

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
ROOM #318
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Members: Chairman Gouldman & Legislators Castellano & Jonke

Monday **6:30 p.m.** **March 20, 2017**

(Physical Services Meeting Immediately Followed)

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

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #3 – Approval/Memorialization/Extend Volunteer Firefighters’ Benefit Law To Cover all Instances of Melanoma as well as Cancers of the Digestive, Hematological, Lymphatic, Urinary, Prostrate, Neurological, Breast and Reproductive Systems

Chairman Gouldman stated President of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association Jeff Bergstrom is present to speak to this matter.

President of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association Jeff Bergstrom stated the association he represents covers 16 Counties. He stated he has been a member of the Brewster Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) for 21 years. He stated currently he is an Officer in the BVFD. He stated in collaboration with the Fireman’s Association with the State of New York legislation has been prepared. He stated tonight he is requesting the Legislature’s support of a bill that would provide Volunteer Firefighters to receive the same coverage that paid and career Firefighters receive. He stated the volunteer firefighters go into a burning building the same as a paid and career firefighter. He stated Putnam County has 13 fire volunteer fire departments. If this bill gets passed it would benefit all of the volunteer firefighters throughout the State of New York. He stated the New York Volunteer Fire Departments save the State billions of dollars every year. He stated this Cancer Presumptive Bill has a lot of momentum. He stated all of the counties are being asked to support this bill. He stated it is imperative that this bill be passed to support volunteer firefighters.

Chairman Gouldman questioned what the status is of this bill in Albany.

President of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association Jeff Bergstrom stated it has passed through the Senate. He stated the support of the bill is increasing in the Assembly, but it is not yet approved. He stated that it would be a great asset to have the support of all the New York State counties.

Chairman Gouldman questioned if the two (2) Putnam County Assembly representatives (Assemblywoman Galef & Assemblyman Byrne) are in favor of this.

President of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association Jeff Bergstrom stated they are.

Legislator Succimarra thanked President of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association Jeff Bergstrom for his services. She agreed that without the volunteers of our County, especially in the case of Firefighters, the cost to the County would be astronomical. She stated that she is in full support of this bill.

Legislator Albano stated he agrees.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve Memorialization/Extend Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law To Cover all Instances of Melanoma as well as Cancers of the Digestive, Hematological, Lymphatic, Urinary, Prostrate, Neurological, Breast and Reproductive Systems; Seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Item #4 – Approval/Memorialization/Fund Probation Departments & Other Impacted County Department Agencies Full Costs Associated with Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility to 18 Years of Age

Probation Director Funicelli stated that he and Commissioner of Social Services Piazza will speak to this matter, since it would affect both departments of the County. He stated that the current law in New York State is that an individual 16 or older is considered an adult in the criminal justice system. He stated that New York is one of two (2) States that still has that law in place. He stated the Governor has proposed this Bill to raise the age of Criminal Responsibility to 18. He stated if approved it would affect 16 and 17 year olds. He stated the concept of raising the age, often people accept. He stated the challenge will be the costs that will be incurred by shifting the 16, 17 population to Family Court instead of Criminal Court. He stated that there will be additional costs associated to the services that would be provided to the 16 and 17 year olds.

Commissioner of Social Services Piazza stated that cases involving 16 and 17 year olds that are currently in the adult criminal justice system will then be in family court. He stated there will be costs associated to that. He stated there are costs associated to court order investigations, residential care, training schools, or secure and non-secure resident. He stated the anticipation is that the raising of the age to 18 will be passed. He stated that this is a request directed to the State of New York, requesting that the Counties will not have to increase the amount of money the County already has to pay for these services. He stated the request is to hold the Probation Department and the Department of Social Services (DSS) harmless to the increase of the Age of Criminal Responsibility to 18 years old.

Legislator Castellano questioned if research has been done to see if in the past three (3) years, if the age had been 18 years of age, what the cost would have been to Putnam County.

Probation Director Funicelli stated that has not been done. He stated he could do that. He stated that the proposed changes will create a lot more administrative work that will need to be done.

Commissioner of Social Services Piazza stated yes there will be an increase in administrative costs. He stated if a case is sent to Family Court, there will need to be administrative work done by DSS that currently does not need to be done. He stated the work will get done, but it will result in cost. He stated if there is a court order investigation required within 24 hours that takes away from the employee who needs to do a DSS investigation, it may require overtime. He stated the number of cases assigned to the secure and non-secure residential have been few. He stated they do not anticipate a huge increase. He stated if one case is assigned to the secure or non-secure residential, it can result in thousands of dollars of cost, to the DSS budget.

Legislator Castellano stated that would have an effect on the rest of the work load in the DSS department as well.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she would support this legislation, realizing there would be an adverse fiscal effect. She stated that she certainly hopes that the Counties would seek and receive financial relief from the State. She stated that she believes the moral obligation is to move forward with the best interest

of the child as the focus. She stated she believes that is the essence of what this is all about. She stated that she believes this change would avail young people the opportunity to rehabilitate.

Lynne Eckardt, Resident, requested confirmation that there are no actual numbers of 16 and 17 year olds involved in the adult criminal justice system.

Probation Director Funicelli stated that is correct.

Lynne Eckardt, Resident, stated that she believes this appeal would be more persuasive if there were actual numbers provided. She questioned if there would be a cost savings if the system stayed the way it is. She stated she does not advocate for that.

Probation Director Funicelli stated yes. He stated the difference is the 16 and 17 year olds who are currently going through the criminal justice system and are not given the benefit of a lot of services people that age should have. He stated if the legislation is approved and the 16 and 17 year olds are treated more in line with juveniles through the Family Court system it will result in a need for additional resources to be in line with the legislation. He stated there will definitely be an expense.

Lynne Eckardt, Resident, questioned if it is believed with the change in legislation that there will be less recidivism.

Probation Director Funicelli stated he is not familiar with all of the results of the research. However, as stated earlier New York is one of only two (2) States that has not made this change. He stated that the impact he has seen and heard is that this is an effective way to keep the young offenders out of the criminal justice system as reoffenders.

Lynne Eckardt, Resident, stated that she believes this to be a positive proposal, but suggests again to attach actual numbers to the appeal.

Lithgow Osbourne, Resident of Garrison, spoke about the Osbourne Association, which was founded by his Great-Grandfather. He stated he has been a member of the Association for 25 years. He stated that they work to assist prisoners and their families' transition back into the communities. He stated that research has revealed that young men and women incarcerated at a young age tend to never fully recover from the trauma of being incarcerated in an adult prison. He stated he would encourage that the financial concerns be put aside, and look to the morale obligation, that Legislator Nacerino spoke to.

Legislator Jonke stated for clarification this committee is reviewing a proposal to alert the New York State Legislature to the fiscal impact. He stated this is not a vote for or against the change in age. He stated nor does he believe that there is a Legislator present who has made a statement in opposition of raising the age.

Legislator Castellano stated he believes New York City will be impacted the most by this. He requested again that Probation Director Funicelli send a projected financial impact for the past three (3) years had this rule been in place.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve the Memorialization/Fund Probation Departments & Other Impacted County Department Agencies Full Costs Associated with Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility to 18 Years of Age; Seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Item #5 - Approval/Memorialization/Urging New York State to fully Fund All Costs Related to Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility and Ensure that Any Statutory or Administrative

Changes Fully Recognize the Responsibility of Locally Elected District Attorneys to Promote Public Safety, Maintain Victims' Rights and Ensure Accountability in the Justice System

Probation Director Funicelli stated this is similar to the legislation that was just addressed. He stated there is a concern by some that allowing 16 and 17 year olds to go through the Family Court System and not the Criminal Justice System is being soft on crime. He stated this resolution addresses the proposal of creating a balance of providing the 16 and 17 year old the services they need, while maintaining safety for the community.

Legislator Nacerino stated it is a gamble of a choice and a life. She stated every case will not be successful, but she believes there needs to be an investment made in our future and in our kids.

Probation Director Funicelli stated he agrees and believes most people agree with that thinking. He stated but this is a concern that does exist by some.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve the Memorialization/Urging New York State to fully Fund All Costs Related to Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility and Ensure that Any Statutory or Administrative Changes Fully Recognize the Responsibility of Locally Elected District Attorneys to Promote Public Safety, Maintain Victims' Rights and Ensure Accountability in the Justice System; Seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Item #6 – Approval/2017 Stop DWI Plan for Putnam County/Probation Director Funicelli

Probation Director Funicelli stated that in addition to being the Director of Probation he also is the Stop DWI Coordinator. He stated the Stop DWI Program is based on a concept to have an impaired driving prevention program that is self-funded. He stated it is funded by applying the DWI imposed fines to the State. He stated if a Stop DWI Program is maintained, the money is given back by the State to the County and the DWI Programs are funded with that money. He stated every year a budget is based on the fine money that was collected the previous year. He stated the County submits a plan to New York State that is reviewed. He stated that Putnam County's plan has been approved by New York State.

Legislator Scuccimarra requested an overview of how the money is spent in the County.

Probation Director Funicelli stated Putnam County's plan has seven (7) aspects to it. He stated it is a funding program for a variety of services. He stated the seven (7) areas that receive funding, due to their involvement to the DWI Program Plan, are: Law Enforcement, Prosecution – District Attorney's Office, Court Related Activities, Probation, Rehabilitation-Counseling Services, Public Information and Education regarding the dangers of drinking and driving and administrative costs.

Legislator Albano questioned if the amount of fines collected is reduced from year to year.

Probation Director Funicelli stated that it is. He stated that there are many contribution factors to that. He stated that there is a culture change. He stated that many of the young people are very bright about making plans for their transportation when they are going to go out. He stated of course there is a hope that the Public Information and Education have contributed to that positive change.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve the 2017 Stop DWI Plan for Putnam County; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #7 – Approval/Memorialization/Allow all Counties the option for their Local Correctional Facility to Detain Persons Under Arrest Being Held for Arraignment

Chairman Gouldman stated there are 21 counties currently in New York State, which Putnam is one of them, that allows this.

Sergeant William Meyer stated the Sheriff's Department supports this option. He stated that Putnam County Sheriff's Department detain people for the State Police, Kent Police and the Town of Carmel Police.

Chairman Gouldman stated that he is in support of this. He stated that he believes it is better to have an officer on the street versus sitting watch over a detainee. He stated, as Sergeant Meyer stated Putnam County is already involved and among the 21 counties who currently detain a person for other police agencies. He stated this memorialization would be supporting the option to the departments who are not covered by the current law.

Legislator Castellano questioned if the Towns of Kent and Carmel have holding facilities.

Sergeant William Meyer stated that they do have holding facilities, but typically they do bring them to the Sheriff's Department, so the Officer can be put back on the road.

Legislator Castellano questioned if someone were to get arrested in northern Westchester, could they bring the person to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department.

Sergeant William Meyer stated no, it is strictly for the Putnam police departments.

Legislator Sullivan stated that he believes this is a cost savings for the Towns. He stated in terms of spending the money for an officer to actually patrol, and not be off their patrol watching a detainee. He stated also if an officer had to come off of patrol to watch a detainee, there may be the need to call another officer in to go on patrol.

Legislator Jonke stated he agrees that this sharing of resources allows the smaller departments to run more efficiently.

Legislator Castellano stated it is a good sharing of services.

Sergeant William Meyer stated this practice is not done all the time, because the need is not there on a constant basis. He stated but the option is available when they need it. He stated that it is a good sharing of services.

Legislator Jonke questioned how long after a person is arrested do they have to be arraigned.

Sergeant William Meyer stated within 48 hours. He stated the options are to release a person on police bail, an appearance ticket, or arraigned. He stated if a Judge cannot be seen within 48 hours then the person must be released.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve Memorialization/Allow all Counties the option for their Local Correctional Facility to Detain Persons Under Arrest Being Held for Arraignment; Seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Item #8 – Approval/Memorialization/Promote Video Conferencing for Court Appearances

Sergeant William Meyer stated that the equipment to operate through Video Conference has been purchased and is ready to be used. He stated the Sheriff's Department is on board with it.

Legislator Nacerino stated that the choice to use it or go before a Judge in person is up to the individual.

Sergeant William Meyer stated that is correct. He stated they have never used it from the Sheriff's Department. He stated again, the Sheriff's Department is on board with it.

Chairman Gouldman stated this memorialization is in support of allowing the Judge to decide whether or not Video Conference should be used.

David Squirrell, Chief Attorney Putnam County Legal Aid Society stated that he was unaware of this proposed legislation. He stated it is the right of the defendant to be present in the court. He stated that he is not sure the State can give that authority to the Judge. He stated he understands the money saving aspect of the proposal and the convenience it offers. He stated in his experience most of the inmates prefer to exercise their rights to see the Judge. He stated he believes there was an attempt to implement this a few years back, but it did not go through.

Sergeant William Meyer stated the Sheriff's Department has the equipment, the Sheriff's Department is not opposed to it. He stated however the decision to use it or not has nothing to do with the Sheriff's Department.

David Squirrell, Chief Attorney Putnam County Legal Aid Society stated there is new legislation allowing Counties to have a centralized arraignment site. He stated that video conferencing would remain an option.

Legislator Nacerino stated she would be reluctant to support denying a defendant their right to choose. She stated that she will not support this.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that the defendant still would be face to face with the judge, it would be through the video conference equipment instead of being in the actual courtroom. She stated the expense associated with the transportation to the different courts is huge. She stated a big part of the Sheriff's budget is related to court appearances.

Legislator Nacerino stated that it is a good practice when looked at from the fiscal viewpoint, however the rights of the individual are still being stripped.

Chairman Gouldman stated that NYSAC's proposed resolution is to change the current law. He stated that he does not see it as getting rid of anyone's rights.

Legislator Castellano stated the practice of the Video Conferencing is used throughout the Country. He stated that he does not understand why it would not be approved and implemented in New York.

Sergeant William Meyer stated the Sheriff supports this. He stated the Sheriff's Department has the equipment and is ready to go if the decision is made to move forward with it.

Legislator Sullivan stated he believes this proposal speaks to efficiency of time, resources and prioritization of employees. He stated as stated during the discussion of the previous agenda item. It makes sense to have a place that a Carmel Officer can bring a person to be detained, so the Officer can return to their patrol, versus having that Officer sitting and waiting with the detainee in the Police Station. He stated the individuals' right to meet with the Judge is not being taken away, it is done via a video

conference. He stated the cost to the County in overtime related to transportation of inmates to the Courts is substantial.

Legislator Albano stated that he supports this proposal. He stated that he believes it is common sense and speaks to efficiency. He stated there is also a liability exposure when the inmates are being moved from place to place.

Legislator Jonke stated the legislation that is being considered is in favor of promoting the use of Video Conferencing. He stated that he agrees it is a fiscally responsible proposal.

Legislator Nacerino requested that Chief Attorney Squirell provide his professional opinion as to why the Video Conferencing option has not been used since it has been available, which is approximately a decade.

David Squirell, Chief Attorney Putnam County Legal Aid Society stated the defendants that he has represented denied the option, because they wanted to see the Judge face to face in person.

Legislator Nacerino questioned what the rationale is behind their decision.

David Squirell, Chief Attorney Putnam County Legal Aid Society stated he believes it is because they want to see the Judge. He stated that most of local Courts meet only once a month. He stated the felony Courts meet once a week. He stated and in his experience the individuals want to be in the Court face to face. He stated he would say that there are some situations when the circumstances make Video Conference a real viable option.

Legislator Sullivan stated he would like clarification from Sergeant Meyer. He stated that Sergeant Meyer stated earlier that the Video Conferencing has not been implemented, he did not say not taken advantage of.

Sergeant Meyer stated that he does not know the specific reason that it is not being used.

Legislator Sullivan stated so to say that the inmates are not opting to utilize the video conference option is not an accurate statement.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that if someone were arrested late in the evening and they opt to utilize the Video Conference, the arraignment process may happen a lot quicker. She stated otherwise the person needs to wait for the Judge to drive from their home to the court.

Legislator LoBue stated that she is the senior Legislator on this board. She stated for at least eight (8) years this matter has been brought forward, but never implemented. She stated there have been attorneys and judges who have addressed this matter with the Legislature. She stated and it still has not been utilized, there is a reason for this. She stated it is a constitutional right.

Legislator Castellano stated he knows an attorney in the Town of Southeast whose clients used Video Conference at least twice. He stated the attorney reported that it worked flawlessly. He stated if his colleagues would like to hear from this attorney directly, he would be happy to invite him to attend a meeting. He stated he cannot understand why this would not be approved. He stated this is a simple cost saving method. He stated that he realizes the State of New York needs to change the law. He stated it is a cost savings as well as addressing liability of having to transport inmates and safety concerns in crowded courtrooms, which have all been discussed in the past.

David Squirrell, Chief Attorney Putnam County Legal Aid Society stated he agrees there are many logistic positives. He stated there are also many important logistic negatives, he offered an example of confidentiality between the attorney conferring with the client or if an unforeseen issue comes up and the client would have been better served going to court. He stated he believes the key is to continue to give the choice to the client and not the judge.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve the Memorialization to Promote Video Conferencing for Court Appearances; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #9 – Approval/Memorialization/Calling State Lawmakers & the Governor to Work to Reform Indigent Legal Services and Fund the County Share of Public Defense, Which is a State Responsibility

David Squirrell, Chief Attorney Putnam County Legal Aid Society stated the Putnam County funding to the Putnam County Legal Aid Society has not increased in five (5) to six(6) years, to his knowledge. He stated he has been serving as Chief Attorney for the past year and a half. He stated fortunately during that period of time a system was put in place. He stated New York State provides distributions to the County for the purpose of indigent defense. He stated there were two (2) types of distribution: 1. The money was made available, as long as there was an explanation of how the funding was going to be used. 2. Then there were funds obtained through Competitive Grants that were designated for a specific purpose. He cited a few different Competitive Grants. He stated Putnam County's Legal Aid Society did get awarded a Competitive Grant specified for Upstate Caseload Reduction. He stated there was concern expressed during the October 2016 Budget meetings because that Grant will expire and there was no way to know if it would be renewed. He stated that he has been advised that it will be renewed a little later this year. He stated a second round of a Competitive Grant for Counsel for First Appearance was made available. He stated that he worked with Sandra Fusco and submitted an application. He stated he requested the maximum amount. He stated the total maximum amount is \$750,000 over a three (3) year period. He stated the financial burden is slowly be assumed by New York State. He stated last year, 2016, both houses of the New York Legislature unanimously approved a bill which calls for the State to, over a seven (7) year period, assume 100% of the costs of Indigent Defense. He stated unfortunately Governor Cuomo vetoed the legislation. He stated to his understanding there is new legislation that is being introduced. He stated his personal opinion is that there will be something passed at the State level within the next five (5) years.

Legislator Sullivan stated that he is in support of the proposal. He questioned a definition of the word "indigent". He stated he has heard that people receive free legal services, when they cannot afford it themselves. He stated indigent to him means a person who does not have two (2) pennies to rub together.

David Squirrell, Chief Attorney Putnam County Legal Aid Society stated there are not really any Putnam County Legal Aid clients that do not deserve some sort of representation. He stated the standard which qualifies a person as an Indigent has become more generous to the individuals who need legal representation. He stated in the past what an individual had in equity was considered. He stated what savings they had, for example, a 401k was taken into consideration. He stated now there is a term hardship that is used. He stated an individual applying for legal representation should not be forced to sell their car or borrow money and risk their house because they could not afford an attorney, etc. He stated that is the current standard. He stated as a result of the new standard the Putnam County Legal Aid Society caseload has expanded. He stated that the right to counsel is so sacred, the theory is that no one should have to go through hardships to afford an attorney.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve/ Memorialization/Calling State Lawmakers & the Governor to Work to Reform Indigent Legal Services and Fund the County Share of Public Defense, Which is a State Responsibility ; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #10- Approval/Re-Appointments to Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board (2 year term)/Alternates: Patti Frische & Amber Stickle

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve the Re-Appointments to Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board (2 year term)/Alternates: Patti Frische & Amber Stickle; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #11 - Discussion/Undocumented - Americans to Obtain NYS Drivers Licenses

Putnam County Clerk Mike Bartolotti stated he was aware back in February 2017 that this was being introduced in the New York State Assembly. He stated as far as he knows there is no companion bill in the Senate. He stated that he has grave concerns with this proposal. He stated he believes it is difficult if Government Issued I.D.s, such as a Driver Licenses, are issued to illegal immigrants. He stated it can be used as a “gateway document”. He stated other documents can be obtained based on having a Driver’s License. He stated that the proposal is to create a non-Driver’s License I.D. that would be acceptable for Federal purposes. He stated such an I.D. would allow a person to get into a Federal Building and get on domestic air travel. He stated New York State is still not compliant with “Real I.D. Act”. He stated that he believes as New York State works to get compliant with the Real I.D. Act it was viewed as an opportunity to create an I.D. for people who are not here lawfully. He stated basically it comes down to that there would be no verification of Social Security. He stated currently in New York State to get a Driver’s License or a Non-Driver I.D. the applicant needs to provide a Social Security Number, some sort of Government Number or a Letter stating the individual is in the Unites States lawfully but the individual does not qualify for a number. He stated his concern is the proposed document would look just like a New York State Driver’s License or Non- Driver I.D. He stated it would have printed somewhere on it in the smallest font available for the document “not to be used for federal purposes”. He stated his biggest concern is at the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) it would be required that foreign issued documents for identity be given similar weight as a domestically issued document. He stated the security procedures in other Countries is unknown by the employees of the DMV and the DMV employees would have no way to verify the authenticity of a foreign issued document. He stated he believes this could lead to some real fraud issues. He stated those are his primary concerns. He stated personally he would not be in favor of something like this and as the County Clerk he stated he does have some issues with where this could lead. He stated it would reduce and minimize the strength and validity of the New York State Driver’s License, which is one of the most sought after and secure documents in the United States.

Legislator Albano stated that he has a different opinion. He stated that there are many undocumented people driving with no license and possibly with no training. He stated he has two (2) family members who were involved in car accidents with individuals who did not have a driver’s license and they were not citizens. He stated he supports this because it will at least get people documented and require them to know how to drive to get a license. He stated in the current scenario of unlicensed drivers, those bearing the burden and impact are those who are insured.

Legislator Addonizio stated that she believes this proposal will not resolve the issue of non-insured drivers. You do not need to have insurance to have a driver’s license.

Legislator Albano stated that is true, however if there is a driver’s license, then there would be on record an address for the individual.

County Clerk Bartolotti stated that he completely understands the statements made by Legislator Albano. He stated with that said, he still does have concern with this proposal. He stated that he agrees that the issue needs to be addressed, but he does not believe this is the correct way. He stated if you are here, in the United States with some form of legal presence, such as a Visa, a person can get a driver's license. He stated someone who is here with no official documentation, currently cannot get a driver's license.

Legislator Castellano questioned if a person is in the United States on a work Visa, the person has a license in the home country. He questioned if that person is required to get a United States Driver's license, or can he drive with his home country driver's license and be in accordance with the law.

County Clerk Bartolotti stated he does not know the answer to that question. He stated that most people if they are assigned here for a longer length of time, they usually submit to getting a driver's license in the United States.

Legislator Sullivan stated that he hears what Legislator Albano is saying. He stated however, the way County Clerk Bartolotti presented this he has concern. He stated that he has a real issue with giving a person who is in the United States illegally, a legal document.

County Clerk Bartolotti stated he does not believe this will be the last discussion of this matter. He stated that he will keep the Legislature apprised of any new information that comes forth pertaining to this matter.

Chairman Gouldman stated he is thankful to County Clerk Bartolotti for being in attendance to speak to the matter, and is thankful for his commitment to keep the Legislature updated.

Item #12 - Discussion/Town of Southeast- 2017 Fireworks Event

Chairman Gouldman stated this event is one that has great anticipation and attendance by the residents.

Legislator Castellano stated this is the going to be the fifth year for this event. He stated the Sheriff's Department has done a fantastic job in their support and involvement at this event. He stated this is a great event that allows the Sheriff's Department to come along with the residents. He stated he is in support of funding this event in terms of having the Sheriff's Department present, if they are able.

Legislator Jonke stated that he has been a member of the fireworks Committee (committee) for the Town of Southeast event. He stated it is a great event. The members of the committee are grateful for the support that the Sheriff's Department has provided at the event.

Legislator Albano stated he agrees it is a great event. He stated that it brings the different police agencies together and work together. He stated the agencies get to use this as a training opportunity as well.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that she agrees that the Sheriff's Department does a great job at the Town of Southeast event as they do at the Village of Cold Spring fireworks event.

Legislator Nacerino stated she echoes everyone's praise and appreciation for the work of the Sheriff's Department at the Fireworks Events. She stated the event in the Town of Southeast has morphed into a greatly anticipated annual event for the families and residents of the community.

Lynne Eckardt, Town of Southeast Council Person, stated there needs to be a correction made to the agenda heading for this item. She stated the agenda posted on line has this documented as a Village of Brewster event. She stated that is incorrect, it is a Town of Southeast event.

Chairman Gouldman stated that correction will be made to the agenda. He stated this matter will be discussed further in the coming months.

Item #13 - FYI/Fund Transfer (17T032)/Purchase Technical Rescue Equipment/Bureau of Emergency Services – Duly Noted

Item #14 - FYI/2017 Coroner Cases To Date/Coordinator of Coroners

Chairman Gouldman stated the memo from Coordinator of Coroners Dr. Nesheiwat is in response to a question presented by Legislator LoBue at the February Protective Services Committee Meeting.

Item #15 – Other Business - None

Item #16- Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:00 p.m., Chairman Gouldman made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk of The Legislature Diane Trabulsy.