

**AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE  
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
CALLED BY THE CLERK AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRWOMAN  
& AT LEAST FOUR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE  
TO BE HELD IN ROOM 318  
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

**Monday April 25, 2016  
(Immediately Audit & Administration Mtg. starting @ 6:30 P.M.)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairwoman Nacerino who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairwoman Nacerino requested that Legislator LoBue lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Gouldman, Addonizio, Albano, Castellano, LoBue and Chairwoman Nacerino were present. Legislators Gross and Wright were absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Van Ross.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE  
(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Gouldman & Gross)**

Item #4 – Approval/Appointments/Putnam County Industrial Development Agency was next.

**APPROVAL/APPOINTMENTS/PUTNAM COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**RESOLVED**, that the following be appointed to the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency:

**Dr. Stephen J. Baranowski, Town of Carmel, for a term to expire December 31, 2016.**

**William Carlin, Commissioner of Finance, Town of Southeast, for a term to expire December 31, 2016.**

**Dario Gristina, Town of Putnam Valley, for a term to expire December 31, 2016.**

**Erin Meagher, Town of Southeast, for a term to expire December 31, 2016.**

**William H. Nulk, Town of Kent, for a term to expire December 31, 2016.**

**And be it further**

**RESOLVED**, that these appointments comply with any requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that this Special Meeting is for the appointments of the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency (IDA). She stated that most of the Legislators believed that time was of the essence to jump start the IDA. She stated that presently we are in limbo with compliance reports looming and the former Chairperson

still holding our records and keys. She stated that once a new board is established the conveyance of records will be met. She stated that we are optimistic moving forward that this Board will evolve into a seven (7) member Board within the coming months.

Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Addonizio, Chairwoman of the Economic Development & Energy Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Gross, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Chairwoman Nacerino split the question.

**RESOLUTION #82**

**APPROVAL/APPOINTMENT/PUTNAM COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**RESOLVED**, that the following be appointed to the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency:

**Dr. Stephen J. Baranowski, Town of Carmel, for a term to expire December 31, 2016.**

**And be it further**

**RESOLVED**, that this appointment comply with any requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. LEGISLATORS GROSS & WRIGHT WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**RESOLUTION #83**

**APPROVAL/APPOINTMENT/PUTNAM COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**RESOLVED**, that the following be appointed to the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency:

**William Carlin, Commissioner of Finance, Town of Southeast, for a term to expire December 31, 2016.**

**And be it further**

**RESOLVED**, that this appointment comply with any requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. LEGISLATORS GROSS & WRIGHT WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**RESOLUTION #84**

**APPROVAL/APPOINTMENT/PUTNAM COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**RESOLVED, that the following be appointed to the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency:**

**Erin Meagher, Town of Southeast, for a term to expire December 31, 2016.**

**And be it further**

**RESOLVED, that this appointment comply with any requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. LEGISLATORS GROSS & WRIGHT WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

#### **RESOLUTION #85**

#### **APPROVAL/APPOINTMENT/PUTNAM COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**RESOLVED, that the following be appointed to the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency:**

**William H. Nulk, Town of Kent, for a term to expire December 31, 2016.**

**And be it further**

**RESOLVED, that this appointment comply with any requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. LEGISLATORS GROSS & WRIGHT WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Chairwoman Nacerino congratulated those individuals who have taken on this task. She stated that she appreciated their willingness to help out and to volunteer their time, energy and expertise.**

**Legislator Albano believed that we have taken the direction now where we can get the ball rolling and we can refine it as we go along.**

**Mr. Richard Ruchala, former IDA Chairman, stated that he objected that Chairwoman Nacerino stated that the former Chairman was preventing this from occurring.**

**Chairwoman Nacerino stated that it was not what she stated. She stated that the former Chair still has access to the keys and records, and that conveyance will occur once a new Board is established. She stated that she was speaking about the process.**

**Mr. Ruchala stated that the Legislature will now learn what the IDA will cost the County. He stated that our Board was very proud and did a very good job. He stated that it was fair to say that at this point he thanked them for their lack of support. He stated before the books can be handed over, a meeting of the new Board must be held and a vote taken. At that point the Board would be officially replaced. He stated that right now there is approximately \$30.00 in the account and he would need some money to place a**

notice in the newspapers. He stated that he would need approximately \$200.00 to put out a notice of the meeting of the Board.

Chairwoman Nacerino thanked Mr. Richula and the previous Board members for their time and service to the IDA. It was appreciated.

Mr. Ruchala believed that with all the hard work the previous Board did, and he has spoken with some of the other Board members, we would like to get an official apology from this Legislative Body for the poor treatment that you have given us. He stated that it has been a horrible experience and there was no need for it; it was politically based. He stated that he was very proud of the Board members we had. He asked this Legislative Board to put it to a vote that we receive an apology in writing. He stated that, while you were giving all your money to the Economic Development Corp. (EDC) and Tourism, we were left naked and without support.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that she would not put that to a vote this evening. She reminded Mr. Ruchala that he and the previous Board members did resign on their own cognizance. She stated that the Legislature does appreciate the work that has been done, even though you do not feel that way. She stated that Mr. Ruchala has spent many years dedicating his time and energy to the IDA. However, the Board unanimously resigned on their own cognizance.

Mr. Ruchala concurred. However, he stated that they did it based on the Legislature's actions. He stated that he would like to personally thank you for that. He wished the best to the new Board and hoped that the Legislature funds them correctly. He stated that he hoped that there was more structure involved so they would be able to move forward in a way that would be confident. He believed that \$30,000 or \$40,000 would be needed just to do a Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (UTEP). He stated that additional funds would also be needed to hire a CEO. He believed that the estimate of funds needed would be much higher than he had requested. Based on that information, he believed that the taxpayers have been treated unfairly. He stated that he is very hopeful that this new Board is successful.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that we are also very hopeful and optimistic that they will. She thanked Mr. Ruchala for his encouragement.

Legislative Counsel Van Ross stated that any funding that has to be done needs to be initiated by the Administration.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that would not be addressed under this agenda this evening.

Legislator LoBue clarified with Legislative Counsel Van Ross that the four (4) members make a quorum.

Legislative Counsel Van Ross said, "yes." He stated that it is a seven (7) member Board.

Legislator LoBue stated that she was concerned that the Commissioner of Finance was a voting member of the IDA Board.

**Legislative Counsel Van Ross stated that we received an opinion from the County Attorney.**

**Legislator LoBue stated that she saw the opinion, however, she stated that she could not understand how it is not a conflict.**

**There being no further business, at 7:32 P.M., Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.**