

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

Members: Chairman Gouldman & Legislators Gross & Wright

Monday **6:30 p.m.** **June 13, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Chairman Gouldman who requested Eric Gross lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislator Wright and Chairman Gouldman were present. Legislator Gross was absent. Chairman Gouldman stated that Legislator Nacerino has agreed to participate as a member of the Committee for tonight's meeting, pursuant to the Legislative Manual.

Chairman Gouldman requested for a moment of silence for the terrible incident that occurred in Orlando, Florida.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to waive the rules and accept the other business; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #10 – Other Business

a. Commissioner Sutton/Announcement/Bureau of Emergency Services/New Deputy Commissioner/Ken Clair

Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Anthony Sutton stated the Legislature approved a new Deputy Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services position during the 2016 budget process. He stated the prior to the official announcement he wanted the Legislature to be aware that after a very in-depth interviewing process Mr. Ken Clair from the Brewster Fire Department has been selected to fill the said position. He stated he apologizes for leaving the Protective Services Committee ("Committee") meeting early; he has to go to a Fireman's Association of New York-Emergency Medical Services Educator of Excellence Award Ceremony. He stated Michael Revenson, who is a teacher at Mahopac High School and a practicing paramedic, will be receiving the Educator of Excellence Award. He provided his extreme respect and support of the recognition of Mr. Revenson.

Item #8 – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (16A028)/Reallocate Public Safety Answering Points Grant Funding from Contingency

Commissioner Sutton stated the Bureau of Emergency Services applied for the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant and Resolution #34 of 2016 allowed the Bureau to accept the award. He stated the Finance Department put the money into contingency because they believed the money awarded was State Aid. He stated tonight is a corrective action to take the funding out of contingency and transfer it to the grant budget line.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to move Budgetary Amendment 16A028/ Reallocate Public Safety Answering Points Grant Funding from Contingency to the Audit & Administration Committee; Seconded by Chairman Gouldman.

By Poll Vote:

2 Ayes, 1 Abstention-Legislator Wright

Item #3 – Approval/Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes/ April 14, 2016

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #4 – Approval/Re-Appointments to the Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board/Fran McCarthy & Albert Jacobs/They Will Serve a (3) Year Terms to Expire 12/31/18

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve the re-appointments of Fran McCarthy & Albert Jacobs to the Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #5 – Approval/Appointment to the Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board/Kevin Neary, Chiefs Association Representative/To Serve a (3) Year Terms to Expire 12/31/18

Legislator Wright stated he personally knows Kevin Neary and believed that he will be a great addition to the Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve the appointment of Kevin Neary to the Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board; Seconded by Legislator Wright. All in favor.

Item #6 – Presentation/Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board/Proposing Local Law-Standardization of Emergency Elevator Keys

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

Chairman of the Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board Eric Gross listed the names of the Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board (“Board”) Members that were present at the Committee meeting: Eric Peters, Ed Butler, Fran McCarthy Eileen Barret, Albert Jacobs and Frank Christian. He stated the board would like to discuss the matter of “Standardized Elevator Keys”. He stated through the Board’s efforts a radio repeater system was installed at Putnam Hospital Center. He stated as a result of the radio repeater system emergency operations can be heard on the outside of the Hospital when emergency responders are inside the Hospital.

Board Member Eric Peters stated more and more buildings are getting taller in Putnam County and therefore elevators have become a bigger obstacle for emergency responders. He stated New York State has not adopted the international building codes, but the State is currently discussing the adoption of the code. He believed it would be beneficial for a New York State standardized

emergency elevator key. He stated the proposed local law would ensure that a Standard Elevator Key could not be duplicated by anyone. He stated for older elevators that will not be able to accept the protected keys they will be retrofitted. He stated this issue will be enforced by the code enforcement officers. He stated he does not support the notion of elevators being included in a grandfathered clause. He believed it may be difficult to have county buildings and school buildings updated with the international building codes.

Legislator Nacerino questioned if the international building codes are adopted by the State, hence it will supersede home rule.

Board Member Peters stated that is correct.

Legislator Nacerino questioned if the mutual aid will be extended to out of state.

Board Member Ed Butler stated each fire department in Putnam County has mutual aid extended. He stated fire departments such as Croton Falls Fire Department (Westchester County) and Mill Plain Fire Department (Connecticut) extend their assistance. He stated at the last two (2) chief meetings, the proposal was discussed of having a county wide key in a knox box.

Legislator Nacerino questioned if an out of state fire department would have the same ability to have access to the knox box.

Board Member Butler stated that matter has not been discussed yet. He stated he would like for out of state fire departments near our local municipalities to have access to the key via knox box. He stated some of the older buildings throughout the County cannot be changed, so an access key to the elevator can be stored in a knox box.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if Westchester County and Dutchess County have similar issues with having the need for a standardized emergency elevator key.

Board Member Butler stated yes.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if Westchester County and Dutchess County will use the same standardized system.

Board Member Butler stated each department has their own system.

Legislator Gouldman questioned how many elevators are in the County.

Board Member Butler stated there are many such as the schools, senior centers, and condos.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board wants to have a local law or a state law in place for the standardized emergency elevator keys.

Board Member Butler stated yes, it is important that all the codes be upgraded.

Legislator Gouldman questioned when this proposed law will be approved.

Board Member Butler stated he is on the Hudson Valley Region Fireman's Association of the State of New York ("FASNY") Legislation Committee and he believed this will be discussed when they meet again in October.

Legislator Castellano stated the purpose of the request is to have a local law that allows all fire departments have a key that will be able to unlock an elevator in new buildings. He questioned if the recently constructed buildings will have the ability to establish a standardized key.

Board Member Peters stated a lot of the older buildings have wiring that can allow a standardized key for the elevator.

Legislator Castellano stated he is concerned with the cost placed on to the building owner for them to be compliant with the building code.

Board Member Butler stated most knox boxes can be purchased for a price of \$75 to \$300.

Board Member Peters stated that they are being proactive brining this information at this phase, along with that comes some missing statistics. He stated that some of the research and foot work will be done by he and Chief Butler in order to alleviate some potential frustration in this process. He stated that they will continue to provide the Legislature as they gather more facts with updates.

Item #7 – Update/Sheriff's Department/Coverage for the Town of Southeast Fireworks event-Highlands Shopping Center

Putnam County Sheriff's Department Captain Frank Christian stated the Sheriff's Department reached out to other agencies in reference to the Town of Southeast Fireworks event ("Event"). He stated the New York State Police will provide six (6) State Troopers, and the Village of Brewster Police will provide five (5) officers to assist with the event. He stated the Putnam County REACT Team will have ten (10) members present at the event. He stated there will also be four (4) Fire Police at the event.

Legislator LoBue questioned if the spending for the Event is below budget.

Captain Christian stated it is below budget.

Legislator Gouldman questioned what organization the fire police is associated with.

Captain Christian stated it is the Putnam County Fire Police.

Legislator Castellano stated the Brewster Police believed that they are getting paid for their services for the Event.

Captain Christian stated the Brewster Police were never told that they were going to be paid for their service. He stated if any Legislator has any further questions regarding that Undersheriff Convery can answer them.

Legislator LoBue questioned if the ERT is included in the Event's budget.

Captain Christian stated yes, the ERT is included.

Legislator LoBue stated one (1) of the towns is complaining about the costs incurred of using the ERT.

Captain Christian stated the funding is only reimbursing the Putnam County's portion of the ERT.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the plans from last year have changed for this year's Event.

Captain Christian stated yes, some things have changed. He stated last year, there were approximately 15,000 people at the Event and it took about one (1) hour and 10 minutes to clear them out. He stated this year the goal is to shorten the time to clear people out the location by not letting anyone enter the Highlands Shopping Center once the fireworks begin and after the event all lanes for the plaza will be used as an exit. He believed this new plan will shorten the clearing out time to roughly 40 minutes.

Legislator Albano believed this Event serves as a great exercise for many agencies to collaborate with each other.

Item #9 –FYI/County Executive/s Appointment to the MTA Board-Neal Zuckerman- Duly Noted

Item #11- Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:00 p.m., Chairman Gouldman made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant, Lisa Sommers.