

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

Tuesday June 6, 2023 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Chairman Jonke who requested Legislator Nacerino lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Addonizio lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Ellner, Castellano, Sayegh, Crowley and Chairman Jonke were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

PROCLAMATION

Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Montgomery who presented to the “Global Water Week” proclamation to representatives from Arts on the Lake, Putnam Dance Project, Sustainable Putnam, Putnam County Land Trust, NYS Federation of Lake Associations and the Sedgewood Club.

GLOBAL WATER WEEK JUNE 5TH – 10TH

WHEREAS, Global Water Dances New York has advocated for access to fresh water since 2011 by inspiring action and engaging participants all over the world through the internationally recognized language of dance; and

WHEREAS, fresh water is essential to the survival of all species across the globe. Most of the Earth’s surface is covered by water, yet only 2.5% of that water is the freshwater needed to live; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 The United Nations reported that 2.1 billion people around the globe lacked access to safely managed drinking water, and in 2022 record drought gripped much of the United States, having a direct impact on Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County is proud to be among more than 130 locations across the globe to join in the effort to promote awareness and instill a behavioral shift toward solutions for water preservation. Arts on the Lake in Kent has partnered with local organizations including Putnam County Dance Project, Sustainable Putnam, and Putnam County Land Trust to showcase the creativity and talent of our residents while providing valuable information related to the importance of water conservation and protection. Beginning on June 5, 2023 Arts on the Lake will showcase art created by local youth, live performances, and environmental expositions with the week culminating on June 10, 2023 at 3:00pm with an outdoor performance beside Lake Carmel. This performance will coincide with the performances in the other locations throughout the world as part of the 7th biennial Global Water Dances event; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim the week of June 5th-June 10th, 2023 as Global Water Week in Putnam County.

Item #4 – Acceptance of Minutes – Regular Meeting – April 4, 2023

Regular Meeting – May 2, 2023

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #5 – Correspondence
a) County Auditor

There was no activity during this reporting period.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Crowley & Nacerino)

Item #6a – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A026)/ Health Department/ NYS Fellowship Program Grant was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Sayegh, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Crowley and Nacerino, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #121

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A026)/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ NYS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, by Resolution #28 of 2022, and amended by Resolution #75 of 2022, the Putnam County Legislature approved grant funding awarded through the New York Stated Department of Health for the NYS Public Health Corp Fellowship Program in the amount of \$1,111,175 over a two (2) year period at \$555,587 annually; and

WHEREAS, the end date for this pool of funding was 7/31/23; and

WHEREAS, this grant award was recently increased to \$1,411,174; and

WHEREAS, the award comes from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the purpose of building public health capacity to continue to support COVID-19 response operations and increase preparedness for future public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, this grant end date is June 30, 2024 for the calendar year 2023, January through December; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Commissioner of Health has requested a budgetary amendment (23A026) to hire two (2) more full time Fellows and one (1) part time Fellow, and fund the Fellow that is currently working in this program in the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, in addition to salaries and benefits, funding will be provided for desks, chairs and other items included in the budgetary amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Revenue:
26401001 444892 66106

NYS Public Health Corp Fellowship Prg 315,202

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

26401001 51000 10173 66104	Personnel Serv – PHC Graduate Fellow	62,100
26401001 51000 10173 66105	Personnel Serv – PHC Graduate Fellow	62,100
26401001 51000 10173 66106	Personnel Serv – PHC Graduate Fellow	62,100
26401001 51094 10173	Temporary	22,179
26401001 52110 10173	Furniture & Fixtures	2,600
26401001 52130 10173	Computer Equipment	5,400
26401001 54310 10173	Office Supplies	3,500
26401001 54313 10173	Books & Supplements	500
26401001 54329 10173	Promotional Materials	1,000
26401001 54410 10173	Supplies & Materials	500
26401001 54635 10173	Cell Phones	1,200
26401001 54675 10173	Travel	1,000
26401001 54782 10173	Software & Accessories	200
26401001 54783 10173	Software Licensing	2,800
26401001 54989 10173	Miscellaneous	500
26401001 58001 10173	Retirement	8,487
26401001 58002 10173	FICA	12,843
26401001 58003 10173	Disability	242
26401001 58004 10173	Workers Compensation	340
26401001 58006 10173	Dental	2,866
26401001 58007 10173	Life Insurance	998
26401001 58008 10173	Health Insurance	57,166
26401001 58009 10173	Vision	249
26401001 58011 10173	Flex	<u>4,332</u>
		315,202

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6b – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A028)/ Office for Senior Resources/ Gifts & Donations/ Vehicle/ Jane Lobdell Bequeathment was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Crowley and Nacerino, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery believed that this was a wheelchair accessible van. She explained that they do not have transportation in the Town of Philipstown and this will help her constituent. She stated that through the help of the Office for Senior Resources, the County was able to purchase a van which helped her constituent who otherwise would have no means of transportation.

Chairman Jonke believed that Jane Lobdell was a lifelong resident in the Village of Brewster. He stated that she passed away a few years ago and bequeathed funds to Putnam County for the purchase of these vehicles. He believed that we have purchased a few vehicles over the years in her name.

RESOLUTION #122

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A028)/ OFFICE FOR SENIOR RESOURCES/
GIFTS & DONATIONS/ VEHICLE/ JANE LOBDELL BEQUEATHMENT**

WHEREAS, Office for Senior Resources (OSR) Director, Michael Cunningham, has requested approval for the purchase of a 2020 Toyota Sienna LE from Bussani Fleet Sales for the use by the Medical Transportation Program; and

WHEREAS, said vehicle would replace a 2016 MV-1 which is currently non-operational in the warmer months due to ongoing air conditioning issues that are unrepairable; and

WHEREAS, due to customization, purchasing this vehicle would be the best option at an all-inclusive price of \$63,682.00; and

WHEREAS, OSR Director Cunningham has requested a budgetary amendment (23A028) to draw down funds of approximately \$70,000.00 on the Jane Lobdell bequeathment to fund this purchase or a like vehicle from a similar vendor; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Revenue:

10677300 427050	Gifts & Donations – Lobdell	70,000
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Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10677300 52650	Motor Vehicles	70,000
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2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6c – Approval/ Fund Transfer (23T109)/ Health Department/ Pre-school Licensing Software was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Crowley and Nacerino, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #123

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (23T109)/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ PRE-SCHOOL LICENSING SOFTWARE

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a fund transfer (23T109) to properly allocate funds to the correct account, Pre-School Licensing Software; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10296000 54782	Pre-school Software Accessories	9,790
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Increase:

10296000 54783 Pre-school Licensing Software 9,790

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Castellano & Nacerino)

Item #6d – Approval/ Fund Transfer (23T113)/ Health Department/ Health Education & Nursing Position Reclassification was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #124

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (23T113)/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ HEALTH EDUCATION & NURSING RECLASSIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Interim Commissioner of Health has requested the reclassification of an employee in the Health Education Department currently in the position of Office Assistant II Spanish Speaking (SS) be transferred to the position of Public Health Programs Assistant Trainee in the Nursing Department; and

WHEREAS, once this Health Education Department staff person transfers to Nursing, the Interim Commissioner of Health has also requested that the vacant Office Assistant II (SS) position in the Health Education Department be reclassified to Public Health Programs Assistant Trainee at a salary of \$50,010; 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 (23T113) be made:

Decrease:

21401000 51000 26110	Health Education Pers Serv Office Assistant II SS	8,583
21401000 58002	Health Education FICA	657
11401000 51094	Nursing Temporary	2,000
11401000 51093	Nursing Overtime	<u>4,106</u>
		15,346

Increase:

11401000 51000 11122	Nursing Personnel Services Public Health Prg Assist Trainee	14,689
11401000 58002	Nursing FICA	<u>657</u>
		15,346

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2024 Fiscal Impact - Unknown

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6e – Approval/ Policy for Nursing Mothers / New York Labor Law Section 203-c was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #125

APPROVAL/ POLICY FOR NURSING MOTHERS/ NEW YORK LABOR LAW SECTION 203-c

WHEREAS, under New York Labor Law Section 203-c, employers are required to provide nursing mothers with a safe, clean, and private place to express breast milk during the workday; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County will provide an employee with reasonable unpaid break time, or the opportunity to use their available paid break time or mealtime, to express breast milk for up to three (3) years following childbirth; and

WHEREAS, the duration of a break can vary depending on the personal needs of the covered employee. Generally, each break shall be no less than twenty to thirty minutes, however employees can elect to take shorter breaks for this purpose if appropriate for their circumstance. The number of breaks that a covered employee will need to take may vary based on the employee's physical needs and specific circumstances. Putnam County shall provide break time at least once every three hours if requested by the employee.; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that subject to any applicable agreement by and with the respective collective bargaining agents of the various employee units of the County of Putnam, the process for requesting break time to use a lactation room to express milk is as follows:

- 1. Prior to returning to work or as soon as possible thereafter, employees should make a request to their Department Head. The request should include the anticipated duration of request, and an approximation of the number of breaks per day the employee is requesting.**
- 2. Department Heads should respond by providing employee with access directions for the room in that location.**
- 3. When two or more covered employees need to use the room at the same time, the employee(s) also should contact their Department Head who will determine the process for the use of the room. The Department Head will discuss options with the employees to determine what arrangement will address each of the employee's needs. Options may include: finding an alternative clean space free from intrusion; sharing the space among multiple users; or creating a schedule for use. Any accommodation will ensure each employee is afforded a reasonable amount of time to pump.**
- 4. When the lactation room is not a dedicated space, there should be a clear indication of when the room is being used as a lactation room and that it may not be used for any other purpose during that time. When possible, a schedule should be created to allow for maximum use of the space by all users.**
- 5. Department Heads are responsible for forwarding all requests to the Personnel Department.**

6. If the Department Head is concerned that a request will pose an undue hardship, they should immediately contact the Personnel Department. The Personnel Department will endeavor to assist the department in finding a solution.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be subject to renewal or continuation by Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Officer and the various County Department Heads are hereby directed to undertake such administrative acts and tasks as are necessary and proper such as the creation of policies and/or procedures to carry out the intention of this resolution.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Castellano & Montgomery)

Item #6f – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A027)/ Planning Department/ Additional Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Funding under New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Gouldman, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Montgomery, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #126

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A027)/ PLANNING DEPARTMENT/
ADDITIONAL UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) FUNDING UNDER NEW
YORK METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (NYMTC)**

WHEREAS, the Acting Commissioner of Planning has requested a budgetary amendment (23A027) to account for additional UPWP Funding under NYMTC awarded to Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Revenue:

55997000 53000 52308	Special Services	400,000
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Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55997000 449895 52308	UPWP – Federal Aid	400,000
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2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6g – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A029)/ Highways & Facilities/ Amend 2023 CHIPS County Capital Project Budget was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Montgomery, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #127

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A029)/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ AMEND 2023 CHIPS COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2023-24 State Budget provides funding to support the repair, rehabilitation, and modernization of local roads and bridges; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (23A029) to amend the 2023 CHIPS County Capital Project Budget to equal the adopted NYS Budget, as provided by the NYS Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee and the Audit & Administrative Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55112000 53000 52303	CHIPS 2023	736,715
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55112000 435011 52303	State Aid – CHIPS 2023	736,715
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2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6h – Approval/ Eminent Domain Procedure Law Settlement/ Fair Street Reconstruction Project/ Town of Carmel Tax Map No. 44.14-1-46 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Montgomery, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #128

APPROVAL/ EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEDURE LAW SETTLEMENT/ FAIR STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT/ TOWN OF CARMEL TAX MAP NO. 44.14-1-46

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (“County”) is proposing to generally reconstruct an approximately 1.3 mile long section of Fair Street between Route 52 (Gleneida Avenue) and a point approximately 1,300 feet east of the intersection of Fair Street with Hill & Dale Road in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam, State of New York (P.I.N. 8756.09) (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Project is to help address traffic operations, traffic congestion, safety concerns and pavement/drainage/bridge conditions along Fair Street in the Town of Carmel; and

WHEREAS, the Project is being progressed by the County Department of Highways and Facilities, with oversight by the New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) and in close coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”), in accordance with Federal and State Laws, regulations, rules and policies; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the Project, it is necessary for the County to acquire real property interests in, to, on, over and through multiple tax map parcels situated along Fair Street in the Town of Carmel, New York; and

WHEREAS, among the real property interests that the County needs to acquire in order to accomplish the Project are an approximately 806 square foot fee interest and an approximately 1,363 foot temporary easement interest in, to, on, over and through portions of Tax Map Parcel 44.14-1-46 in the Town of Carmel, New York; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the New York Eminent Domain Procedure Law (“EDPL”), the County caused the real property interests that it needs to acquire for the Project to be appraised by an independent, certified real estate appraiser, following which the County had made written offers to the respective landowners to purchase such real property interests for the highest approved appraisal amount; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the County’s written offer to purchase the fee and temporary easement interest in, to, on, over and through portions of Tax Map Parcel 44.14-1-46 was twenty-two thousand eight hundred (\$22,800) dollars, and

WHEREAS, the owner of record of Tax Map Parcel 44.14-1-46 did not accept the County’s offer, as a consequence of which, and in accordance with Federal and State law, regulations, and policies, at the time these fee and temporary interests were acquired (November of 2022), the County remitted to the landowner a check in the amount of \$22,800.00, which constituted advance payment for the fee and temporary easement interests acquired; and

WHEREAS, under the EDPL, the landowner has the right to seek additional compensation for the County’s acquisition of the aforementioned fee and temporary easement interests, and the landowner’s representative stated the landowner would accept an additional seven thousand two hundred (\$7,200) dollars to settle any claim that it may have for additional compensation; and

WHEREAS, the landowner agreed to a settlement with the County, subject to the Legislature’s approval, in which the County agreed to pay the landowner the sum of seven thousand two hundred (\$7,200.00) dollars; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney, the County’s outside counsel, Robert Hite, and the Administrative Director of Highways and Facilities have recommended the settlement as an alternative to trial; and

WHEREAS, the settlement of the landowner’s potential claim for the additional sum of \$7,200.00 is reasonable, prudent and in the public interest and will avoid the costs of further litigation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the settlement of this matter for the sum of seven thousand two hundred (\$7,200) dollars is hereby approved.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Ellner & Gouldman)**

Item #6i – Approval Budgetary Amendment (23A025)/ Veterans Service Agency/ Peer to Peer Program was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Addonizio, Chairwoman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Ellner & Gouldman, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino stated that she was happy to see this move forward. She explained that every year we need to wait for these funds from New York State. She stated that this is a wonderful program for our Veterans. She stated that she would like the State to continue to fund this program in the future.

Chairman Jonke concurred. He stated that it was a shame that we are now in June and the funding is finally coming through from the State. He believed the State was playing a game of politics with the health of our Veterans. He stated that this happens every year.

RESOLUTION #129

APPROVAL BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A025)/ VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY/ PEER TO PEER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Putnam County has been notified by the NYS Office of Mental Health of \$185,000 in funding for the Putnam County Veterans Service Agency Peer to Peer Support Pilot Program for SFY 23-24; 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 for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services, Mental Health has requested a budgetary amendment (23A025) to account for these funds; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Revenues:

10651000 437895 10105	Veterans Peer to Peer Program	185,000
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Increase Appropriations:

10651000 54646 10105	Veterans Peer to Peer Program - Contracts	185,000
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2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6j – Approval/ Confirmation/ Appointments/ Putnam County Board of Ethics was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner & Gouldman, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to vote on each individual appointment separately; seconded by Legislator Crowley.

Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote on the motion to divide the question.

By Roll Call Vote: Four Ayes – Legislators Crowley, Ellner, Gouldman and Montgomery. Five Nays – Legislators Addonizio, Castellano, Nacerino, Sayegh and Chairman Jonke. Motion fails.

Legislator Montgomery explained that the County Executive has recommended these appointments. She believed it was not a bipartisan board. She stated that one (1) of the appointments is an independent, and the others are all one (1) party. She was disappointed that all these appointments were included in one (1) resolution. She stated that many of these individuals have a long-standing relationship with County government and she believed this should be citizen driven board. She stated that the Public Officer's Law states that "you should have" one (1) County employee, which she believed would be Personnel Director Paul Eldridge. She stated that if it were her choice, there would be no County employees on this Board. She stated that during an executive session she raised some points about particular appointments to this Board. She believed that it was the duty of this Legislature to consider the candidate's history before appointing them to the Ethics Board. She explained that on one (1) of the appointments, her resume states that she was the Chair on the One Army in the War of Addiction. She stated that this task force had not convened in five (5) years. She explained that at one (1) time she requested to attend a task force meeting and the Chairperson who is applying to be on this Ethics Board denied her of that. She stated that she also did not disclose on her resume that she served as treasurer of the Putnam County Visitors Bureau. She was also a founding member of the Putnam Tourism Corporation. She stated that Chairman Jonke expressed that you do not need to disclose everything on a resume. She believed that any previous relationship with the County should be disclosed.

Chairman Jonke stated that since his name was mentioned and because Legislator Montgomery referred to the only female on this resolution, we know that you are speaking about Barbara Scuccimarra. He stated that Legislator Montgomery stated that she was told this would be a bipartisan Board. He stated whether these individuals are Republicans or Democrats is meaningless. He stated that he happens to know everyone of the proposed members, and he believed they were genuinely honest people who have served our County. He stated that during the Rules meeting many issues were brought out, one (1) being that the resume should have disclosed information about former Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra. He clarified that Barbara Scuccimarra was a political rival of Legislator Montgomery. He believed that this was an attempt to smear Barbara Scuccimarra's character. He stated that the resume is not a tool to disclose information; it is presenting your experience. He stated that those of us who have served with Barbara Scuccimarra know her character, and he believed it was disgraceful to take shots at that. He explained that Legislator Montgomery kept mentioning the Ethics Board and Attorney General, however no evidence was presented to us at the Rules meeting. He stated that there was never an Ethics Board complaint filed against Barbara Scuccimarra, nor did we have any evidence that the Attorney General's office came to Putnam County. He stated that the Putnam County Visitor's Bureau may have had their issues. However, Barbara Scuccimarra who was the treasurer resigned. He believed this was a terrible character assassination attempt.

RESOLUTION #130

APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ APPOINTMENTS/ PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the County Executive, the Putnam County Legislature confirms the following appointments to the Putnam County Board of Ethics:

Paul Eldridge, for the remainder of a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

Roderick Cassidy, for the remainder of a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

Hon. Barbara Scuccimarra, for the remainder of a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

Hon. John Sweeny, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2025.

Joseph DeMarzo, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2025.

And be it further

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

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

Item #6k – Approval/ Appointment/ Putnam County Home Improvement Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner & Gouldman, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio thanked Mr. Koffer for volunteering to serve on this Board.

RESOLUTION #131

APPROVAL/ APPOINTMENT/ PUTNAM COUNTY HOME IMPROVEMENT BOARD

RESOLVED, that Lawrence Koffer, Town of Carmel, as Citizen Representative, for a two (2) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

And be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6L – Approval/ Local Law to Amend Article 9 of the Putnam County Charter Entitled “Department of Highways and Facilities” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner & Gouldman, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Chairman Jonke stated that we will now be calling the Highway Department what it should be called since they do much more than Highways & Facilities. He believed Public Works was more appropriate.

RESOLUTION #132

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND ARTICLE 9 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED “DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND FACILITIES”

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

Section 1.

Article 9 of the Putnam County Charter is hereby renamed as follows:

Article 9 Department of Public Works

Section 2.

Section 9.01 of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 9.01 Department of Public Works: Commissioner.

There shall be a Department of Public Works headed by a Commissioner of Public Works appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. The Commissioner of Public Works shall be qualified by training and experience for his or her position. The provisions of any law, rule or regulation which require that a public officer be a resident of the political subdivision or municipal corporation of the state for which he or she shall be chosen or within which his or her official functions are required to be exercised, shall not prevent a person from holding the office of the Commissioner of Public Works of the County of Putnam, so long as such person resides within fifty linear miles from the Office of the Commissioner of Public Works at the Putnam County Department of Public Works, when appointed and continuously throughout his or her appointment. He or she shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. Within appropriations therefor, he or she shall appoint a staff to implement the duties of this office as detailed in § 9.02 of this Charter.

Section 3.

Section 9.02 of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 9.02 Powers and duties.

Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, the Commissioner of Public Works shall:

- (a) Have all the powers and duties of a County Engineer and County Superintendent of Highways pursuant to the Highway Law, Town Law or other applicable laws;**
- (b) Have charge and supervision of the design, construction, improvement, maintenance, repair, cleaning and lighting of all highways, roads, streets, bridges and grade separation structures under jurisdiction of the County;**
- (c) Have charge and supervision of the design, construction and alteration of County buildings, parking areas, drives, walks, docks, parks and such other structures and facilities in the nature of public works under the jurisdiction of the County;**
- (d) Have charge and supervision of the maintenance and repair of all County buildings to include custodial care of such buildings;**
- (e) Have charge and supervision of the maintenance and operations of County parks and preserves;**
- (f) Administer all programs and projects conducted by the Soil and Water Conservation District.**

Section 4.

Section 9.03 of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 9.03 Deputy Commissioners of Public Works.

The Commissioner of Public Works shall appoint a Deputy Commissioner of Public Works who shall act generally for and in the place of the Commissioner of Public Works in the event of his or her absence from the County or inability to perform and exercise the powers and duties of office. The provisions of any law, rule or regulation which require that a public officer be a resident of the political subdivision or municipal corporation of the state for which he or she shall be chosen or within which his or her official functions are required to be exercised, shall not prevent a person from holding the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works of the County of Putnam, so long as such person resides within fifty linear miles from the Office of the Commissioner of Public Works at the Putnam County Department of Public Works, when appointed and continuously throughout his or her appointment.

The Deputy Commissioner of Public Works shall have the powers and shall perform all duties of the Commissioner of Public Works only in the event that the Commissioner of Public Works is absent or unable to perform and exercise the powers and duties of such office.

The Commissioner of Public Works may also appoint additional deputies who shall have the powers and who shall perform all the duties of the Commissioner of Public Works only in the event that both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Public Works are absent or unable to perform and exercise the powers and duties of such office. Such additional deputies shall be designated in writing and in order of succession by the Commissioner of Public Works and shall be filed with the County Executive and with the Clerk of the County Legislature. Such designations may be revoked at any time by the

Commissioner of Public Works by filing a new written designation and order of succession.

Section 5.

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6m – Approval/ Fund Transfer (23T124)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Axon Enterprises, Inc. Contract/ Other Equipment was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #133

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (23T124)/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ AXON ENTERPRISES, INC. CONTRACT/ OTHER EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (23T124) to account for additional funding needed to pay the Axon Contract for Year 1 (FY2022) due to an administrative error by the Axon billing department; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:		
10199000 54980	General Contingencies	32,315
Increase:		
10311000 52680	Other Equipment	32,315
	2023 Fiscal Impact - \$32,315	
	2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6n – Approval/ Confirmation/ Re-Appointments/ Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #134

APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ RE-APPOINTMENTS/ PUTNAM COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, Section 25-38 of the Putnam County Code provides for the appointment of members to the Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board by the County Executive subject to confirmation by the Putnam County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has re-appointed the following:

Ed Butler, Putnam County Fire Chief's Association Representative, for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2025.

Sergeant Laura Whitten, Law Enforcement Representative, for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approved said re-appointments; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby confirms the re-appointments of Ed Butler and Sergeant Laura Whitten to the Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board; and be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #60 – Approval/ Resolution to Authorize the Application to Obtain a Municipal Ambulance Services Operating Authority for Putnam County was next.

Legislator Nacerino stated that this was discussed during the Protective Services Committee meeting. She stated that there was a request to revise the resolution for the Full Legislative meeting, however, the resolution before us still has language incorporated in this revised resolution that they have questions on.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to table this resolution back to the Protective Services Committee to receive clarification on the proposed language; seconded by Legislators Addonizio and Ellner.

By Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Carried Unanimously.

APPROVAL/RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION TO OBTAIN A MUNICIPAL AMBULANCE SERVICES OPERATING AUTHORITY FOR PUTNAM COUNTY

WHEREAS, providing for the public health and safety is the highest priority for public officials; and

WHEREAS, the timely provision of effective emergency medical assistance is a matter of vital concern affecting the public health, safety and welfare of our residents, visitors and those who work in the County; and

WHEREAS, the assurance of pre-hospital emergency care, providing prompt and effective treatment and transportation of the sick and injured is critical to a successful patient outcome; and

WHEREAS, under its own operating authority, the County would expand its ability to access a much broader range of advanced life support (ALS) and basic life support (BLS) commercial providers and therefore assure provision of care to the citizens of Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature recognizes the need for effective ALS and BLS care and transportation, which will be provided by a third-party vendor, and the need for effective EMS service in accordance with the provisions of Public Health Law Section 3008(7a), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature has determined that it is necessary, appropriate and in the best interest of public safety and welfare to obtain operating authority in connection with the provision of ambulance services for the residents of the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby grants permission to the Commissioner of Emergency Services to make application seeking a Certificate of Operating Authority and/or a Municipal Certificate of Need for ALS and BLS services on behalf of the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the primary geographic area of this service shall be the County of Putnam as indicated on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Emergency Services is directed to file a copy of this resolution with the New York State Department of Health; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Item #6p – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A031)/ Finance/ Vacancy Control Factor 2023 was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #135

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A031)/ FINANCE/ VACANCY CONTROL FACTOR 2023

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (23A031) to provide for the Vacancy Control Factor for 2023; 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:

GENERAL FUND:

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10131000 51000	Personnel Services (SEE ATTACHED)	23,176
10131000 58002	FICA	1,773
10141000 51000	Personnel Services (SEE ATTACHED)	12,042
10141000 58002	FICA	921
10141100 51000	Personnel Services (SEE ATTACHED)	49,488
10141100 58002	FICA	3,786
10315000 51000	Personnel Services (SEE ATTACHED)	76,920

10315000 58002	FICA	5,884
13398900 51000	Personnel Services (SEE ATTACHED)	32,225
13398900 58002	FICA	2,465
10431000 51000	Personnel Services (SEE ATTACHED)	30,388
10431000 58002	FICA	2,325
10802000 51000	Personnel Services (SEE ATTACHED)	54,442
10802000 58002	FICA	4,165
		<u>300,000</u>

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

10131000 427705	Vacancy Control Factor	300,000
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2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7 – Other Business

There was no other business submitted to the meeting.

Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

Christopher Muro, from the Town of Carmel questioned if there are any plans to increase the public transportation system. He stated that it is difficult to move around the town without the bus routes.

Chairman Jonke explained that the item was not on the agenda. He stated that Mr. Muro could contact the Legislature’s office, the County Executive’s office or the Department of Transportation. He stated that if he contacted the Legislative office, we would do our best to guide you in the right direction.

Item #9 - Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Addonizio congratulated all the June graduates. She reminded everyone to attend Arts on the Lake in Kent to celebrate Global Water Week. Live performances and environmental expositions will begin on June 5, 2023 through June 10, 2023.

Legislator Ellner congratulated all the seniors throughout the County. He stated that for the first time in a number of years, section 1 held an all-star senior lacrosse game. He stated that Putnam County brought in senior players from Carmel, Brewster, Haldane and Mahopac High Schools. He also congratulated the graduates.

Legislator Nacerino also congratulated all the graduates from preschool and all the way on up. She also informed everyone that the Community Engagement & Policy Advisory Board (CEPAB) will hosting a Cultural Festival on Saturday, June 17th at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park.

Legislator Montgomery clarified that you could find in the Attorney General’s office that there was an investigation by the Attorney General and the Putnam Incorporation was dissolved. She stated that the Chairperson of that removed herself. She also mentioned

that last month one (1) of the proclamations stated that motor vehicle accidents were the leading cause of death among young people. She stated that was not the case. She stated that there was recent data published in the New England Journal of Medicine that gun violence is the leading cause of death among young people. She stated that she wears orange proudly to show her support of gun violence prevention during gun violence awareness this month. She stated that New York State was the first in the nation to declare gun violence a disaster emergency under executive order 211. She mentioned several organizations in Putnam County dedicated to creating healthier and safer communities to protect lives and prevent unnecessary tragedies. She also wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.

Legislator Gouldman stated that today, June 6th, is the 79th Anniversary of D-Day. He stated that the invasion of the beaches at Normandy occurred on June 6, 1944 and it was a day we should never forget. He reminded everyone to stay safe when enjoying the beaches in Putnam County. He stated that ticks and mosquitos are prevalent in our community. He reminded everyone to protect themselves and to remove all standing water from around their homes. He congratulated all the senior graduates.

Legislator Sayegh reminded everyone that early voting for the primary starts on June 17th.

Chairman Jonke thanked Legislator Gouldman for bringing up the 79th Anniversary of D-Day. He stated that it was for the freedoms we enjoy today. He stated that tomorrow is the 98th birthday of our former State Assemblyman Will Stephens, Sr. He stated that he is his neighbor and he has always treated him as his son throughout the years.

There being no further business, at 7:39 P.M., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.