

WHEREAS, the typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before they turn 18; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2022 as Alcohol Awareness Month and along with the Putnam Communities That Care Coalition and all prevention, treatment and recovery providers in Putnam County encourage all residents to increase their awareness of alcohol use disorders, the dangers associated with underage drinking, the success of prevention and treatment programs, especially for our youth, and to support and encourage referrals for treatment of individuals when an alcohol use disorder is suspected or present.

Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Addonizio who presented the “Child Abuse Prevention” proclamation Michael Piazza – Commissioner of Social Services, Sara Servadio – Deputy Commissioner of Social Services, Marla Behler – Program Coordinator Child Advocacy Center and Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville.

APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Putnam County and call upon all citizens to increase their efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Gouldman who presented the “Healthy Teen Brain Day” proclamation to Michael Piazza – Commissioner of Social Services and Sara Servadio – Deputy Commissioner of Social Services.

APRIL 20, 2022 AS HEALTHY TEEN BRAIN DAY

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 20, 2022 to be Healthy Teen Brain Day in Putnam County and proudly join my fellow residents in marking this very special occasion.

Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Albano who presented the “National Library” proclamation to Stephanie Harrison – Patterson Library Director, Peter Carey – Trustee of Brewster Library and MidHudson Library Board, Priscilla Goldfarb – Trustee of MidHudson Library Board, Carla Taylor – President of Board of Trustees of Reed Memorial Library & Trustee member of MidHudson Library, Dede Farabaugh – Director of Desmond-Fish Library, Anita Prentice – Trustee of Desmond-Fish Library and Jessica McMann – Trustee of Kent Public Library.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK – APRIL 3 – 9, 2022

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim the week of April 3-9, 2022 as National Library Week. We encourage all county residents to use their local libraries, either in person or online, to take advantage of the wealth of library resources our libraries provide.

Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Montgomery who presented the “National Telecommunicators’ Week” proclamation to Ken Clair – Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services and Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville.

APRIL 10 – 16, 2022 AS NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS’ WEEK

WHEREAS, the Putnam County 911 Center answered 90,719 calls for help and dispatched Fire, EMS, and Police agencies 11,022 times during 2020; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim the week of April 10th through April 16th, 2022 to be National Telecommunicators’ Week in Putnam County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our County and its citizens safe.

Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Castellano who presented the “Peers Influence Peers” proclamation to Buck Heller – Director of Communications and Stephen Velichko – Chairman of Board of Directors.

APRIL 2022 AS PEERS INFLUENCE PEERS PARTNERSHIP MONTH

WHEREAS, the use of alcohol and illegal drugs cause serious health, social, and educational problems for our young people; and one in four high school girls will suffer from an abusive relationship before they graduate; and

WHEREAS, it has been empirically proven that substance abuse is significantly involved in the three leading causes of death for young people – car crashes, homicides, and suicides – and is also a major factor in school dropouts, violence, and vandalism as well as HIV/AIDS, teenage pregnancy, rapes, and sexual assaults; and

WHEREAS, the recent upturns in drug and alcohol usage, as documented in state and national surveys, show that we must target effective prevention strategies at key population groups, such as middle and high school students; and

WHEREAS, the Peers Influence Peers Partnership has demonstrated a great deal of initiative and sophistication in developing proactive media messages against dating and domestic violence as well as alcohol and other drug use; and

WHEREAS, that work, which has been aired through numerous schools and cable TV systems throughout our state, has won praise from many authorities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby recognize April 2022 as Peers Influence Peers Partnership Month in hope that this declaration and a joint effort of all agencies and authorities to encourage young people to help others by encouraging them to live safe and healthy lives, may one day rid our children and their children's children of the scourge of drug and alcohol abuse.

Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Sayegh who presented the "Teen Driver Safety" proclamation to Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville

APRIL 2022 AS TEEN DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, these programs work best when there is a period set aside for local government at every level, our school districts and churches, synagogues, and youth service organizations coming together to provide these educational programs; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2022 as Teen Driver Safety Awareness Month in Putnam County. We encourage all levels of government, our school districts, law enforcement, our churches and synagogues, our youth service organizations and all the citizens of Putnam County to support programs that promote teen driver safety awareness in Putnam County, thereby protecting one of our most precious resources, our children and grandchildren.

Chairman Sullivan presented the “Welcoming Sheriff’s Department Command Staff” proclamation to Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville and his Command Staff; Undersheriff Thomas Lindert, Bureau of Criminal Investigations Captain James Schepperly, Road Patrol Captain Kevin Junjulas, Operations/Communications Captain Michael Knox, Civil Bureau Captain Michael Grossi and Corrections Captain James Greenough.

WELCOMING SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT COMMAND STAFF

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department is a highly regarded office within Putnam County Government. The work done each day by members of the Sheriff’s Department is imperative to maintaining the safety of each and every resident of Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, as Sheriff Kevin McConville embarks on his first term as Putnam County Sheriff, he has appointed a well-rounded and experienced Command Staff. Undersheriff Thomas H. Lindert, Captain of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation James Schepperly, Captain of Road Patrol Kevin Junjulas, Captain of Operations and Communications Michael Knox, Captain of the Civil Bureau Michael Grossi, and Captain of Corrections James Greenough will support Sheriff McConville as they collectively work for the people of Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature hereby welcome Sheriff Kevin McConville, Undersheriff Thomas H. Lindert and each member of the Sheriff’s Command Staff to Putnam County Government.

Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 1, 2022
Special Mtg - State of the County – March 10, 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:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislator Addonizio & Nacerino)

Item #6a – Approval/ Fund Transfer (22T018)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Community & Youth Deputy Sheriff Personnel 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:

RESOLUTION #58

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (22T018)/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ COMMUNITY & YOUTH DEPUTY SHERIFF PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (22T018) to cover Deputy Sheriff Community & Youth salary differences due to position swap, effective February 10, 2022, for the remainder of 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:		
17311000 51000 10117	Deputy Sheriff Road Patrol	9,549.00
17311000 58002	Sheriff Road Patrol FICA	<u>730.50</u>
		10,279.50

Increase:		
16311000 51000 10115	Deputy Sheriff Community & Youth	9,549.00
16311000 58002	Deputy Sheriff Community & Youth	<u>730.50</u>
		10,279.50

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6b – Approval/ Fund Transfer (22T023)/ Sheriff’s Department/ BCI Deputy Sheriff Personnel was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #59

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (22T023)/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ BCI DEPUTY SHERIFF PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (22T023) to cover a Deputy Sheriff Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) salary due to a position move, effective January 24, 2022, as well as other related costs, for the remainder of 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:		
13311000 51000 10110	Deputy Sheriff Criminal Investigation Communications Personnel	110,716.00
13311000 51090	Communications Canine Stipend	5,077.84
13311000 51096	Communications Holiday Pay	1,500.00
13311000 51099	Communications Clothing Allow	950.00
13311000 58002	Communications FICA	<u>8,858.00</u>
		127,101.84

Increase:		
32311000 51000 10117	Deputy Sheriff Criminal Investigation BCI Personnel	110,716.00
32311000 51090	Sheriff BCI Canine Stipend	5,077.84
32311000 51096	Sheriff BCI Holiday Pay	1,500.00
32311000 51099	Sheriff BCI Clothing Allowance	950.00
32311000 58002	Sheriff BCI FICA	<u>8,858.00</u>
		127,101.84

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6c – Approval/ Ratification/ CSEA Memorandum of Agreement (E911 Consolidation) was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Jonke stated that he was proud to move this forward.

Legislator Addonizio was glad to see this move forward for the protection and safety of our Putnam County residents.

Legislator Sayegh recognized all those who took part in the negotiation of the contracts, making this a successful operation for everyone. She stated that they did an outstanding job making this a smooth transition.

RESOLUTION #60

APPROVAL/ RATIFICATION/ CSEA MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (E911 Consolidation)

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (“County”) and the Civil Service Employee’s Association, Inc., Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Putnam County Unit #8150, Putnam County Local 840 (“CSEA”) are signatories to a Collective Bargaining Agreement for the term January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the positions of Emergency Services Dispatcher, Dispatch Center Shift Supervisor and Dispatch Center Supervisor (911 Bureau Dispatchers) in the Bureau of Emergency Services (“Bureau”) are positions in the bargaining unit represented by CSEA; and

WHEREAS, the County also employs individuals in the position of Dispatcher in the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 70.2 of the New York State Civil Service Law, the function of Sheriff’s Office dispatching will be transferred to the Bureau effective on or about March 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the employees in the title of Dispatcher in the Sheriff’s Office who are currently in a bargaining unit represented by the Putnam County Sheriff’s Employee’s Association (“PCSEA”) have been offered transfer to the Bureau pursuant to Section 70.2 of the Civil Service Law; and

WHEREAS, upon transfer to the Bureau, the Sheriff's Dispatchers will be included in the bargaining unit represented by CSEA; and

WHEREAS, the County and CSEA have engaged in substantial negotiations regarding the terms and conditions of employment of the Sheriff's Dispatchers who will be transferred to the Bureau, taking into consideration their current terms and conditions of employment and benefits under the PCSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County, PCSEA and CSEA have come to an agreement regarding the inclusion of the Sheriff's Dispatchers in the CSEA bargaining unit; and

WHEREAS, the County and CSEA have come to an agreement regarding the terms and conditions of employment related thereto; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") was executed by Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell, by Paul J. Eldridge, Putnam County Personnel Officer, County Attorney Jennifer S. Bumgarner and negotiating team members for CSEA, in which the specific terms and conditions referenced above were outlined, a copy of which is attached hereto; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves and ratifies the attached Memorandum of Agreement, dated March 2, 2022, which was entered into with CSEA which memorializes the above referenced agreement.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6d – Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (22T028)/ Emergency Services/ E911 Consolidation was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #61

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY TRANSFER (22T028)/ EMERGENCY SERVICES/ E911 CONSOLIDATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services has requested a budgetary transfer (22T028) to provide the funding for the Bureau of Emergency Services for E911 consolidation, per the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), effective on March 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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 Estimated Appropriations:

13398900 51000 (12117)	Personnel Services	
	Shift Supervisor	2,816
13398900 58002 (12117)	FICA	215
13398900 51000 (12118)	Personnel Services	
	Shift Supervisor	3,104
13398900 58002 (12118)	FICA	237
13398900 51000 (12119)	Personnel Services	
	Shift Supervisor	3,104
13398900 58002 (12119)	FICA	<u>237</u>
		9,713

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

13398900 51000 (12109)	Personnel Services Dispatcher Vacancy	9,024
13398900 58002 (12109)	FICA	<u>689</u>
		9,713

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6e – Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (22T036)/ Emergency Services/ E911 Consolidation was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #62

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY TRANSFER (22T036)/ EMERGENCY SERVICES/ E911 CONSOLIDATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary transfer (22T036) to provide the funding pay differences, effective March 5, 2022, between CSEA and PCSEA Employees in the Bureau of Emergency Services for E911 consolidation, per the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA); and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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 Estimated Appropriations:

13398900 51000 (12101)	Personnel Services – Dispatcher	820
13398900 58002 (12101)	FICA	63
13398900 51000 (12102)	Personnel Services – Dispatcher	820
13398900 58002 (12102)	FICA	63
13398900 51000 (12103)	Personnel Services – Dispatcher	820
13398900 58002 (12103)	FICA	63
13398900 51000 (12104)	Personnel Services – Dispatcher	904
13398900 58002 (12104)	FICA	69
13398900 51000 (12107)	Personnel Services – Dispatcher	718
13398900 58002 (12107)	FICA	55
13398900 51000 (12108)	Personnel Services – Dispatcher	949
13398900 58002 (12108)	FICA	73
13398900 51000 (12110)	Personnel Services – Dispatcher	820
13398900 58002 (12110)	FICA	63
13398900 51000 (12111)	Personnel Services – Dispatcher	904
13398900 58002 (12111)	FICA	69
13398900 51000 (12112)	Personnel Services – Dispatcher	655
13398900 58002 (12112)	FICA	50
13398900 51000 (12114)	Personnel Services – Dispatcher	861

13398900 58002 (12114)	FICA	66
13398900 51000 (12115)	Personnel Services – Dispatcher	598
13398900 58002 (12115)	FICA	46
13398900 51000 (12116)	Personnel Services – Dispatcher	598
13398900 58002 (12116)	FICA	<u>46</u>
		10,193

Decrease:
10199000 54981 Sub-Contingency 10,193

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6f - Approval/ Putnam Arts Council Grants for 2022 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 Addonizio stated that there are many benefits of art education, encouraging fine motor skills as well as problem solving techniques. Creativity and thinking outside the box is vital to the development of children.

Legislator Montgomery stated that it was wonderful to support the Arts. She would like to see an increase in the County’s contribution to the Arts. She explained that the County increased the amount given to the Arts by 4%. She believed if you calculated what the Arts provides to our community compared to government’s contribution to the Arts, it was not balanced.

Legislator Sayegh encouraged everyone to look over the list of where the funds would be distributed and to visit these places.

RESOLUTION #63

APPROVAL/ PUTNAM ARTS COUNCIL GRANTS FOR 2022

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2022, the Putnam Arts Council reported to the Putnam County Legislature their recommendations for distribution of the 2022 Arts Link Community Regrant Program (formerly Putnam Arts Fund) totaling \$13,520; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature accepts and approves the recommendation of the Putnam Arts Council dated March 1, 2022, distribution of \$13,520 for the 2022 Arts Link Community Regrant Program for the first round of applications pursuant to the attached list.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6g - Approval/ Local Law to Amend the Code of Putnam County by Adding a New Article II to Chapter 95 Entitled “Granting and Requesting Aid” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sayegh, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #64

APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF PUTNAM COUNTY BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE II TO CHAPTER 95 ENTITLED “GRANTING AND REQUESTING AID”

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section 1.

A new Article II is hereby added to Chapter 95 the Code of the County of Putnam to read as follows:

**ARTICLE II
GRANTING AND REQUESTING AID**

§ 95-2 Power to Grant and Request Aid.

- (a) The County Executive of Putnam County, who has sole power to request and grant police assistance as described in section 209-m of the New York State General Municipal Law, may delegate such power to the Putnam County Sheriff.**
- (b) Such delegation may be revoked by the County Executive at any time.**
- (c) Upon delegation of authority, the Sheriff may exercise those powers contained in section 209-m of the New York State General Municipal Law unless and until such delegation is revoked.**
- (d) As stated in section 209-m(1)(c) of the New York State General Municipal Law, any delegation to the Sheriff under this section shall also include any police officer in command of the police department or police force of a local government during the absence, illness or disability of the Sheriff or who is authorized to exercise the powers of the Sheriff in emergency situations.**
- (e) Any request to grant or receive aid must be reported to the Putnam County Legislature within forty-eight (48) hours.**

Section 2.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the NYS Secretary of State.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6h – Approval/ Local Law to Amend the Code of the County of Putnam, by adding a new Chapter 198, entitled “School Bus Camera Demonstration Program” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sayegh, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio explained that this program allowed for the installation of cameras on school bus stop arms to allow the County to pursue a civil action against owners of vehicles who unlawfully pass a stopped school bus.

Legislator Montgomery recognized Judy Mirra who worked hard in presenting this to the Traffic Safety Board. She requested when these types of local laws come before us, or if the County Executive proposes them, that they are discussed with the local school districts. She stated that she reached out to the school districts in her area, and they were not aware of this. She stated that they were aware of the law which is passed on the State level. She believed that this law was a win for everyone, but she believed that communication is the key.

Legislator Jonke stated that it was in the fall of 2019 Scott Seaman, who is a trustee on the Brewster School Board, met with him and Legislator Castellano to try and get the ball rolling with similar legislation in process, however, it was held up because of the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated that Mr. Seaman sent his regrets that he could not be here tonight and he asked that I relay the following message. He stated that, “as I have our Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, I will be unable to attend and show my support. If possible, please state my support of the effort and specifically give thanks to all involved. This is great legislation that will benefit the children of families of the whole County, not just Brewster. Once again, thank you to all involved. I look forward to the day when Brewster Central School District will work with the County to possibly implement this program.” Legislator Jonke stated that this is a great program. He believed he was the only member of the Legislature who has a school age child that rides the bus. He stated that it means that much more to him as well. He was glad to see this finally move forward.

Legislator Castellano echoed Legislator Jonke’s comments. He stated that Trustee Seaman reached out to both of us in late 2019. He believed this was a “no brainer.” He explained that he has witnessed people passing the stopped buses. He stated that he understands everyone is in a rush, however, it made no sense to pass a school bus that is stopped and has its flashing lights on. He stated that this would put an end to that. He was looking forward to seeing this legislation approved.

Legislator Sayegh stated that she supported this legislation. She explained that when her daughter was young, the scariest thing as a parent was watching them get on the school bus for the first time. She believed that every parent had the same trepidation when they watch their child drive away with someone else. She stated that she has witnessed drivers passing stop school buses on her street. She was hoping that this law would bring awareness to stop this from happening.

RESOLUTION #65

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, by adding a new Chapter 198, entitled “SCHOOL BUS CAMERA DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM”

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section 1.

Chapter 198 of the Code of Putnam County entitled “SCHOOL BUS CAMERA DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM” is hereby created to read as follows:

CHAPTER 198

SCHOOL BUS CAMERA DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

§ 198-1 Title

§ 198-2 Definitions.

§ 198-3 Program established.

§ 198-4 Penalties for offenses.

§ 198-5 Notice of liability.

§ 198-6 Owner liability.

§ 198-7 Adjudication of liability.

§ 198-8 Action for indemnification.

§ 198-9 Reporting requirements.

§ 198-10 Severability.

§ 198-11 Effective date.

§ 198-1 Title

This law may be cited as “Vehicle Owner Liability for Failure to Stop for a Stopped School Bus Law.”

§ 198-2 Definitions.

As used in this law, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

COUNTY

The County of Putnam.

MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES or “MUTCD”

The manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic control devices maintained by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation pursuant to section 1680 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law.

OWNER

The meaning provided in Section 239 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law.

SCHOOL BUS PHOTO VIOLATION MONITORING SYSTEM

A device that is capable of operating independently of an enforcement officer which is installed to work in conjunction with a school bus stop-arm and which automatically produces two or more photographs, two or more microphotographs,

a videotape or other recorded images of a vehicle at the time it is used or operated in violation of subdivision (a) of section 1174 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law.

§ 198-3 Program established.

- A. There is hereby established a demonstration program imposing monetary liability on owners of vehicles for failure of the operators thereof to comply with section 1174 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law when meeting a school bus marked and equipped as provided in subdivisions 20 and 21-c of section 375 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law in Putnam County.**
- B. Under such demonstration program the County is hereby empowered to install and operate school bus photo violation monitoring systems which may be stationary or mobile, and which may be installed, pursuant to an agreement with a school district within the County on school buses owned and/or operated by such school district. Provided, however, that:**
 - i. No stationary school bus photo violation monitoring system shall be installed or operated by the County, except on roadways within the boundaries of the County; and**
 - ii. No mobile school bus photo violation monitoring system shall be installed or operated on any such school buses unless the County and such district enter into an agreement for such installation and operation.**
- C. To carry out the demonstration program, the County, acting by and through the County Executive, is authorized to enter into agreements with school districts for the installation, maintenance and use of school bus photo violation monitoring systems, for the proper handling and custody of photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, other recorded images and data produced by such systems, and for the forwarding of such photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, other recorded images and data to the County, subject to the provisions of this section and section 1174-a of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law and approval of the County Legislature.**
- D. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the County or school district at any time from withdrawing from or terminating an agreement for the installation, maintenance and use of school bus photo violation monitoring systems, provided, however, that the County or the school district shall provide no less than thirty days' required notice to the other for such withdrawal, if any prior to such withdrawal.**
- E. Cost of Program and Reports Relating Thereto.**
 - i. The total cost to the school district of the installation, maintenance and use of school bus photo violation monitoring systems pursuant to an agreement authorized by this chapter shall be borne entirely by the County.**
 - ii. Any participating school district, acting by and through the Superintendent of Schools of such district, or his or her designee shall provide any report**

required of the district, pursuant to Section 1174-a of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, to the State or any official thereof.

- iii. To the extent that the County shall be required to issue any report to the State or any official thereof as a result of the adoption of this Chapter and/or Section 1174-a of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, the Putnam County Executive shall cause the same to be prepared pursuant to this local or applicable State law.
- F. Any school district participating in the demonstration program shall be prohibited from accessing any photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, other records images or data from school bus photo violation monitoring systems but shall provide, pursuant to the agreement with the County, as provided in this chapter, for the proper handling and custody of such photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, other recorded images and data produced by such systems, and for the forwarding of such photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, other recorded images and data to the County for the purpose of determining whether a motor vehicle was operated in violation of subdivision (a) of section 1174 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law and imposing monetary liability on the owner of such motor vehicle therefor.
- G. In accordance with VTL § 1174-a(a)(3)(ii), the agreement between the County and the school district shall provide that photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, other recorded images and data produced by school bus photo violation monitoring systems shall be destroyed (a) ninety days after the date of the alleged imposition of liability if a notice of liability is not issued for such alleged imposition of liability pursuant to this chapter or (b) upon final disposition of a notice of liability issued pursuant to this chapter.
- H. The County shall adopt and enforce measures to protect the privacy of drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists whose identity and identifying information may be captured by a school bus photo monitoring device. Such measures shall include:
- i. utilization of necessary technologies to ensure, to the extent practicable, that photographs produced by such school photo violation monitoring systems shall not include images that identify the driver, the passengers, the contents of the vehicle, pedestrians and cyclists provided, however, that no notice of liability issued pursuant to this section shall be dismissed solely because a photograph or photographs allow for the identification of the contents of a vehicle, provided that the County has made a reasonable effort to comply with the provisions of this paragraph;
 - ii. a prohibition of the use or dissemination of vehicles' license plate information and other information and images captured by school bus photo violation monitoring systems except: (a) as required to establish liability under this section or collect payment of penalties; (b) as required by court order; or (c) as otherwise required by law;

- iii. oversight procedures to ensure compliance with the privacy protection measures required herein.
- I. The County shall also undertake the installation of signage in conformance with standards established in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Such signage shall be installed at each roadway entrance of the jurisdictional boundaries of the County giving notice that school bus photo violation monitoring systems are used to enforce restrictions on vehicles violating Section 1174 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "roadway" shall not include state expressway routes or state interstate routes but shall include controlled-access highway exit ramps that enter the boundaries of the County.

§ 198-4 Penalties for offenses.

An owner liable for a violation of subdivision (a) of section 1174 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law pursuant to this chapter shall be liable for monetary penalties in accordance with the following schedule of fines and penalties.

- A. Two hundred fifty dollars for a first violation;
- B. Two hundred seventy-five dollars for a second violation committed within eighteen months of the first violation;
- C. Three hundred dollars for a third or subsequent violation all of which were committed within eighteen months from the first violation; and
- D. An additional penalty of twenty-five dollars for each violation for the failure to respond to a notice of liability within the prescribed time period.

§ 198-5 Notice of liability.

- A. A notice of liability shall be sent by first class mail to each person alleged to be liable as an owner for a violation of subdivision (a) of section 1174 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law. Personal delivery on the owner shall not be required. A manual or automatic record of mailing prepared in the ordinary course of business shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein.
- B. A notice of liability shall contain the name and address of the person alleged to be liable as an owner for a violation of subdivision (a) of section 1174 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law, the registration number of the vehicle involved in such violation, the location where such violation took place, the date and time of such violation and the identification number of the camera which recorded the violation or other document locator number.
- C. A notice of liability shall contain information advising the person charged of the manner and the time in which he or she may contest the liability alleged in the notice. Such notice of liability shall also contain a warning to advise the persons charged that failure to contest in the manner and time provided shall be deemed an admission of liability and that a default judgment may be entered thereon.

- D. The notice of liability may contain such other information as the entity causing such notice of liability to be mailed deems appropriate to communicate the law, the adjudicatory process if the addressee of the notice wishes to contest the notice of liability.**

§ 198-6 Owner liability.

- A. The demonstration program established hereunder shall provide that the owner of a vehicle shall be liable for a penalty imposed pursuant to this chapter if such vehicle was used or operated with the permission of the owner, express or implied, in violation of subdivision (a) of section 1174 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic law and such violation is evidenced by information obtained from a school bus photo violation monitoring system; provided however that no owner of a vehicle shall be liable for a penalty imposed pursuant to this chapter where the operator of such vehicle has been convicted of the underlying violation of subdivision (a) of Section 1174 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. For purpose of (i) this section; and (ii) this chapter, there shall be a presumption that such vehicle was used and operated with the consent of the owner at the time it was used and operated in violation of subdivision (a) of section 1174 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law.**
- B. If an owner receives a notice of liability pursuant to this chapter for any time period during which the vehicle was reported to the police as having been stolen, it shall be a valid defense to an allegation of liability for a violation of subdivision (a) of section 1174 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law pursuant to this chapter that the vehicle had been reported to the police as stolen prior to the time the violation occurred and had not been recovered by such time. For purposes of asserting the defense provided by this subdivision, it shall be sufficient that a certified copy of the police report be submitted to the court having jurisdiction.**
- C. An owner who is a lessor of a vehicle to which a notice of liability was issued pursuant to this chapter shall not be liable for the violation of subdivision (a) of section 1174 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law, provided that he or she complies with the provisions of section 1174-a of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law and otherwise sends to the Court of competent jurisdiction, a copy of the rental, lease or other such contract document covering such vehicle on the date of the violation, with the name and address of the lessee clearly legible, within thirty-seven days after receiving notice from the agency or entity which caused such notice of liability to be issued, together with the other information contained in the original notice of liability. Failure to send such information within such thirty-seven-day time period shall render the owner liable for the penalty prescribed by this chapter. Where the lessor complies with the provisions of this paragraph, the lessee of such vehicle for purposes of this section, shall be deemed to be the owner of such vehicle on the date of such violation shall be deemed to be the owner of such vehicle for the purposes of this section, shall be subject to liability for the violation of subdivision (a) of section 1174 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law pursuant to this chapter and shall be sent a notice of liability pursuant to section 4 of this chapter.**
- D. A certificate, sworn to or affirmed by a technician employed by the County, or a facsimile thereof, based upon inspection of photographs, microphotographs,**

videotapes, other recorded images produced by a school bus photo violation monitoring system, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein. Any photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, and other recorded images evidencing such a violation shall be available for inspection in any proceeding to adjudicate the liability for such violation.

- E. It shall be a defense to any prosecution for or allegation of a violation of subdivision (a) of section 1174 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law pursuant to this chapter that such school bus stop-arms were malfunctioning at the time of the alleged violation.
- F. For the purpose of informing and education owners for motor vehicles in this County during the first thirty-day period in which a school bus photo violation monitoring system is in operation pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, all owners of motor vehicles who would otherwise be held liable for failure of operators thereof to comply with section 1174 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law when meeting a school bus marked and equipped as provided in subdivisions 20 through 21-c of section 375 of such law, shall be issued a written warning in lieu of a notice of liability.

§ 198-7 Adjudication of liability.

Liability pursuant to the demonstration program established hereunder shall be imposed upon owners by the Court of competent jurisdiction in Putnam County or in another other manner pursuant to the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

§ 198-8 Action for indemnification.

If the owner held liable for a violation of subdivision (a) of section 1174 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law pursuant to this chapter was not the operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation, the owner may maintain an action for indemnification against the operator.

§ 198-9 Reporting requirements.

- A. The County shall submit an annual report on the results of the use of a school bus photo violation monitoring system to the Governor, the temporary president of the Senate, and the speaker of the Assembly on or before June 1 of each year in which the demonstration program is operable. Such report shall also include any information required by State Law.
- B. The County shall annually provide a copy of the annual report submitted pursuant to this chapter to each local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction to enforce violations of the vehicle and traffic law or any ordinance, rule, or regulation relating to traffic adopted pursuant to such law on roadways within the County.

§ 198-10. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or

unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

§ 198-11 Effective date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York Secretary of State.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6i – Approval/ Local Law to Amend Section 4.02 of the Putnam County Charter Entitled “Commissioner of Finance: Powers and Duties” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sayegh, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio explained that there were changes made due to State law.

Legislator Montgomery explained that with any of these Charter changes, they are done through the Charter Review Commission and then come before the Legislature. She stated that there is no bipartisan approach to this with the Commission. She stated that the Legislature does not know ahead of time what is on their agenda. She explained that she would be voting no because she believed there should be community bipartisan input during the Charter Review Commission meetings before these changes come before the Legislature.

RESOLUTION #66

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 4.02 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED “COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE: POWERS AND DUTIES”

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section 1.

Section 4.02 of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 4.02. Commissioner of Finance: powers and duties.

The commissioner of Finance shall be the chief fiscal officer of the County and shall have charge of the administration of its financial affairs except as otherwise provided in this Charter. The Commissioner of Finance shall:

- (a) Collect, receive, have custody of, deposit, invest and disburse all fees, revenues and other funds of the County or for which the county is responsible, in accordance with law;

- (b) Execute all the duties performed by a County Treasurer in relation to the collection of taxes and other revenues and have all of the powers and perform all of the duties conferred or imposed by law upon a County Treasurer;**
- (c) Assist the County Executive in the preparation and administration of the county budget;**
- (d) Supervise the director of the Division of Real Property Tax Services;**
- (e) Borrow money in the name of the County as authorized by the County Legislature;**
- (f)**
 - (1) Submit an Annual Update Document (Annual Financial Report) to the Office of the New York State Comptroller on or before 120 days (currently May 1) after the County fiscal year end (Currently December 31). The Annual Update Document (Annual Financial Report) should contain audited financial information, if practicable;**
 - (2) Submit regular or special financial statements to the County Executive and the County Legislature as they may require;**
 - (3) Submit such other reports as may be required by law;**
- (g) Maintain the books of accounts of the County;**
- (h) Prescribe approved methods and forms for financial accounting and records for all County departments and administrative agencies;**
- (i) Submit annually to the County Executive proposed County tax equalization rates consistent with standards prescribed by the State Legislature;**
- (j) Keep records of appropriations, encumbrances and expenditures and prescribe approved methods of accounting for County offices and administrative agencies;**
- (k) Procure statement from all depositories of County funds and funds for which the County is responsible and reconcile such statements with the County accounts;**
- (l) Subject to the requirements of the Civil Service Law, certify the correctness of payrolls for the payment of salaries of officers and employees paid from County funds.**

Section 2.

This Local Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its passage and is subject to permissive referendum.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6j – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A015)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Insurance Recoveries was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sayegh, Chairman Sullivan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #67

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A015)/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/
INSURANCE RECOVERIES**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (22A015) to account for the reimbursement received from Geico General Insurance Co. to offset the cost of repairing one (1) of the Sheriff’s vehicles involved in an accident October 2, 2021; 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:		
17311000 426801	Sheriff Patrol – Insurance Recoveries	1,072
Increase Expenses:		
17311000 54370	Sheriff Patrol – Automotive	1,072
	2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	
	2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6k – Approval/ Conveyance of Tax Map No.: 85.12-1-9/ Town of Carmel/ Suez 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 #68

APPROVAL/ CONVEYANCE OF TAX MAP NO.: 85.12-1-9/ TOWN OF CARMEL/ SUEZ

WHEREAS, an unimproved parcel of real property identified as Town of Carmel Tax Map No.: 85.12-1-9 was acquired by the County by Tax Deed, which was recorded in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk on August 28, 2018, in Liber 2088 at Page 441; and

WHEREAS, Town of Carmel Tax Map No.: 85.12-1-8, a landlocked parcel owned by Suez, is located entirely within the interior of the parcel owned by the County and an access easement in favor of Suez provides them access to their parcel; and

WHEREAS, Suez maintains private water district infrastructure contained on the parcel located within the County of Putnam parcel for the neighborhood water district; and

WHEREAS, Suez is engaged in an upgrade project of its water system which requires greater access to its parcel than the existing easement can provide, and as such, they have offered to purchase the County's parcel for said purposes; and

WHEREAS, Suez has obtained an appraisal of the property, dated January 21, 2022, which indicates that the appraised value is \$75,000.00 and have offered to purchase Town of Carmel Tax Map No.: 85.12-1-9 for said amount; and

WHEREAS, Suez has also agreed to merge Town of Carmel Tax Map No.: 85.12-1-9 with their property, Tax Map No.: 85.12-1-8; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Administration has reviewed said offer and recommends the acceptance of same; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 31-8(B) of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature approves the transfer of Town of Carmel Tax Map No.: 85.12-1-9 to Suez in exchange for the sum of \$75,000.00, together with payment of the appropriate Transfer Tax, Recording Fees, and County, Town, and School Taxes, if applicable; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon receipt of said monies, Town of Carmel Tax Map No.: 85.12-1-9 shall be conveyed in an "as is" condition by quitclaim deed, which shall provide that it be automatically merged with Town of Carmel Tax Map No.: 85.12-1-8; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Attorney is authorized to prepare said quitclaim deed, and the Putnam County Executive shall be authorized to execute said quitclaim deed on behalf of the County.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6L – Approval/ Support for Putnam County Housing Corporation/ NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program/ Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Grant was next.

Chairman Sullivan stated that this is a great use of funds to help the elderly, making their lives more comfortable.

Legislator Jonke stated Putnam County Housing Corp. is a fantastic agency. He stated that he wholeheartedly supports their efforts, especially this request for grant funding.

Legislator Sayegh thanked the Putnam County Housing Corp. She stated that she fully supported the application for these grant funds. She stated that there is a senior housing facility in her Legislative district. She believed that more senior housing was needed, allowing them the opportunity to stay close to home.

RESOLUTION #69

**APPROVAL/ SUPPORT FOR PUTNAM COUNTY HOUSING CORPORATION/ NYS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM/ CORONAVIRUS AID,
RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Housing Corporation is applying for a \$985,000 grant offered by NYS Homes and Community Renewal through the CDBG CARES Act Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Housing Corporation is looking to utilize these grant funds to purchase 120 Air Conditioners for their low income housing apartments, install ductless split central air units in the hallways of each of its four (4) complexes to improve air quality for seniors, purchase a Van to supply food from the Hudson Valley Food Bank to homebound low income seniors, and to repair the deteriorating driveway of the three (3) complexes on the same drive located on Gleneida Court; and

WHEREAS, this grant application is not a County application, however the Putnam County Housing Corporation is seeking support for this application; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature has considered this request and believes it is in the interest of the County to support this application as a representative body of the residents of Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature supports and approves of the application of the Putnam County Housing Corporation for a \$985,000 grant from the New York Stated Homes and Community Renewal.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6m - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A017)/ Veterans Affairs/ Peer to Peer Program 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:

Legislator Castellano explained that this was a decrease, correcting the funding to what was allocated by New York State. This resolution is adjusting the accounts accordingly. He stated that the program is still in place and being funded.

RESOLUTION #70

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A017)/ VETERANS AFFAIRS/ PEER TO PEER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, by Resolution #55 of 2022, the Putnam County Legislature approved budgetary amendment (22A013) for the Veterans Peer to Peer Program in the amount of \$185,000; and

WHEREAS, these funds are to assist Veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome or other related combat stress disorders through individual and small group peer-to-peer counseling methods; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available until December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has been notified by the NYS Office of Mental Health of a decrease in funding in the amount of \$46,250 for the Putnam County Office of Veterans Affairs' Peer to Peer Support Pilot Program for CY2022; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services, Mental Health has requested a budgetary amendment (22A017) to account for this decrease to comply with the latest State aid levels; 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:

Decrease Revenues:

10651000 437895 10105	Veterans Peer to Peer Program	46,250
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Decrease Appropriations:

10651000 54646 10105	Veterans Peer to Peer Program – Contracts	46,250
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6n – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A018)/ Finance/ SPCA Vehicle Purchase Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) / State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) Grant was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio stated that she supports this resolution. She stated that the work the SPCA does is invaluable here in Putnam County. He stated that many people may not be aware that there are times when the SPCA is visiting a home because of animal abuse, they may also encounter child abuse in the home too.

Chairman Sullivan stated that the SPCA does tremendous work in the County. It is an invaluable organization to protect our animals. He explained how they help out the law enforcement community if a crime happens and animals are left in a house, someone needs to go to the house for the animals.

RESOLUTION #71

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A018)/ FINANCE/ SPCA VEHICLE PURCHASE/ DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (DASNY) / STATE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PROGRAM (SAM) GRANT

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Inc. (SPCA) is seeking to purchase a vehicle using State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) Grant funding through Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY); and

WHEREAS, the SPCA has provided a copy of a Grant Disbursement Agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) for \$50,000 in (SAM) grant funding for the purchase of a vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (22A018) which will permit the County to advance the SPCA \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County will recoup these funds from the SPCA upon their receipt of NYS SAM grant funding per the Grant Disbursement Agreement; 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:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

25851300 54950	SPCA – County Contribution	50,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

25851300 423890	SPCA – Miscellaneous Revenue	50,000
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6o – Approval/ Fund Transfer (22T049)/ Health Department/ Personnel Changes/ Reorganization was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #72

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (22T049)/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ PERSONNEL CHANGES/ REORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested personnel changes/ reorganization of his department due to three (3) positions within the Health Department recently becoming vacant; one (1) due to retirement, and two (2) due to resignations; and

WHEREAS, these personnel changes include:

- Senior Typist position (retired) Grade 8, Step 4 to be filled at a proposed Grade 8, Step 1 position (effective April 5, 2022)
- Receptionist position Grade 6, Step 4 (effective April 19, 2022) to be filled by an Office for Senior Resources (OSR) employee currently in a part time Typist/Office Assistant position
- Registered Professional Nurse resigned at a Grade 17, Step 4. Requesting this position be reclassified as a Public Health Nurse Grade 18, Step 3 (effective April 19, 2022)

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a fund transfer (22T049) to account for this reorganization; 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:

12401000 51000 (12110)	Personnel Services	15,616
12401000 58002	FICA	1,195
10401000 51000 (10113)	Personnel Services	2,396
10401000 58002	FICA	183
11401000 51000 (11107)	Personnel Services	89
11401000 58002	FICA	<u>7</u>
		19,486

Increase:

10401000 58008	Health Insurance	16,429
10199000 54980	Contingency	<u>3,057</u>
		19,486

2022 Fiscal Impact (3,057)

2023 Fiscal Impact 8,954

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7 – Other Business

Chairman Sullivan made a motion to accept the other business; seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Item #7a – Resolution/ Approval 2023 Federal Community Project Grant Funding Applications in Putnam County for Capital Infrastructure Projects was next.

Chairman Sullivan explained that the grant funding opportunities are available through the Environmental Protection Agency for projects that focus on public sewer infrastructure, in particular, the proposed Southeast Sewer project, which is expected to positively impact the County's economic and social viability and vitality. He explained that this resolution gives the County the approval to apply for this grant opportunity.

Legislator Jonke stated that Deputy Commissioner of Highways & Facilities John Tully was in the audience. He asked Chairman Sullivan to allow him to make a short presentation or answer any questions. He stated that there was urgency in getting this approved this evening because the deadline to apply for this grant opportunity is April 15, 2022.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that he appreciated the Legislature entertaining this on such short notice. He explained that there is a limited opportunity for the County to apply for these grants. There are several categories of grant funding opportunities which they will evaluate within the next week. He stated that with this approval they will be able to apply for grant funding. He stated that there is the desire to find funding for the sewer

project and infrastructure projects such as sidewalks in certain communities. He stated that there is also the potential for funding for repairs to the Historic Courthouse.

Legislator Montgomery explained that member appropriations are available every year. She stated that she certainly sees the need for the historic district funding and some of the other items mentioned in the resolution. She stated that she is trying to understand the proposed sewer project. She questioned why we are proposing something which she believed was not feasible. She stated that it was her understanding that Danbury did not support this project. She believed there was a feasibility study done which she has not seen. She stated that we have already invested a lot of money in this. She mentioned the MTA Rail Study, the Danbury/Southeast Study, the Southeast Sewer Project and the Rail Trail all being in the same location. She questioned why we would be putting so much in one (1) specific area.

Chairman Sullivan recognized Legislator Albano, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee.

Legislator Albano explained that the key with all these grants is to apply and then we can work out where the funds are best utilized. He explained that there are many projects the funding could be used for. He explained that this is an opportunity to apply for grant funding. He explained that if the County is awarded funding, we could always refuse it. He stated that if there were projects that we would like to do, they would come before the Committee to discuss them in depth and determine their feasibility. He believed it would be foolish not to apply.

Chairman Sullivan stated that we are not here to discuss individual projects or the details of potential projects. He stated that we are here to approve the application of the grant opportunity.

Legislator Montgomery stated that this was proposed to the Legislature tonight an hour before the meeting. She stated that if we were not worried about what is in the resolution, she believed that we should take the proposal for millions of dollars for a proposed sewer study project out. She stated that we are talking about \$3.5 million dollars with a 20% County match.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to remove the Southeast Sewer Project from this resolution. There was no second on the motion. Motion fails.

Legislator Sayegh pointed out that this would be funding coming into the County that we would have for any project. She believed it would be beneficial to Putnam County taxpayers for the County to receive as much grant funding as possible. If, and when we receive any of this funding, at that point we will have the opportunity to go through what the grant funding would be used for. She applauded Deputy Commissioner Tully for bringing this opportunity to the Legislature. She looked forward to bringing in more funding from the Federal government to support Putnam County infrastructure.

Legislator Jonke stated that he has not seen a study that stated the sewer line is not feasible. He stated that there is new leadership in Danbury who were open to the extension of the sewer line to the Brewster Route 6 corridor. He stated that he was looking forward to hopefully receiving Federal funding to offset the capital cost of the project.

Legislator Castellano stated that we have been discussing this corridor for many years. He believed that we should take the opportunity to apply for this type of grant. He believed it was an incredible stretch of roadway that has looked the same for the last 20 or 30 years. He stated that there are improvements being made along that corridor with a Restaurant Depot being built, and there is the opportunity for other businesses to move there as well. He explained that if a sewer line was run from the Village of Brewster to Danbury, both municipalities would benefit from it. He stated that we are only applying for a grant this evening, and we could certainly change the course later if necessary. He believed this project was an incredible opportunity for Putnam County.

Chairman Sullivan stated that this area is one (1) of the few four (4) lane roads that we have in Putnam County that has two (2) lanes in each direction. He believed that area had tremendous potential for economic growth. He believed it could be that much better with a sewer line. He stated that when you cross over the State line into Danbury on that road, there is tremendous economic development in Danbury. He believed there was no reason why Putnam County could not have the same opportunity. It would provide jobs and generate sales tax revenue. He stated that this is just to apply for a grant.

Legislator Montgomery questioned Deputy Commissioner Tully about the \$1.2 million spent on a study in 2017.

Chairman Sullivan explained that he never heard about that, and the County did not spend \$1.2 million on the study. He stated that we spent a couple of hundred dollars as far as he knows.

Chairman Sullivan made a motion to move the resolution; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

RESOLUTION #73

RESOLUTION/ APPROVAL 2023 FEDERAL COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS IN PUTNAM COUNTY FOR CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

WHEREAS, competitive funding opportunities are being offered through the United States House of Representatives, as set forth in the recently published Community Project Funding Resource Guide, for which submission of applications are due to the Representative Sean Patrick Maloney's office on or before April 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, funding opportunities are available through the Environmental Protection Agency for projects that focus on public sewer infrastructure, in particular, the proposed Southeast Sewer project, which is expected to positively impact the County's economic and social viability and vitality; and

WHEREAS, additional funding opportunities are available from the National Park Service to renovate and repair nationally registered historic structures, of which the Putnam County Historic Courthouse is eligible and in need of substantive repairs; and

WHEREAS, funding is also available through the Department of Homeland Security to support infrastructure projects to mitigate and reduce risks posed by natural hazards to reduce future losses by funding priority projects and activities within Putnam County up to \$1,000,000 for construction projects or up to \$250,000 for renovation projects including for Emergency Services Operations Centers; and

WHEREAS, funding is available through the Department of Transportation for highway and transit-related capital infrastructure projects with awards on average up to

\$2,500,000, and Putnam County has upcoming related capital projects that could benefit from supplemental funding; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature agree that the County should submit its competitive funding applications in connection with projects as aforesaid mentioned for grant funding, more specifically, the proposed Southeast Sewer project, proposed Renovations to the Putnam County Historic Courthouse, Emergency Services and Department of Transportation funding; and

WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, is desirous to competitively seek grant funds through the 2023 Community Project Funding program; and

WHEREAS, if grant funding is awarded to the County, depending on the award and grant category, the local shared contribution from the County would be twenty (20%) percent for the proposed Southeast Sewer project with federal funding available up to \$3,500,000, a fifty (50%) percent shared match for the Putnam County Historic Courthouse with federal funding up to \$500,000, and funding for the County Emergency Services Program including the Operations Center with a twenty-five (25%) percent local match, and twenty (20%) percent local match for the Department of Transportation funding; and

WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, has/continues efforts to seek and make application for supplemental grant funding for the aforesaid Proposed Projects; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the County Legislature, support the County's applications for CFA grant funding for submission on or before April 15, 2022 and approves the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation's request to apply for 2023 federal Community Project grant competitive funding; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #8 - Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

There was no member of the public that wished to speak.

Item #9 - Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Addonizio stated that she wanted to honor John Veteri, a Town of Kent resident, friend, and neighbor. She explained that he was a career firefighter who passed away March 11, 2022, after battling an illness he contracted as a result of his heroic efforts in the aftermath of the September 11th attack on our Country. She stated that John's memory and valiant actions will be permanently honored within Putnam County when a bronze plate bearing his name is added to the Putnam County Wall of Heroes at the 9/11 Memorial in Cornerstone Park in Carmel, NY. His happy demeanor, and the way he greeted everyone with, "hey sunshine," will be missed by those fortunate enough to know him personally.

Legislator Montgomery explained that she has met with town supervisors and mayors in her district to discuss their proposed projects regarding the ARPA funding deadline of April 15th. She stated that she was excited to bring that forward to the Legislature. She explained that she was disappointed about moving forward with a sewer project that has

been studied to death when we have so many needs within the County that are not met because of Covid, because we are on the verge of World War III. She stated that people are just devastated and here we are proposing to spend \$3.5 million on a project that is seemingly not feasible. A project that we have been trying to do since 2017. She stated that she is looking forward to what the towns and villages are proposing with the hope that we can see something good come out of the funding we are receiving from the Federal government.

Legislator Albano stated that he and Chairman Sullivan met with the Town of Carmel. He explained that it was a positive meeting with key items being addressed that would benefit the County and residents.

Chairman Sullivan stated that we were lucky to be in a position to have funding available to work with the towns to develop some infrastructure and safety projects. He explained that we can also address some of the concerns that we have not been able to do over the years due to lack of funding. He stated that the Administration is working on setting up a Ukraine Relief Fund. He stated that there will be a banner along Lake Gleneida and the Administration will provide information regarding specific donations items needed. He stated that monetary donations will also be accepted that will be transferred to Poland, allowing them to purchase the goods that they need. He stated that the Paladin Center has offered to provide space as on their property as a staging area to collect these donations. He stated that they will be looking for volunteers. He explained that they are still in the planning phase and anticipate holding this event on the weekend of May 6th, 7th and 8th.

There being no further business, at 8:19 P.M., Chairman Sullivan made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.