

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

Members: Chairman Gouldman & Legislators Castellano & Jonke

Monday

April 17, 2017

(Physical Services Meeting Immediately Followed Economic Dev. Mtg.)

The meeting was called to order at 6:42p.m. by Chairman Gouldman who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Gouldman stated Legislator Castellano is unable to attend this evening. therefore Legislator Sullivan has been requested to sit in. Upon roll call Legislators Jonke, Sullivan and Chairman Gouldman were present. Legislator Castellano was absent.

Item #3 - Approval/Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes/February 21 & March 20, 2017
Chairman Gouldman stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #4 - Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A017)/State Seized Asset Reserve Funds Rent a Vehicle for the Narcotics Enforcement Unit Undercover Operations/Sheriff's Department

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment (17A017); Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Chairman Gouldman questioned if there is a mileage restriction.

Undersheriff Boscia stated there is no mileage restriction. He stated if this practice works well it will be continued. He stated this is the first vehicle being rented for this purpose.

Legislator Nacerino questioned if there are any other costs associated with this.

Undersheriff Boscia stated there are no additional costs.

Item #5 - Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A021)/Funds to Purchase Build Out Items for Police Motorcycle (Motorcycle Purchased B. A.#17A001 R#/34-2017)

Chairman Gouldman stated the purchase of the motorcycle was approved. He stated this is additional funding being requested to cover the cost to build out the motorcycle.

Legislator Jonke questioned if there is a reason why all of the funding was not requested at the same time.

Undersheriff Boscia stated it was an error on the part of the Sheriff's Department

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment (17A021)/Funds to Purchase Build Out Items for Police Motorcycle (Motorcycle Purchased B. A.#17A001 R#/34-2017); Seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Item #6 - Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A023)/Funds Awarded under the FY2016 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program/Bureau of Emergency Services

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment (17A023); Seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Item #8 - FYI/Statistics for Coroner Cases in Putnam County as of April 4, 2017

Chairman Gouldman stated that there was some confusion a few months back on numbers that were reported to be Coroner Cases. He stated as a result he requested that Coordinator of Coroners Dr. Nesheiwat please provide this report to this committee on a monthly basis. He stated for clarification, there was a statement made earlier this year that there were 10 overdose fatalities in Putnam County in 2017. He stated that was incorrect. He stated according to this report as of April 4, 2017 there is 1 (one) confirmed overdose for 2017.

Chairman Gouldman apologized, he accidentally skipped over item # 7.

Item #7 - Update/ 2016 Interoperable Communications Grant-Awarded/Commissioner Sutton

Chairman Gouldman stated Putnam County has been awarded \$482,929 through the 2016 Interoperable Communications Grant Program.

Item #9 – Other Business

Legislator Jonke made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Item #9a. FYI/Budgetary Amendment (17A015)/New York Stated GTSC Funds for DWI Crackdown Enforcement and DRE Callouts

Probation Director Funicelli stated this is funding made available to Putnam County. He stated this funding will cover the costs of additional DWI patrols at specified times throughout the year, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Holiday Season, St. Patrick’s Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day. He stated when the additional DWI patrols are done, they report back to the Probation Director with the number of additional hours on patrol during the specified times. He stated that is considered overtime, the Probation Director then submits the paper to the foundation and they reimburse the cost for the additional patrols.

Item #9b. Approval/Fund Transfer (17T055)/ Overtime to Cover Correction Officer Vacancies/ Sheriff’s Department

Chairman Gouldman questioned if Undersheriff Boscia knows the time frame that this fund transfer covers.

Undersheriff Boscia stated he did not know. He stated that they are down eight (8) people. He stated once those vacancies are filled this amount of overtime will be reduced. He provided insight into the hiring process working off the list that the Personnel Department has.

Legislator Jonke questioned if the vacancies are a result of people retiring.

Undersheriff Boscia stated that it is as a result of a combination of retirement and discipline.

Legislator Jonke questioned how long does is the process from when an officer is first disciplined until action is taken.

Undersheriff Boscia stated it is dependent on the specific case.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she recalls from previous years and discussions regarding filling vacancies in the Sheriff’s department that it is a very tedious screening process. She stated that it was reported that

a person eligible on the Civil Service list, does not make them necessarily a suitable candidate for a position in the Sheriff's Department.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to approve Fund Transfer (17T055)/ Overtime to Cover Correction Officer Vacancies/ Sheriff's Department; Seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Item #9c – Discussion/Town of Southeast 4th of July Fireworks Event

Legislator Jonke stated the Town of Southeast 4th of July Fireworks Event (Event) is now funded by the community. He stated there is a committee that presents the event and for the last three (3) years the Sheriff's Department along with other agencies have helped with traffic control and general safety. He stated that the committee is looking to the Sheriff's Department to assist at this event again this year.

Chairman Gouldman stated that last year the Legislature approved Resolution #67. It was to pay for the Sheriff's Department participation at this same event, in the amount of \$13,970. He questioned if that would be the same amount for 2017.

Captain Velotti stated no. He stated it would be more because of the increase in the Deputies salaries. He stated the projected cost for 2017 including FICA is \$17,087.59 for the Sheriff's Department participation at the event.

Legislator Jonke questioned how many hours are the Deputies at the site of the event, the Highlands Shopping Center.

Captain Velotti stated eight (8) hours. He stated that they are there for traffic control, over all security of the event, and they set up early to beat the crowd. He stated that they stay until everyone leaves after the fireworks. He stated the crowd at the 2016 fireworks was less than the year before because there were many locations hosting events on the same night. He stated this year the Sheriff's Department would plan for a the big crowd.

Legislator Jonke stated in the document submitted this evening written by Captain Francis Christian, it states there was an estimate of 8,000 people in attendance last year. He questioned how was that number calculated.

Captain Velotti stated he does not know how it was calculated, maybe based on the number of cars in the lot.

Legislator Jonke stated that he does not believe there was near 8,000 people in the parking lots.

Captain Velotti stated that he was not sure about 2016, but at the event in 2015 he believes there was about 10,000 in attendance. He stated that they are spread out in the parking lots by Home Depot, Khols, DeCiccoss, the green medical building, the Department of Motor Vehicle and in the MTA lot.

Chairman Gouldman questioned if officers are assigned in all of the areas mentioned.

Captain Velotti stated yes.

Legislator Sullivan stated in the memo from Captain Christian it states there will be 53 members of service needed at the 2017 Event. He questioned if that is members of the Sheriff's Department.

Captain Velotti stated no that includes, Putnam County ERT, State Police, MTA Police, REACT and Putnam County Fire Police.

Legislator Sullivan questioned if the projected \$17,087.59 pays for all of the agencies involvement.

Captain Velotti stated no, it only pays for the Sheriff's Department participation.

Legislator Nacerino stated that the 2016 total cost included FICA and the total was \$13,970, and the projection for 2017 including FICA is \$17,087.59. She stated there is a big differential between last year and this year, and questioned why that is. She stated that she recalls discussing this event last year, and budgeted "not to exceed \$17,000".

Legislator Addonizio questioned how many officers from the Sheriff's Department worked the 2016 event.

Captian Velotti said 21.

Undersheriff Boscia stated he believes the money allocated in 2016 did not cover the amount of officers who worked the event.

Legislator Nacerino questioned how they get paid.

Undersheriff Boscia stated they were paid out of other budget lines.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she would like to get the actual amounts paid out for this 2016 Event from County Auditor Michele Sharkey. She stated she would like to have an accurate realm of reference.

Undersheriff Boscia stated Captain Christian who compiled the projection for 2017 was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He stated that he may be able to explain it better.

Chairman Gouldman stated it will be discuss next month.

Legislator Jonke stated looking at the numbers presented in this memo form Captain Christian: 21 members of the Sheriff's Department working 8 hours divided into \$17,087.59 equals \$101.70/per hour. He questioned if that sounds accurate.

Captain Velotti stated the hourly rate should be around \$65 -\$70/per hour, as overtime. He stated then the FICA amount needs to be added to that. He stated the total number of Sheriff's Department people to be in attendance is actually 27 not 21, the 6 members from the Putnam County ERT are included as the Sheriff's Department employees.

Legislator Jonke questioned who determines the amount of people needed to work the event.

Captain Velotti stated the Sheriff's Department.

Legislator Sullivan questioned the Sheriff's Department determines the total or just the total from the Sheriff's Department.

Captain Velotti stated the total number. He stated that there is an Operations Plan that has been created form their years of involvement. He stated the amount of manpower needed is determined based on the projected crowd size, need to secure the area and keep the traffic flowing. He stated the first year, there were not enough officers assigned to the event and it was unruly.

Legislator Albano questioned if the Village of Brewster Police can help.

Captain Velotti stated they have no jurisdiction there as it is the Town of Southeast.

Legislator Albano stated in the past they had offered to help.

Undersheriff Boscia stated the Village of Brewster Police cannot enforce their laws there. He stated the State Police can go wherever and the MTA police can go to any County with a railroad.

Chairman Gouldman clarified that the State police committed to having seven (7) officers there.

Legislator Jonke questioned if there have been any arrests at the event since the Sheriff's Department got involved.

Captain Velotti stated no, though there should have been many arrests during the first year, but there was not enough manpower.

Legislator Jonke requested clarification on when the first year was.

Undersheriff Boscia stated this will be the fourth year of the event at its current location.

Chairman Gouldman stated the first year was 2014.

Legislator Jonke stated he thought there was no enforcement there that year.

Captain Velotti stated there were six (6) officers for 10,000 people that showed up for the event.

Chairman Gouldman questioned how many people attend the Cold Spring Fireworks.

Undersheriff Boscia stated it is a different event because a lot of people walk there. He stated the Cold Spring Police Department is there for enforcement so the Sheriff's Department sends approximately six (6) officers.

Chairman Gouldman stated discussion on this will continue at the next Protective Services meeting, May 2017.

Item #10- Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:14 p.m., Chairman Gouldman made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk of The Legislature Diane Trabulsy.