

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

Tuesday July 5, 2022 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Chairman Sullivan who requested that Legislator Jonke lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Albano in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Albano, Jonke, Castellano, Sayegh and Chairman Sullivan were present.

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Addonizio who presented the “Putnam County 4-H Showcase Week” proclamation to Ms. Stefanie Hubert, Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension.

DESIGNATING JULY 11- JULY 17, 2022 AS “PUTNAM COUNTY 4-H SHOWCASE WEEK”

WHEREAS, the Putnam 4-H Showcase, sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County is celebrating its 1st year; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County 4-H Showcase showcases for the many interests and accomplishments of Putnam’s children, adults, and programs; and continues to grow as an educational, cultural, and fun event that provides a wholesome experience for families from Putnam and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County 4-H Showcase enjoys the support and dedication of 4-H Club Leaders, members and families, Master Gardeners volunteers, and community service organizations including Rotary Clubs, Lions Clubs, as well as many local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County 4-H Showcase provides a unique opportunity to learn about our community and view educational displays and exhibits created by the many talented young and young at heart residents of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County 4-H Showcase’s Shady Grove Theater provides a showcase for arts and an array of accomplished artists from the Hudson Valley Region; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County 4-H Showcase delights showcase goes throughout the weekend with activities at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Expo Barn, local artists and craftsmen tents, Touch A Truck, crafts and face painting, and Livestock and Poultry Barn, inflatable activities, food trucks Duck Derby and more; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the week of July 11th – July 17th 2022 will be designated “Putnam County 4H Showcase Week”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature recognize and congratulate the 1st Annual 4-H Showcase and invite all Putnam County residents to attend.

Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Nacerino who presented the “Pretrial, Probation, Parole Supervision Week” proclamation to Mr. John Osterhout, Acting Director of Probation.

PRETRIAL, PROBATION, PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK - JULY 17-23, 2022

WHEREAS, community corrections is an essential part of the justice system; and
WHEREAS, community corrections professionals uphold the law with dignity, while recognizing the right of the public to be safe-guarded from criminal activity; and
WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are responsible for supervising adult and juvenile offenders in the community; and
WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are trained professionals who provide services and referrals for offenders; and
WHEREAS, community corrections professionals work in partnership with community agencies and groups; and
WHEREAS, community corrections professionals promote prevention, intervention, and advocacy; and
WHEREAS, community corrections professionals provide services, support, and protection for victims; and
WHEREAS, community corrections professionals advocate community and restorative justice; and
WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are a true Force for Positive Change in their communities; now therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim the week of July 17-23, 2022 as Pretrial, Probation, Parole Supervision Week and encourage all Putnam County residents to honor these community corrections professionals and to recognize their achievements.

Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – June 7, 2022
B&F Meeting – June 7, 2022
Special Meeting – June 23, 2022

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:

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
(All Legislators)

Item #6a – Approval/ 2023 Decentralized Budget Review Process for Preparation and Adoption of the 2023 County Budget was next. Chairman Sullivan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #120

APPROVAL/ 2023 DECENTRALIZED BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS FOR PREPARATION AND ADOPTION OF THE 2023 COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee has reviewed and recommended the adoption of the attached Decentralized Budget Review Process for implementation in 2022 of the adoption of the 2023 budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby adopts the attached budget review process; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Putnam County Charter Section 7.04 the Putnam County Legislature hereby adopts and notifies the County Executive of the policy and practice guidelines contained in Section E of this Decentralized Budget Review Process/2023 to be complied with by the County Executive.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6b – Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (22T109)/ Finance/ Railroad Station Maintenance – MTA was next. Chairman Sullivan 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:

RESOLUTION #121

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY TRANSFER (22T109)/ FINANCE/ RAILROAD STATION MAINTENANCE – MTA

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary transfer (22T109) to fund the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) railroad station maintenance cost pursuant to Section 1277 of the Public Authorities Law; and

WHEREAS, this transfer will fund the deficit created by a greater than anticipated C.P.I. factor; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Appropriations:		
10564000 54950	Railroad Station Maintenance – MTA	102,767

Decrease Appropriations:		
10199000 54980	Contingency	102,767

**2022 Fiscal Impact - \$102,767
2023 Fiscal Impact – 0**

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6c - Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore (Drewville Road Bridge) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #122

AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE (Drewville Road Bridge)

WHEREAS, a Project for the Drewville Road (CR 36) over West Branch of Croton River Bridge Replacement (BIN 3345550) in the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, PIN 8757.65 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 94 adopted by Putnam County on May 7, 2019 approved and agreed to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of preliminary engineering and right-of-way incidental work; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 163 adopted by Putnam County on October 6, 2020 approved and agreed to increase the federal and non-federal share of costs for additional preliminary engineering work; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 112 adopted by Putnam County on June 7, 2022 approved and agreed to increase the federal and non-federal share of costs for additional preliminary engineering work; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of Construction and Construction Inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Putnam County Legislature, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes Putnam County to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of construction and construction inspection for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$3,641,000 is hereby appropriated from the Putnam County Capital Budget line number 05 55197000 53000 51912 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the Project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Putnam County Legislature shall convene as

soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Putnam County Executive thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive, on behalf of Putnam County, be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or applicable Marchiselli Aid on behalf of Putnam County with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and Putnam County's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, is authorized to finalize and execute all necessary documents, including, without limitation, the State/Local Agreement, in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in addition to the Putnam County Executive, the Commissioner of Highways and Facilities and the Commissioner of Finance are also hereby authorized, with the consent of the County Executive, to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of Putnam County, with New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6d – Authorizing Additional Construction and Construction Inspection Funding for PIN 8762.13 – Sprout Brook Road Bridge over Canopus Hollow Creek (BIN 3345690) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #123

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION FUNDING FOR PIN 8762.13 – SPROUT BROOK ROAD BRIDGE OVER CANOPUS HOLLOW CREEK (BIN 3345690)

WHEREAS, a Project for the Replacement of the Sprout Brook Road Bridge over Canopus Hollow Creek (BIN 3345690) in the Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, identified as PIN 8762.13 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 95% Federal funds and 5% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 181 adopted by Putnam County on August 6, 2019 approved and agreed to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of preliminary engineering, right of way incidentals, right of way acquisition, construction, construction inspection and construction supervision; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County committed to design, let and construct the Project; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County agreed to be responsible for all costs of the project which exceeded the amount of the BRIDGENY funding awarded to Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, it has been found that additional construction and construction inspection funding exceeding the amount of the BRIDGENY funding awarded to Putnam County is necessary in order to advance the project to construction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Putnam County Legislature duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes Putnam County to pay in the first instance 100% of the additional costs of construction and construction inspection for the Project or portions thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$520,000 is hereby appropriated from Putnam County Capital Budget line number 05 55197000 53000 51914 and made available to cover the additional costs of participation in the above phases of the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or State-Aid on behalf of Putnam County with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in addition to the Putnam County Executive, the following municipal titles: Commissioner of Highways & Facilities, Deputy Commissioner of Highway & Facilities, County Engineer, Supervisor of Planning & Design, Commissioner of Finance are also authorized to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of the Municipality/Sponsor, with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6e – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A045)/ Highways & Facilities/ Drewville Road Bridge PIN 8757.65 and Sprout Brook Road PIN 8762.13 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #124

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A045)/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/
DREWVILLE ROAD BRIDGE PIN #8757.65 AND SPROUT BROOK ROAD PIN #8762.13**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has requested a budgetary amendment (22A045) to adjust the Capital Budget; 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:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 53000 51912	Drewville Road Bridge - PIN 8757.65	3,742,000
55197000 53000 51914	Sprout Brook Road – PIN 8762.13	<u>520,000</u>
		4,262,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 445971 51912	Fed Aid – Drewville Rd Bridge PIN 8757.65	2,993,600
05000 45710M 51912	Serial Bond Proceeds – 2022	988,800
05000 45710M 51914	Serial Bond Proceeds – 2022	<u>520,000</u>
		4,502,400

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

05000 45710J 51912	Serial Bond Proceeds – 2016	240,400
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2022 Fiscal Impact – Undetermined Debt Service

2023 Fiscal Impact – Undetermined Debt Service

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6f – Approval/ Putnam County’s Proposed Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan in Conformance with and as Required by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Final Rule (49 C.F.R. Part 673) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #125

APPROVAL/ PUTNAM COUNTY’S PROPOSED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN IN CONFORMANCE WITH AND AS REQUIRED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S FINAL RULE (49 C.F.R. PART 673)

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation, by and through the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”), provides funding and/or financial assistance to transit

providers to, among other things, develop new transportation systems and improve, maintain and operate existing systems; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam ("County") is a direct recipient of FTA funding and/or financial assistance and, as such, must comply with FTA rules and regulations, more particularly, as set forth in 49 C.F.R. Part 673 *et seq.* ("Final Rule"); and

WHEREAS, the Final Rule requires that recipients of FTA grant funds and/or financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Sec. 5307 and operate a public transportation system must develop a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan ("Safety Plan") that includes the processes and procedures necessary for implementing Safety Management Systems ("SMS"); and

WHEREAS, the SMS components of the Safety Plan include, without limitation, safety management policy, safety risk management, safety assurance and safety promotion; and

WHEREAS, the County, as a transit operator, is required to certify on/before July 20, 2021, that it has developed its Safety Plan and such Plan meets all of the requirements of the Final Rule; and

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law amends FTA's final rule under 49 U.S.C. Sec. 5329(d)(5) to require recipients receiving Section 5307 funding and serving an urbanized area greater than 200,000 to establish a Safety Committee by July 31, 2022. As such, the County will be utilizing MV Transportation's previously established Committee consisting of three management and three frontline employee representatives; and

WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, in furtherance of the objectives of 49 C.F.R. Part 673 *et seq.* and 49 U.S.C. Sec. 5329(d)(5), has drafted its Safety Plan pursuant to the Final Rule, such Safety Plan attached hereto as Exhibit "A," now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the Putnam County Legislature, support the County's continued participation in approved FTA services, programs and activities, as well as continue to be a recipient of FTA funding and/or financial assistance therefor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the Putnam County Legislature, support and approve for submission by the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation to the FTA the County's Safety Plan for review and approval, which Safety Plan is attached hereto as "Exhibit A;" and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6g – Approval/ Ratification of Applications Submitted for Grant Funding Available through the 2022 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Program Aimed to Increase Local Economic Development and Encourage Growth in Putnam County was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #126

APPROVAL/ RATIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH THE 2022 CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION PROGRAM AIMED TO INCREASE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENCOURAGE GROWTH IN PUTNAM COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature (the “Legislature”) agree that through economic development efforts that generate, retain and/or create jobs; prevent, reduce and/or eliminate unemployment and underemployment; and increase business and economic activity in Putnam County (the “County”), employment opportunities will develop and jobs will be created, property values will improve and increased sales tax revenues realized, all of the foregoing positively impacting the County’s economic competitiveness, which is in the best interests of County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, competitive funding opportunities are offered through New York State, more particularly, the New York Regional Economic Development Council (NYREDC), as set forth in the recently published NYREDC’s 2022 Available CFA Resources Manual (the “Manual”), for which the submission deadline of applications to NYREDC is July 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, funding opportunities described in the Manual include repairing or renovating historic structures, implementation of carbon neutral projects, and economic development generating infrastructure projects, all of which are expected to promote social viability and vitality, thereby positively impacting the County’s economic competitiveness, which is wholly in the best interests of County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation (the “Department”), is desirous to competitively seek grant funds through NYREDC’s 2022 CFA program; and

WHEREAS, if grant funding is awarded to the County by the NYREDC, depending on the award and grant category, the state award is a maximum of twenty to fifty percent of the total project costs:

Proposed Project	Location	Estimated Costs	CFA Application
<i>Putnam County Salt Storage Facility</i>	<i>841 Fair Street Carmel, NY</i>	<i>\$619,000</i>	<i>\$309,500</i>
<i>Putnam County Historic Courthouse Column Restoration</i>	<i>Gleneida Avenue Carmel, NY</i>	<i>\$175,000</i>	<i>\$87,500</i>
<i>Energy Efficiencies/ Electric Charging Stations</i>	<i>Various County Locations</i>	<i>\$300,000</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the Legislature, supports and approves of the County’s applications for CFA grant funding to be submitted by the Department by July 29, 2022 to the NYREDC for its consideration; and it is hereby further RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6h – Approval/ Lease Agreement/ Jar Worthy, Inc. (Building #7 Tilly Foster Farm) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Albano explained that there is currently a two (2) year lease, and we are six (6) months into that lease, but it hasn't been fully executed. He explained that the change in this lease adds a two (2) year extension.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to table this based on information she has received and questions that were not answered during the original process of approving this lease.

Chairman Sullivan asked if there was a second on the motion. There being no second, motion failed.

Legislator Albano stated that Jar Worthy, Inc. works well with the farm, and meets all the stringent requirements of the Watershed Agricultural Council (WAC). He stated that the building was previously vacant for many years. He stated that the lease has the option to not renew the lease with a thirty (30) day notice. He stated that the occupancy will improve the quality of the building. He believed this is a good adjustment to the lease.

Legislator Addonizio stated that this is the third version of the lease. She stated that the first two versions did not include an escalation clause. She questioned whether this version had an escalation clause.

Legislator Albano stated that there is a 3% escalation clause in this version.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she has not been comfortable with the process from the start. She stated that she recognizes that Jar Worthy, Inc. meets the requirements of WAC and that it is a good fit for the farm. She stated that the quality of the business is not the consideration. She explained that the Legislature changed the original five (5) year lease to a two (2) year lease, which was not signed by the tenant. She stated that now we are being asked to extend the two (2) year lease. She stated that her concern is the extension of the lease and the process, therefore she would be voting no on the amended lease.

Legislator Jonke stated that he has been critical of the process since the beginning. He stated that this is not a reflection of the business, but of the poor process coming from the Administration. He stated that he would be voting in favor of the lease.

Legislator Castellano stated that the process has been strange. He stated that the building is strange, but that the business owners have done a great job of working with it to fit their needs. He stated that he believes this is an appropriate business for the farm and he will be voting in favor of this lease. He stated that there is a method to opt out for the County and for the business, which he believed was important.

Legislator Sayegh stated that everyone is upset about the process. She reiterated the business is a great fit. She believed that the lease should not have come back to the Legislature, however, she stated that she was in favor of business and would be voting in favor of the lease.

Legislator Gouldman stated that on December 22, 2021, the lease came before the Legislature. He stated that he and two (2) other Legislators voted against it. He stated that six (6) months later, the lease has yet to be signed by Jar Worthy, Inc. He stated he is not comfortable with the process. He stated that he will be voting against the lease amendment. He stated that this is not a vote against the business.

Chairman Sullivan stated that the Legislature has looked at this lease for several months. He stated that he was very comfortable with the lease and the arrangement we have with Jar Worthy, Inc. He reiterated that the proposal is to extend the lease by two (2) years. He stated that the business has invested money in the facility. He stated that the business has the right to extend the lease if they would like. He stated the thirty (30) day opt out period removes the concern of being locked into the lease for the tenant or the County. He stated that there are very few businesses that meet the strict WAC requirements. He stated that this business has met those requirements. He stated that before this the building was vacant and becoming run down. He stated that the tenants have renovated the space. He encouraged everyone to visit this small candle making business which fits in very well with the farm. He stated that he will be voting in favor of this lease.

Legislator Montgomery stated although the business is nice, it is her job to protect the taxpayer. She stated that her reason for wanting to table the agenda item is in reference to a memo she sent in November 2021. She stated that in this memo, she asked to see proof of Jar Worthy's business license. She stated that in November 2021, the business was operating without a lease. She stated she did not receive an answer about the business' liability insurance. She stated that the business has been occupying the space since October 2021, but no rent was collected until April 2022. She stated that the rent that was collected covered December 2021 to May 2022. She questioned where the payments from October and November 2021 were. She questioned whether this is common practice with other tenants. She believed that special treatment was being given to the business because of the relationship of the business to the Deputy County Executive. She stated that she would be voting no on this proposal.

Legislator Albano stated the insurance was addressed in the lease. He believed that it was good to have a tenant in a vacant building. He stated the business can maintain the building's upkeep. He stated that he agrees the process could have been better.

Chairman Sullivan explained that the pandemic made the process more difficult.

Legislator Albano stated that it was not uncommon for a tenant to move in prior to the rent period to fix the building.

Legislator Montgomery believed that a tenant was defined as someone who pays rent. She questioned if the pandemic prevents someone for paying rent for seven (7) months. She did not believe that the pandemic was an excuse.

Legislator Nacerino stated that the issue was the principle of the process. She stated that the Legislature was not aware that the business had been occupying the space for that long until Legislator Montgomery mentioned it. She did not understand why the lease was not signed for six (6) months, or why the business was investing in the building's maintenance when they were not authorized to be there. She questioned whether automatic renewal clauses going to be incorporated into all our future leases.

She stated that the Legislature originally approved a two (2) year lease, and she believed that was the way it should remain.

Chairman Sullivan called for a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTION #127

APPROVAL/ LEASE AGREEMENT/ JAR WORTHY, INC. (Building #7 Tilly Foster Farm)

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature previously approved a Lease Agreement with Jar Worthy, Inc. for the property designated and described as Building #7 located on the Tilly Foster Farm property, located at 100 Route 312, in Southeast, New York (hereinafter "Tilly Foster Farm, Building #7") via Resolution #301 of 2021; and

WHEREAS, said Lease Agreement contains a provision which provides that the lease term is to expire on November 30, 2023, however, an automatic renewal clause had previously been negotiated with the principal of Jar Worthy, Inc; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is desirous of amending the previously approved Lease Agreement to provide for an automatic renewal clause for an additional two (2) year term, in consideration of the capital improvements that Jar Worthy, Inc. has made to the premises at no cost to the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31-22 of the Putnam County Code, the County Executive has requested that the Putnam County Legislature approve the amended Lease Agreement which is attached hereto as Schedule "A"; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the amended Lease Agreement between the County of Putnam and Jar Worthy, Inc. for the Surplus Space, in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A", and that the Putnam County Executive is authorized to execute said Lease Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate the amended Lease Agreement between the County of Putnam and Jar Worthy, Inc. in the manner approved herein.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS GOULDMAN, MONTGOMERY & NACERINO. MOTION CARRIES.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Addonizio & Nacerino)**

Item #6i – Approval/ Fund Transfer (22T098)/ Health Department/ Reclassification/ Environmental Health Services/ Public Health Sanitarian was next. Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Jonke, Chairman of the Personnel Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Sayegh stated that this was originally a Sanitarian Trainee position. She explained that this person has completed and received the necessary certificates to be eligible to become a Public Health Sanitarian.

RESOLUTION #128

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (22T098)/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ RECLASSIFICATION/
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES/ PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN**

WHEREAS, the Health Department's Environmental Health Services Public Health Sanitarian Trainee has accomplished all achievements and requirements necessary to become a Public Health Sanitarian; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a fund transfer (22T098) to Reclassify the Public Health Sanitarian Trainee position to a Public Health Sanitarian position, effective May 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:

12401000 54320	EHS – Food	3,000
12401000 52110	EHS – Furniture	900
12401000 54313	EHS – Dues & Publications	1,100
12401000 54640	EHS – Education & Training	407
12401000 54510	EHS – Machine Maintenance	300
12401000 54675	EHS – Mileage Reimbursement	<u>437</u>
		6,144

Increase:

12401000 51000 (12929)	EHS – Personnel Services	
	Public Health Sanitarian	5,707
12401000 58002	EHS – FICA	<u>437</u>
		6,144

**2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2023 Fiscal Impact - \$9,708**

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6j – Approval/ Fund Transfer (22T103)/ Highways & Facilities/ Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #129

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (22T103)/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has requested a fund transfer (22T103) to cover Highway Engineering and Facilities Overtime expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:

10144000 51000 (10101)	Personnel	
	Highway Engineering	

10144000 58002	Supv Plan & Design	27,000.00
	Highway Engineering - FICA	<u>1,912.50</u>
		28,912.50

Increase:		
10144000 51093	Highway Engineering – Overtime	2,000.00
10511100 51093	Facilities Overtime	25,000.00
10511100 58002	Facilities – FICA	<u>1,912.50</u>
		28,912.50

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6k – Approval/ Fund Transfer (22T114)/ Health Department/ Early Intervention/ Preschool Personnel Changes/ Reorganization was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #130

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (22T114)/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ PERSONNEL CHANGES/ REORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested personnel changes/ reorganization of his department due to the retirement of an Associate Account Clerk, Grade 15, Step 4 - effective 4/29/22; and

WHEREAS, vacancy control approved to fill said position with the current Principal Account Clerk, Grade 13, Step 4 by reclassing the Principal Account Clerk position to an Associate Account Clerk, Grade 15, Step 3; and

WHEREAS, the Principal Account Clerk position would then be eliminated creating a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, said vacancy would be underfilled by a Part Time Temporary Senior Account Clerk for 25 hours per week, at \$25.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, this Part Time Temporary Senior Account Clerk position will take on clerical tasks related to data entry/billing through the new McGuiness Program system; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health is also requesting a Reclass of the current Senior Clerk, Grade 8, Step 4 to a Principal Clerk, Grade 12, Step 2 under the recommendation of the Director of Personnel due to a desk audit; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a fund transfer (22T114) to account for this reorganization; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:		
10298600 51000 10102	Assoc. Account Clerk	2,356
10405900 51000 10110	Principal Account Clerk	31,547

10405900 58002	FICA	2,300
10405900 58008	Health Insurance	7,399
10405900 51000 10111	Senior Clerk	23,751
10199000 54980	Contingency	<u>3,402</u>
		70,755

Increase:		
10405900 51094	Temporary	15,625
10405900 54783	Licensing	29,896
10405900 51000 10113	Principle Clerk (effective 7/22/22)	<u>25,234</u>
		70,755

2022 Fiscal Impact - \$3,402
2023 Fiscal Impact – (\$30,072)

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6L – Approval/ Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #131

APPROVAL/ STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System requires the County to file the Standard Work Days for elected and appointed employees based on time and attendance records or the records of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, a copy of this report was contained in the following:

- Resolution #195 of 2010 and Resolution #286 of 2010 (one employee only).
- Resolution #338 of 2011 correcting Resolution #190 of 2011.
- Resolution #218 of 2012 correcting Resolution #155 of 2012.
- Resolution #143 of 2013.
- Resolution #168 of 2014.
- Resolution #150 of 2015.
- Resolution #148 of 2016.
- Resolution #156 of 2017.
- Resolution #244 of 2017 reflecting change made on Resolution #226 of 2014 which corrected Resolution #143 of 2013 (one employee only).
- Resolution #170 of 2018.
- Resolution #141 of 2019.
- Resolution #266 of 2019 correcting Resolution #141 of 2019.
- Resolution #115 of 2020.
- Resolution #176 of 2020 correcting Resolution #115 of 2020.
- Resolution #125 of 2021.
- Resolution #209 of 2021 correcting Resolution #125 of 2021.

And

WHEREAS, it is now time to file the report for 2022, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the County of Putnam hereby established the following as standard work days for the listed elected officials in schedule "A" and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement system based upon time and attendance records or on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Addonizio & Jonke)**

Item #6m – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A041)/ Youth Bureau/ Youth Sports & Education Opportunity Funding Grant was next. Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Sayegh, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Jonke, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #132

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A041)/ YOUTH BUREAU/ YOUTH SPORTS & EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY FUNDING GRANT

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Youth Bureau has been awarded \$8,366 in grant funding for the Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding to serve children and youth ages 6 – 17 based on population of eligible youth in the County; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the grant is provided and administered by the NYS Office of Children & Family Services; and

WHEREAS, the focus of this grant will be to support youth development via local nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the grant, which does not require matching funds, is effective from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, claims for this period are due by June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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 Appropriations:

10731000 54647 10182	Youth Admin – Sub Contractors	8,366
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10731000 438201 10182	Youth Admin – State Aid Youth Sprts & Ed	8,366
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislator Nacerino & Sayegh)**

Item #6n – Approval/ Authorization for Expenditure of Putnam County ARPA Funds on Qualifying Town and Village Projects / Budgetary Amendment (22A042) was next. Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Addonizio, Chairwoman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sayegh, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery thanked the local representatives from the western side of the County for attending the meeting Cold Spring Mayor Kathleen Foley, Philipstown Council Member Jason Angell and Philipstown Supervisor John Van Tassel for this item.

Legislator Jonke stated that his comments would apply to the next three resolutions. He stated that he has been critical from the beginning due to a lack of process since this initiative was announced at the State of the County Address. He stated that public input was never sought. He stated that during a discussion with Commissioner of Finance William Carlin, Commissioner Carlin called the Budgetary Amendment a “giveaway.” He stated that he agrees that this is a giveaway. He stated that the projects have not been properly vetted. He stated that he was called out by the County Executive for using the term, “giveaway.” He explained that the Legislature is voting on approximately \$24 million in expenditures. He agreed that there was money needed for town projects. He stated that there are two and a half (2 ½) years to name projects and sign contracts, and then another year to finalize them. He believed there was a rush to get, not only the ARPA funding out, but also the County’s General Fund money. He explained that the current economy is unstable with inflation being at a record high. He stated that he believes this is reckless. He stated that he will be voting in favor of these resolutions but hoped there were no surprises moving forward.

Legislator Nacerino believed this was a rare opportunity for everyone in Putnam County to move forward with infrastructure projects which benefit the community. She stated that this was vetted because the projects had to be approved for use of ARPA funding. She stated that, as mentioned by Finance Commissioner Carlin, this is just the beginning of the long process in approving each of these projects as we move forward. She stated that if it were not for ARPA funding, the projects would fall on the backs of taxpayers.

Legislator Albano stated that he supports this. He stated that for the past 12 years the County has lowered its debt by approximately \$30 million. He explained that with the ARPA funding and the increase in sales tax revenue, he believed that the timing was right to address certain projects. He stated that putting ARPA funding into the community was important.

Legislator Addonizio referenced the National Association of Counties in saying this is an extensive process. She explained that the County is required to submit quarterly Project and Expenditure reports, and the next report is due July 31st. She stated that Commissioner Carlin mentioned that these reports will also go before the Audit and Administration Committee for review.

Chairman Sullivan stated that this is a unique opportunity for the County to be able to provide funding for the towns and villages. He stated that it was not a requirement for ARPA funding to be shared with the towns and villages. He stated that the County's Auditors reviewed the projects submitted and ensured they met the requirements for the use of ARPA funding. He explained that he was very happy to bring the Town of Carmel close to \$3 million which will help them to repair their water and sewer systems. He explained that the funding alleviates the taxpayers within those districts from the burden of paying for those projects exclusively. He stated that this year the County will provide excess sales tax revenue to all the towns and villages throughout the County for projects they deem necessary. He stated that he was in favor of these resolutions.

Legislator Sayegh explained this funding will help local municipalities fund infrastructure projects that they might not have been able to fund. She stated that these Putnam County municipalities received their own ARPA funding as well. She believed the County was sharing fairly, even though they were not required to share the County's portion of ARPA funding. She stated that the sharing of sales tax should be used to lower the burden of the taxpayer. She believed it was a difficult process in deciding what project to fund and what not to fund. She believed the Administration and Commissioner Carlin made this very well-balanced.

RESOLUTION #133

APPROVAL / AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE OF PUTNAM COUNTY ARPA FUNDS ON QUALIFYING TOWN AND VILLAGE PROJECTS/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A042)

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") provides fiscal recovery funds to county governments, as well as other forms of government, pursuant to US Department of Treasury Compliance and Reporting Guidance, for the purpose of alleviating the fiscal stress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has been allocated \$19.1 million through ARPA, which may be used to provide certain government services; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2022, Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell wrote to each town and village in Putnam County requesting their feedback regarding the possibility of partnering in projects or services that are eligible for ARPA funding; and

WHEREAS, in the State of the County address to the Putnam County Legislature on March 10, 2022, County Executive Odell proposed that Putnam County allocate \$5 million of the County's ARPA funds to be used by the County's towns and villages in conjunction with the \$11 million in ARPA funding received by said municipalities to complete vital projects in Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, such use of this \$5 million of the County's ARPA funds is limited to certain purposes under the United States Treasury Department's ARPA Final Rule, including for water and sewer infrastructure projects, and a reporting of all ARPA monies spent and backup documentation must be submitted by the receiving municipalities to Putnam County for reporting to the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Odell has proposed that \$5 million of the County's sales tax revenue funds be allocated to Putnam County's towns and villages with a focus

on infrastructure, mental health, substance abuse, food insecurity, clean water, roads, bridges, and buildings to aid in the recovery from the COVID 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Odell has further proposed that this combined \$10 million in County funds be allocated to Putnam County's towns and villages according to their relative populations, as per the 2020 Federal Census, and as detailed in the chart attached hereto as Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, members of the Putnam County Legislature have had discussions with the town(s) and/or village(s) they represent to prioritize the project(s) on which the municipalities desire to spend ARPA funds, and were asked by County Executive Odell to jointly submit recommendations for funding by May 15, 2022, so that they may be submitted to the Putnam County Legislature for approval by June 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the projects proposed for funding by the towns and villages in conjunction with their representatives on the Putnam County Legislature are attached hereto as Attachment B; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance, in consultation with Putnam County's outside auditors, has expressed his belief that all of the proposed projects on Attachment B appear to be eligible for funding with Putnam County's ARPA funds; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes transfers of funds from Putnam County's ARPA allocation to the County's towns and villages in amounts not to exceed the sums detailed in the chart attached hereto as Attachment A, with a total amount of such transfers not to exceed \$5 million; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the expenditure of up to \$5 million of the County's ARPA funds on town and village projects as set forth in Attachment B hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any additional project or amendment to an existing project to be proposed by a town or village after May 15, 2022, must first be submitted to the County Auditor and Commissioner of Finance for review, then to the County Executive for recommendation, and finally to the Legislature for approval, before any funds will be expended; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the distribution of said funds shall be contingent upon the receiving municipality executing an intermunicipal agreement with Putnam County, prepared by the Putnam County Attorney and executed by the Putnam County Executive, that sets forth the permitted use(s) of the funds; requires the municipality to encumber and expend the funds in a timely manner; requires the municipality to report the status of its funded project(s) at least semiannually to Putnam County; requires the municipality to certify and document how the funds were actually spent; requires the municipality to timely return any funds that are not spent on approved projects; and includes such other terms and conditions that the County Attorney deems advisable to ensure that the transfer of County funds to the municipalities accomplishes the intention of the Putnam County Legislature, as expressed in this resolution, and is in compliance with U.S. Treasury regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if the actual expenditures by a receiving municipality on its projects as listed in Attachment B, or on an approved additional project or project amendment, are less than the amount of ARPA funds transferred to it by Putnam County, then any remaining funds will be transferred back to the County’s original ARPA account for future allocation to qualifying ARPA projects; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment (22A042) be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

56989000 53000 52214	ARPA Allocation – Town of Carmel	1,718,885
56989000 53000 52215	ARPA Allocation – Town of Kent	660,400
56989000 53000 52216	ARPA Allocation – Town of Putnam Valley	602,142
56989000 53000 52217	ARPA Allocation – Town of Patterson	590,828
56989000 53000 52218	ARPA Allocation – Town of Philipstown	369,671
56989000 53000 52219	ARPA Allocation – Town of Southeast	796,064
56989000 53000 52220	ARPA Allocation – Village of Brewster	128,394
56989000 53000 52221	ARPA Allocation – Village of Cold Spring	101,671
56989000 53000 52222	ARPA Allocation – Village of Nelsonville	<u>31,945</u>
		5,000,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:

56989000 428601 52214	ARPA Allocation – Town of Carmel	1,718,885
56989000 428601 52215	ARPA Allocation – Town of Kent	660,400
56989000 428601 52216	ARPA Allocation – Town of Putnam Valley	602,142
56989000 428601 52217	ARPA Allocation – Town of Patterson	590,828
56989000 428601 52218	ARPA Allocation – Town of Philipstown	369,671
56989000 428601 52219	ARPA Allocation – Town of Southeast	796,064
56989000 428601 52220	ARPA Allocation – Village of Brewster	128,394
56989000 428601 52221	ARPA Allocation – Village of Cold Spring	101,671
56989000 428601 52222	ARPA Allocation – Village of Nelsonville	<u>31,945</u>
		5,000,000

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6o – Approval/ Authorization for Expenditure of Putnam County Sales Tax Funds on Qualifying Town and Village Projects / Budgetary Amendment (22A043) was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sayegh, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Albano believed that collecting sales tax on internet purchases generated more revenue to put the County in a good position to share sales tax revenue with the municipalities.

Legislator Montgomery explained that the municipalities have been asking the County to share sales tax revenue for a long time. She thanked Philipstown Council Member Jason Angell and Village of Cold Spring Trustee Eliza Starbuck for once again initiating this. She stated that the towns give back so much to Putnam County and their budgets are not big enough to handle the projects they have. She hoped the sharing of sales tax revenue would continue in the years to come.

Legislator Nacerino believed that by sharing the sales tax revenue with the municipalities will ultimately prove to be a savings for our taxpayers.

Chairman Sullivan agreed with Legislator Montgomery that we should continue to share sales tax revenue today and going into the future, since the County has collected over our estimated budgeted amount. He believed that if we could share; we should. He stated that with the commercial development projects that recently opened in Putnam County, he believed that we would continue to see an increase in sales tax revenue.

Legislator Albano explained how we have shared sales tax with the municipalities by providing Board of Election expenses, Community College reimbursements, Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) and by making the towns and villages whole with unpaid property taxes.

RESOLUTION #134

APPROVAL / AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE OF PUTNAM COUNTY SALES TAX FUNDS ON QUALIFYING TOWN AND VILLAGE PROJECTS/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A043)

WHEREAS, a majority of counties within New York State have adopted a plan to share sales tax revenue with local communities; and

WHEREAS, representatives from Putnam County and local municipalities are working together to explore the viability of a sales tax revenue sharing plan within Putnam County in the future; and

WHEREAS, in advance of the final implementation of such a plan, Putnam County wishes to allocate \$5 million of sales tax revenue to be shared with its towns and villages; and

WHEREAS, in the State of the County address to the Putnam County Legislature on March 10, 2022, County Executive Odell proposed the distribution of this \$5 million of the County's sales tax revenue funds to local municipalities to match the distribution of \$5 million dollars in funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA"), which provides fiscal recovery funds to county governments, as well as other forms of government, pursuant to US Department of Treasury Compliance and Reporting Guidance, for the purpose of alleviating the fiscal stress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Odell has proposed that this \$5 million of the County's sales tax revenue funds be allocated to Putnam County's towns and villages with a focus on infrastructure, mental health, substance abuse, food insecurity, clean

water, roads, bridges, and buildings to aid in the recovery from the COVID 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County will restrict the use of the sales tax revenue funds to match the restrictions in place on use of the ARPA funds, limiting such use of this \$5 million of the County's sales tax revenue funds to certain purposes under the United States Treasury Department's ARPA Final Rule, including for water and sewer infrastructure projects, and a reporting of all monies spent and backup documentation must be submitted by the receiving municipalities to Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Odell has further proposed that this \$5 million of the County's sales tax revenue funds together with the \$5 million of the ARPA funds be allocated to Putnam County's towns and villages according to their relative populations, as per the 2020 Federal Census, and as detailed in the chart attached hereto as Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, the projects proposed for funding by the towns and villages in conjunction with their representatives on the Putnam County Legislature are attached hereto as Attachment B; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes transfers of funds from Putnam County's sales tax revenue funds to the County's towns and villages in amounts not to exceed the sums detailed in the chart attached hereto as Attachment A, with a total amount of such transfers not to exceed \$5 million; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the expenditure of up to \$5 million of the County's sales tax revenue funds on town and village projects as set forth in Attachment B hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any additional project or amendment to an existing project to be proposed by a town or village after May 15, 2022 must first be submitted to the County Auditor and Commissioner of Finance for review, then to the County Executive for recommendation, and finally to the Legislature for approval, before any funds will be expended; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the distribution of said funds shall be contingent upon the receiving municipality executing an intermunicipal agreement with Putnam County, prepared by the Putnam County Attorney and executed by the Putnam County Executive, that sets forth the permitted use(s) of the funds; requires the municipality to encumber and expend the funds in a timely manner; requires the municipality to report the status of its funded project(s) at least semiannually to Putnam County; requires the municipality to certify and document how the funds were actually spent; requires the municipality to timely return any funds that are not spent on approved projects; and includes such other terms and conditions that the County Attorney deems advisable to ensure that the transfer of County funds to the municipalities accomplishes the intention of the Putnam County Legislature, as expressed in this resolution, and is in compliance with U.S. Treasury regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if the actual expenditures by a receiving municipality on its projects as listed in Attachment B, or on an approved additional project or project

amendment, are less than the amount of sales tax revenue funds transferred to it by Putnam County, then any remaining funds will be transferred back to the County's original sales tax revenue funds account for future allocation to qualifying projects; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the deadline for completion of all projects funded by this \$5 million of the County's sales tax revenue funds shall be June 30, 2026, and the County may recoup or "clawback" any funds distributed for projects not completed by such date; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment (22A043) be made:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10990100 59020	Transfer to Capital Fund	5,000,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10131000 427161	Use of Fund Balance	5,000,000
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CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

56989000 53000 52214	Sales Tax Allocation – Town of Carmel	1,718,885
56989000 53000 52215	ARPA Allocation – Town of Kent	660,401
56989000 53000 52216	ARPA Allocation – Town of Putnam Valley	602,142
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		5,000,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:

56989000 449898 52214	ARPA Allocation – Town of Carmel	1,718,885
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		5,000,000

2022 Fiscal Impact – \$ 5,000,000 –
2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6p – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A044)/ Commissioner of Finance/ County ARPA Projects was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sayegh, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery explained that the public and the Legislature had no say in the process of determining the County projects. She explained that she cannot approve spending \$14 million without having any information on these individual projects. She stated that she was disappointed that the projects submitted to the County Executive for approval were not shared with the Legislature until this resolution was already passed through committee. She detailed the many organizations who submitted requests for funding which the Legislature did not even see, discuss, or consider. She explained how services provided to the towns were slowly being cut over the years and those were the services these community-based organizations submitted. She explained that it was not that she disapproved of the projects submitted in this resolution, but she did not approve of the process. She believed it was a reckless way of doing things. She did not appreciate the County Executive calling out Legislator Jonke in a press release for his comments on the process.

Legislator Nacerino stated the projects presented are crucial to our quality of life in Putnam County. She explained how the radio project will increase effective communication to keep our people safe. She explained how the Stabilization Center will provide a safe haven for people in crisis. She did not believe that any of the projects were frivolous. She believed that this provided a wonderful opportunity to move these projects forward.

Legislator Addonizio stated that ARPA has provided an opportunity to help everyone in Putnam County, especially the much-needed Radio project. She explained how the improved communications will allow increased efficiencies in responding to 911 calls from individuals in distress. She stated that she was very happy to see that the County will have a Stabilization Center, which is a 24/7 facility providing mental health needs for our community. She also explained the importance for increasing School Safety in this day and age.

Legislator Albano concurred with Legislators Nacerino and Addonizio. He believed that this list of projects was a priority and that he was in support of them.

Legislator Jonke stated that everyone was aware that he believed there was no process. He stated that the County is spending \$14 million and the Legislature was never asked for any input. He stated that there is no money going to the special needs community. He stated that if you want to give funding to individuals who need help, he believed that was where some of the money should be going, however they were not even considered.

Legislator Sayegh stated that the purpose of the ARPA funding was to help the County recover after the COVID-19 pandemic. She explained how she helped with the food

pantry during the pandemic and saw firsthand the food insecurity in Putnam County. She stated that she is pleased to see funding for both food insecurity and the Stabilization Center. She explained that the funding has provided a tremendous opportunity to support mental health. She believed that what we are seeing regarding mental health issues after the pandemic was just the tip of the iceberg. She believed that the Legislature had time to vet this funding out at the Rules Committee meeting, which is a public hearing. She stated that each of the town boards had a public hearing to vet out their projects. She wanted to point out that Albany passes laws in the middle of the night, and we find out about them the next morning. She stated that there have also been press releases. She stated that these are all great projects. She stated that this is just the beginning, and we will see more details on these projects when they are discussed at future committee meetings.

Legislator Gouldman explained that this \$14 million in ARPA funding pertains to County projects. He stated that all the projects on this list are very worthy projects which everyone in the County would benefit from. He believed that there should have been a public hearing for these County projects, and they should have been vetted more thoroughly. He also believed that each project should be voted on separately. He explained that he would vote in favor of this because he does not have a choice. He explained that he was comfortable voting in favor of the two previous resolutions because those were the projects proposed by the towns and villages.

Legislator Castellano explained how several local organizations contacted him about great projects they had, and he helped them through the process of submitting their projects to the Administration. He stated that the list in front of us is important to the taxpayers. He stated that it was discussed in committee that if some projects do not reach fruition, we can revisit previous project submissions. He believed he was involved in the process with the projects submitted by the Town of Southeast and the Village of Brewster. He stated that he supports what they have requested.

Chairman Sullivan explained that this resolution is the list of County projects that will be utilizing ARPA funding. He stated that there is a deadline for some reporting to begin on July 31, 2022, and there are deadlines that must be met. He detailed some of the major projects on the list. He stated that the County is lucky to have received this funding and that it would be spent wisely. He stated that he was comfortable with the process and happy to be able to provide this funding for these projects.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she has been asking for more details on these projects. She stated that she was not opposed to any of these great projects and wants to see them come to fruition. She stated she does not want community-based organizations to suffer.

Legislator Jonke stated that at 3:00 P.M. today, the Legislature received an email that provided some of the backup information for these projects and a promise from the Highway Department to provide more information before the Physical Services Committee meeting which would be after this vote is taken tonight.

Legislator Sayegh explained that the ARPA funding was provided to the County. She stated that the County decided to share a portion of this funding with the towns and villages. She explained that taxpayer money is being saved by using ARPA funding instead of bonding County Highway Infrastructure projects in the amount of

approximately \$5 million; especially with interest rates increasing. She stated that all these proposed projects were discussed with the County departments who have the expertise in determining the County's needs.

Legislator Nacerino explained how many of these projects were discussed. She believed that they were all viable projects that would come to fruition.

RESOLUTION #135

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A044)/ COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/
COUNTY ARPA PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") provides fiscal recovery funds to county governments, as well as other forms of government, pursuant to US Department of Treasury Compliance and Reporting Guidance, for the purpose of alleviating the fiscal stress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has been allocated \$19.1 million through ARPA, which may be used to provide certain government services; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Odell has proposed that Putnam County ARPA funds be allocated with a focus on infrastructure as it pertains to school safety, mental health, substance abuse, food insecurity, clean water, roads, bridges, and buildings to aid in the recovery from the COVID 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (22A044) to address these infrastructure needs; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment (22A044) be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

53097000 53000 52223	ARPA – School Safety – Infrastructure Upgrades	2,000,000
53097000 53000 51601	ARPA – Radios – Police & Fire	2,500,000
53097000 53000 52224	ARPA – Sheriff Dept Software	1,500,000
58989000 53000 52225	ARPA – Stabilization Center	2,500,000
58989000 53000 52226	ARPA – Cap Mobile Food Pantry	130,000
58989000 53000 52227	ARPA – Second Chance Food Pantry Refrigeration Units	25,000
58989000 53000 52228	ARPA – Administrative Expenses	30,000
55197000 52660 52204	ARPA – Highway Equipment	100,000
55197000 53000 52229	ARPA – Highway Infrastructure Studies	303,707
55997000 53000 51622	Fair Street - PIN 8756.09	<u>325,000</u>
		9,413,707

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

05000 45710L 50245	Bond Proceeds - Peekskill Hollow Rd	1,000,000
05000 45710M 52202	Bond Proceeds – Infrastructure	1,000,000
05000 45710M 52204	Bond Proceeds – Highway Equipment	500,000
05000 45710G 51622	Bond Proceeds – Fair Street	90,000
05000 45710H 51716	Bond Proceeds – Stoneleigh/Drew	185,000
05000 45710M 51912	Bond Proceeds – Drewville Rd Br	988,800
05000 45710M 51914	Bond Proceeds - Sprout Brook Rd Br	<u>520,000</u>
		4,283,800

Increase Estimated Revenues:

53097000 449898 52223	ARPA – School Safety – Infrastructure Upgrades	2,000,000
53097000 449898 51601	ARPA – Radios – Police & Fire	2,500,000
53097000 449898 52224	ARPA – Sheriff Dept Software	1,500,000
58989000 449898 52225	ARPA – Stabilization Center	2,500,000
58989000 449898 52226	ARPA – Cap Mobile Food Pantry	130,000
58989000 449898 52227	ARPA – Second Chance Food Pantry Refrigeration Units	25,000
58989000 449898 52228	ARPA – Administrative Expenses	30,000
55197000 449898 50245	ARPA – Peekskill Hollow Road	1,000,000
55197000 449898 52202	ARPA – Highway Infrastructure	1,000,000
55197000 449898 52206	ARPA – Highway Equipment	600,000
55197000 449848 52229	ARPA – Highway Infrastructure Studies	303,707
55997000 449848 51622	ARPA - Fair Street – PIN 8756.09	415,000
55197000 449848 51716	ARPA – Stoneleigh /Drew PIN 8761.97	185,000
55197000 449848 51912	ARPA - Drewville Rd Bridge PIN 8757.65	988,800
55197000 449848 51914	ARPA - Sprout Brook RD Br PIN 8762.13	<u>520,000</u>
		13,697,507

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6q – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A038)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Insurance Recoveries/ Automotive was next. Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #136

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A038)/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/
INSURANCE RECOVERIES/ AUTOMOTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (22A038) to recognize the National General Insurance Company reimbursement received to offset the cost of repairing one (1) of the Sheriff's vehicles involved in an accident February 15, 2022; 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 Revenues:

10311000 426801	Sheriff Admin – Insurance Recoveries	1,261.40
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Increase Expenses:

10311000 54370	Sheriff Admin – Automotive	1,261.40
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6r – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A046)/ District Attorney/ Asset Forfeiture Reserve Funds/ Furniture was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #137

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A046)/ DISTRICT ATTORNEY/ ASSET FORFEITURE RESERVE FUNDS/ FURNITURE

WHEREAS, the Putnam County District Attorney has requested a budgetary amendment (22A046) to utilize Asset Forfeiture Reserve Funds to replace a piece of broken furniture and worn-out carpeting; 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:

10001000	District Attorney	
427152	Asset Forfeiture Program	23,500

Increase Appropriations:

10001000	District Attorney Asset Forfeiture Program	
52110	Furniture and Furnishings	23,500

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6s – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A049)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Use of Inmate T-Commission Reserve Funds/ Purchase Equipment was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #138

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A049)/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ USE OF INMATE T-COMMISSION RESERVE FUNDS/ PURCHASE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (22A049) to utilize Inmate T-Commission Reserve Funds to purchase Protective Disorder Control Equipment for the Correction Officers and Deputies; and

WHEREAS, this equipment will be used to replace old, expired, and unserviceable equipment; 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 Appropriations:

10315000 52180	Sheriff – Jail – Other Equipment	34,256.20
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10315000 426605	Sheriff – Jail – Inmate T-Comm Use of Reserve	34,256.20
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6t – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A047)/ Highways & Facilities/ Additional Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Funding under NYMTC was next. Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #139

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A047)/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ ADDITIONAL UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) FUNDING UNDER NYMTC

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has requested a budgetary amendment (22A047) to account for additional Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) funding under the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) awarded to Putnam County; 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 Estimated Appropriations:

10802000 54682 10183	Special Services	460,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10802000 449895 10183	UPWP – Federal Aid	460,000
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6u – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A048)/ Highways & Facilities/ Amend 2022 CHIPS County Capital Project Budget was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #140

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A048)/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ AMEND 2022 CHIPS COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2022-23 State Budget provides funding to support the repair, rehabilitation, and modernization of local roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the State Budget includes Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding, PAVE-NY funding, and Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR) funding; and

WHEREAS, also included are reappropriations of rollover funds remaining from previous State fiscal year CHIPS, PAVE-NY, and EWR appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (22A048) to amend the 2022 CHIPS County Capital Project Budget to equal the adopted NYS Budget, as provided by the NYS Department of Transportation; 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 Estimated Appropriations:

55112000 53000 52203	CHIPS 2022	843,531
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55112000 435011 52203	State Aid – CHIPS 2022	843,531
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6v – Approval/ Fund Transfer (22T121)/ Putnam County Federation of Sportsmen Club / 501c(3) Incorporation (Fish & Game) was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery thanked Ray Merlotto for working on this and for his fine work on the Sportsman Federation Club and Region 3 Fish & Wildlife Board. She stated that he has been a great mentor to her on that Board.

RESOLUTION #141

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (22T121)/ PUTNAM COUNTY FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN CLUB / 501c(3) INCORPORATION (Fish & Game)

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Federation of Sportsmen Club (Fish & Game) is being reclassified to an outside agency due to their 501c(3) Incorporation; and

WHEREAS, this 501c(3) agency is now being called Putnam Federation of Sporting Clubs, Inc.; 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:

25872000 54313	Dues & Subscriptions	21.00
25872000 52130	Computer Equipment	229.00
25872000 54310	Office Supplies	200.00
25872000 54640	Education/ Training	1,500.00
25872000 54675	Travel	853.16
25872000 54979	Prop Fish & Game	17,187.00
25872000 54989	Miscellaneous	<u>174.00</u>
		20,164.16

Increase:

25872000 54950	County Contribution	20,164.16
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7 – Other Business

There was no other business submitted to the meeting.

Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

Town of Philipstown Supervisor John Van Tassel thanked the Legislature for sharing the ARPA funds. He stated that the consulting firm they hired requested an itemized letter of the breakdown of where exactly the money is going. He explained that it was his understanding that consulting firm they hired was the same one hired by the County. He

questioned with regards to the County's portion of \$14 million, would an itemized breakdown go to the County Executive's office, or would that be discussed by the Legislature, and who would make those decisions.

Chairman Sullivan explained that, as they see with most County projects, he believed that the Administration would come back to the Legislature to approve the spending again.

Philipstown Council Member Jason Angell thanked Chairman Sullivan, Legislator Addonizio, and the Legislature for the collaborative process of taking the first step in sharing the surplus sales tax growth. He explained how the money coming to their community supports many initiatives that will benefit everyone. He looked forward to supporting the Legislature's efforts to make the sharing of that sales tax surplus permanent in the upcoming budget process. He was hopeful that this would remove some of the barriers with sharing sales tax in a commonsense plan.

Peggy Boyle thanked the Legislature on behalf of the Peach Lake Environmental Coalition for their hard work. She stated that they were happy to hear that the Legislature received the project reports that they sent. She stated that they are dealing with severe flooding in their community. She stated that she would like to work with the committee to see these projects through. She explained that the ARPA and Sales Tax funding designated for Peach Lake was a significant start for them, but more funds were needed.

Village of Cold Spring Mayor Kathleen Foley stated that she received some information from Commissioner of Finance, William Carlin, after the last committee meeting about the Radio project. She stated as discussions continue regarding the \$2.5 million Radio project, she hoped there would be more clarity provided for the public. She stated that according to Commissioner Carlin, just over \$12 million has come in for the project, approximately \$8.5 has been spent and approximately \$2.7 million has been encumbered for a total of \$11.3 million, leaving approximately \$880,000 remaining. She questioned where the money has gone and why they do not have the radios yet, which have been discussed for so long. She requested clarity be provided on how the \$8.5 million has been spent. She questioned if the ARPA funding was specifically for equipment. She questioned why ARPA funding is being used now when the ARPA funding was intended to help us all recover, and the Radio project has been on everyone's radar for a really long time, and we have not seen any progress.

Town of Patterson Resident Juergen Temple expressed concern on the process of approving projects. He believed that the ARPA funding should be going toward infrastructure, above and beyond what is already in place. He stated that it is necessary to address mental health, however, he questioned what would happen to people in a mental health crisis after they leave the Stabilization Center. He stated that people with mental health issues are prone to be homeless. He stated that there are no public homeless shelters in Putnam County, and he believed they were desperately needed. He explained that there are organizations that help individuals with mental health issues, however more resources are needed. He stated that with respect to infrastructure and sustainability projects, Putnam County does not have an adequate public transportation system. He questioned if anyone has introduced a proposal to have a cross-county bus from the eastern side of the County to the western side of the County. He spoke about the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and that driving to New York City was

not sustainable. He explained how transportation to the Metro North Train Station was another issue. He also spoke about how electric cars would be a great alternative but questioned if there were enough public charging stations. He stated that although the proposed projects were good, he believed more thought needed to be put into allocating these funds.

Item #9 - Recognition of Legislators

There were no Legislators that wished to be recognized.

There being no further business, at 8:36 P.M., Chairman Sullivan made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Jonke and Sayegh. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.