or call the Department of Health at 845-808-1390. She stated that it is for Putnam County residents only.

Legislator Nacerino stated that tonight we moved forward with a proclamation to "Keep Putnam Beautiful." She introduced this last year as a concerted effort across Putnam County to have their own clean up days at their convenience. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 it took a backseat. She stated that we are reintroducing it again in the spirit of keeping our beautiful County clean. She stated that we will be reaching out to the Town Supervisors as we did last year.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that, as of last week, over 30,000 Putnam County residents have been vaccinated. She stated that COVID-19 Vaccine PODS have been well planned and are running smoothly. She stated that many of her constituents have reached out to her to say how pleased they were with the efficiency of the Vaccine PODS. She stated

that Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea has also praised our Health Department. She recognized and thanked our County Health Department professionals, volunteers, and Health Commissioner Dr. Michael Neshiewat for all their hard work during this COVID-19 pandemic.

There being no further business, at 8:06 P.M., Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.