

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

Tuesday January 8, 2019 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by County Clerk Michael Bartolotti who requested Legislator Montgomery lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. County Clerk Bartolotti then requested Legislator Sayegh to lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Jonke, Castellano, Sayegh and Sullivan were present. Legislator Albano was absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Item #4 – Appointment/Chair/Putnam County Legislature was called first. County Clerk Bartolotti requested nominations from the floor for Chair of the Legislature.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to nominate Legislator Castellano as Chairman; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

Legislator Nacerino stated that Legislator Castellano had done a superb job as Chair in 2018 and he deserves to lead this Legislative body for another term. He has proven to be steadfast and calm, while remaining firm in his resolve to do what is best for the people of Putnam County. She stated that we will be rolling up our sleeves in continuing to do the people’s work in the upcoming year. We would be fortunate to have Legislator Castellano at the helm for another term.

Legislator Jonke stated that it was his honor to second the nomination for Legislator Castellano as Chairman. He stated that he has worked with Legislator Castellano for the last couple of years and stated that he has been a diligent and hardworking member of this Legislature.

Legislator Montgomery requested a discussion. She explained that she spoke to Legislator Castellano early December and welcomed the opportunity to volunteer for certain Committees. She referenced the email she forwarded to the Legislators today requesting to be appointed as the liaison Legislative representative to certain Boards. She stated that she was happy to move forward in electing Legislator Castellano as Chairman with the hope that he and the Legislature will consider the volunteer items she has put forth.

County Clerk Bartolotti requested a roll call vote on the nomination.

RESOLUTION #1

APPOINTMENT/CHAIR/PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that Joseph Castellano be appointed to the position of Chair of the Putnam County Legislature, with all the rights, privileges and duties of the office as set

forth in the Putnam County Charter as permitted by law for a period ending December 31, 2019.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5 – Appointment/Deputy Chair/Putnam County Legislature was next.

Chairman Castellano made a motion to nominate Legislator Addonizio as Deputy Chair; seconded by Legislator Sullivan.

Chairman Castellano stated that Legislator Addonizio did a fantastic job as Deputy Chair in 2018. She represents the residents of the Town of Kent and Putnam County in the most outstanding fashion. He stated that he has worked together with her on the Putnam County Veterans Medal and a number of other items in the past. She is in her fourth year as a Putnam County Legislator.

Legislator Sullivan stated that Legislator Addonizio has done a terrific job as Deputy Chair this past year in supporting the Chairman when necessary.

Chairman Castellano called for a roll call vote on the nomination.

RESOLUTION #2

APPOINTMENT/DEPUTY CHAIR/PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that Toni Addonizio be appointed to the position of Deputy Chair of the Putnam County Legislature, with all the rights privileges and duties of the office as set forth in the Putnam County Charter, as permitted by law for a period ending December 31, 2019.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6 – Re-Appointment/County Auditor was called next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

RESOLUTION #3

RE-APPOINTMENT/COUNTY AUDITOR

RESOLVED, that Michele Alfano-Sharkey be re-appointed to the position of County Auditor, with all the rights, privileges and duties of the Office as set forth in the Putnam County Charter, as permitted by law for a three-year term period ending December 31, 2021.

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

Item #7 – Adoption of Legislative Manual was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to table this item. She explained it was her opinion that the manual needed some revisions. She stated that some of the wording was unintelligible such as the word “channeling” in certain areas. She provided an example: “we are channeling our initiatives” or “we have to channel any correspondence between department heads to the County Executive”. She believed that the procedures needed to be defined.

Chairman Castellano asked if there was a second on the motion to table. There was no second.

Legislator Montgomery believed that we were not serving the public by having this document serve as our code for communicating. She stated that in the best interest of the public, the Legislature should want a document that is clear.

Chairman Castellano called for a Roll Call Vote on the resolution.

RESOLUTION #4

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE MANUAL

WHEREAS, Section 2, Sub-division B(f) of the Legislative Manual requires that the Legislature adopt annually its Legislative Manual, including any amendments incorporated therein; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature adopts the annexed Legislative Manual for the year 2019.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #8 – Adoption of Legislative Calendar was next. Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Sullivan.

RESOLUTION #5

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

WHEREAS, the Legislative Manual for the Legislature of the County of Putnam provides that annually the Legislative Calendar shall be adopted and promulgated by the Clerk of the Legislature, that the Legislature meets on the first Tuesday of each and every month thereof, except where noted; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following schedule be adopted as to Regular Meeting dates of the Putnam County Legislature for the year 2019:

Tuesday	January 8, 2019
Tuesday	February 5, 2019
Tuesday	March 5, 2019
Tuesday	April 2, 2019

Tuesday	May 7, 2019
Tuesday	June 4, 2019
Tuesday	July 2, 2019
Tuesday	August 6, 2019
Tuesday	September 3, 2019
Tuesday	October 1, 2019
Wednesday	November 6, 2019
Tuesday	December 3, 2019

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

Item #9 – Designation of Official Newspaper was next. Chairman Castellano recognized Legislator Sullivan.

Legislator Sullivan made a motion to designate the Putnam County Courier as an official newspaper of Putnam County; seconded by Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino.

RESOLUTION #6

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 2.04 (k) of the Putnam County Charter, the following newspaper, to wit:

Putnam County Courier

is hereby designated as an official newspaper of the County of Putnam for the publication of all concurrent resolutions, election notices, official canvasses, enactments and other matters required by law to be published for the year 2019.

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

Item #10 – Designation of Official Newspaper was next. Chairman Castellano recognized Legislator Gouldman.

Legislator Gouldman made a motion to designate the Putnam County News & Recorder as an official newspaper of Putnam County; seconded by Legislator Addonizio.

RESOLUTION #7

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 2.04 (k) of the Putnam County Charter, the following newspaper, to wit:

Putnam County News & Recorder

is hereby designated as an official newspaper of the County of Putnam for the publication of all concurrent resolutions, election notices, official canvasses, enactments and other matters required by law to be published for the year 2019.

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

Item #11 – Designation of Official Newspaper was next. Chairman Castellano recognized Legislator Nacerino.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to designate the Putnam County Press as an official newspaper of Putnam County; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she understands that the County does not pay for legal notices in other newspapers, however, she questioned if the legal notices are also submitted to other newspapers whether they choose to print them or not. She questioned if there could be a resolution requesting the clerk to submit information to the other newspapers that service all of Putnam County.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she believed that has not been our practice. She explained that it could be something that could be discussed in Committee forthcoming if that was something Legislator Montgomery would like to discuss.

RESOLUTION #8

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 2.04 (k) of the Putnam County Charter, the following newspaper, to wit:

Putnam County Press

is hereby designated as an official newspaper of the County of Putnam for the publication of all concurrent resolutions, election notices, official canvasses, enactments and other matters required by law to be published for the year 2019.

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

Item #12 – Permission for Legislature to Attend Conferences, Seminars & Official Business for the County was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

RESOLUTION #9

PERMISSION FOR LEGISLATURE TO ATTEND CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE COUNTY

RESOLVED, that Legislators and Legislative Staff be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while attending conferences, seminars and official business of the

County for the year 2019 for any such event costing under \$200.00. Any such event costing over \$200.00 will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Legislature.

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

Item #13 – Authorization for County Auditor to Approve Erroneous Assessments Under \$2,500 was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Addonizio.

RESOLUTION #10

AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY AUDITOR TO APPROVE ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS UNDER \$2,500

WHEREAS, Chapter 515 of the Laws of 1997 authorizes a tax levying body, by resolution, to delegate to an official who is empowered to authorize the payment of bills without prior audit by such board, the authority to perform the duties of the tax levying body as specified in Section 556(8) of the Real Property Tax Law; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby delegates to the County Auditor the authority to review and approve applications for refunds of taxes due to erroneous assessments, whether by clerical error or unlawful entry, and where the recommended refund is \$2,500 or less; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to statute, this authority shall expire on December 31, 2019.

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

Item #14 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Cooperative Extension Board was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan.

RESOLUTION #11

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BOARD

RESOLVED, that Toni Addonizio be appointed as the Legislative Representative to the Cooperative Extension Board for a period of one year, said term to expire on December 31, 2019.

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

Item #15 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Jury Board was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

RESOLUTION #12

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/JURY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Carl L. Albano be appointed Legislative Representative to the Putnam County Jury Board for a period of one year, said term to expire on December 31, 2019.

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

Item #16 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Region 3 Forest Practice Board was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sullivan.

RESOLUTION #13

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/REGION 3 FOREST PRACTICE BOARD

RESOLVED, that Nancy Montgomery be appointed Legislative Representative to the Region 3 Forest Practice Board for a period of one year, said term to expire on December 31, 2019.

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

Item #17 – Appointment/Legislative Representatives/Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sullivan.

Legislator Montgomery stated that this was one of the representative liaison positions that she was looking to be appointed to. She stated that she emailed her credentials to the Legislators. She proceeded to detail her credentials. She questioned how the appointments are determined and what qualifies someone to be the liaison to these Boards.

Legislator Nacerino explained that as elected officials we are qualified to be on the Boards. She explained the rotation of being exposed to different Boards.

RESOLUTION #14

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES/PUTNAM COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD

RESOLVED, that Amy Sayegh and Ginny Nacerino be appointed Legislative Representatives to the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board for a one year term, said term to expire December 31, 2019.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #18 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Records Management Board was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

RESOLUTION #15

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/RECORDS MANAGEMENT BOARD

RESOLVED, that Paul Jonke be appointed Legislative Representative to the Records Management Board for a one year period, said term to expire December 31, 2019.

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

Item #19 – Appointment/Legislative Representatives/Putnam County Board of Health was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

Legislator Montgomery stated, as she pointed out in her email, she does not know what the qualifications are or how they figured out who would be on the Boards because she was not present for the discussions. She believed it would be important for the public to know why she wanted to be appointed to these Boards or various Committees that she volunteered for. She detailed her various qualifications. She stated that she was disappointed in not being considered as an alternate to this Board.

Chairman Castellano stated that she was definitely considered. He stated that there are nine (9) Legislators that would like to be on certain Boards and it is very difficult to get everyone into those positions. He stated that her email was taken into consideration. He stated that there are eight other Legislators that all feel they are capable of sitting on any one of these Boards.

RESOLUTION #16

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES/PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

RESOLVED, that Amy Sayegh be appointed as Legislative Representative to the Putnam County Board of Health for a period of one year, said term to expire December 31, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Neal L. Sullivan will serve as an Alternate to the Putnam County Board of Health for a period of one year, said term to expire December 31, 2019.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #20 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislators Addonizio and Sullivan.

RESOLUTION #17

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

RESOLVED, that Amy Sayegh be appointed as the Legislative Representative to the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board for a period of one year, said term to expire on December 31, 2019.

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

Item #21 – Appointment/Putnam County Representative/Catskill Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation Board was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislators Jonke and Nacerino.

RESOLUTION #18

APPOINTMENT/PUTNAM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE/CATSKILL REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION BOARD

RESOLVED, that Vincent Tamagna be appointed as the Putnam County representative to the Catskill Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation Board, for a one year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2019; 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. LEGISLATOR ALBANO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #22 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Fish & Wildlife Management Board was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino.

RESOLUTION #19

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

RESOLVED, that Nancy Montgomery be appointed as Legislative Representative on the Fish and Wildlife Management Board, for a one (1) year term to expire on December 31, 2019.

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

Item #23 – Appointment/Law Library Board was next. Chariman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Addonizio.

RESOLUTION #20

APPOINTMENT/LAW LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Paul Jonke be appointed to the Law Library Board for a one (1) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Ginny Nacerino shall serve as an Alternate to the Law Library Board for a one (1) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2019.

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

Item #24 - Appointment/Legislative Liaison/Veterans Affairs was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

RESOLUTION #21

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE LIAISON/VETERANS AFFAIRS

RESOLVED, that Ginny Nacerino be appointed Legislative Liaison for Veterans Affairs for a period of one (1) year, said term to expire December 31, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Toni Addonizio shall serve as an Alternate as Legislative Liaison for Veterans Affairs for a period of one (1) year, said term to expire December 31, 2019.

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

Item #25 – Approval/Appointment/ Legislative Representative/ Putnam County Traffic Safety Board was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

RESOLUTION #22

APPROVAL/APPOINTMENT/ LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES/ PUTNAM COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Neal Sullivan and William Gouldman be appointed as the Legislative Representatives to the Putnam County Traffic Safety Board for a period of one (1) year, said term to expire on December 31, 2019.

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

Item #26 – Confirmation/ Designation of Jail Chief Medical Officer was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan.

RESOLUTION #23

CONFIRMATION/ DESIGNATION OF JAIL CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

WHEREAS, due to a change in the Corrections Law, Section 501 in July of 2017, a physician from the medical services provider to the Putnam County Jail shall be designated to act as the Chief Medical Officer of the Jail; and

WHEREAS, PrimeCare has been awarded the RFP to provide medical services for the Putnam County Corrections Facility through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, PrimeCare has designated Dr. Michael Nesheiwat to act as the Chief Medical Officer for the Jail; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby confirms the designation of Dr. Michael Nesheiwat to act as the Chief Medical Officer for the Putnam County Corrections Facility, for a period of one (1) year, said term to expire December 31, 2019.

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

Item #27 – Appointment/Legislative Representatives/Putnam County Fire Advisory Board was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

RESOLUTION #24

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES/PUTNAM COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Neal L. Sullivan be appointed as Legislative Representative to the Putnam County Fire Advisory Board, for a one (1) year term to expire on December 31, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Ginny Nacerino will serve as an Alternate to the Putnam County Fire Advisory Board, for a one (1) year term to expire on December 31, 2019.

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

Item #28 – Approval/Appointment/ Budget & Finance Committee Representative / Capital Projects Committee was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sullivan.

RESOLUTION #25

APPOINTMENT/BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE/CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, County Charter § 7.05 (B)(3) provides that there shall be a Capital Projects Committee consisting of various members including a designee of the Budget and Finance Committee; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Carl L. Albano be appointed as Budget & Finance Committee Representative to the County’s Capital Projects Committee for a period of one (1) year, said term to expire on December 31, 2019.

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

Item #29 – Approval/ Appointment/ Additional Legislative Representative Member of Capital Projects Committee was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

RESOLUTION #26

APPOINTMENT/ ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER OF CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, County Charter § 7.05 (B)(3) provides for the appointment to the County's Capital Projects Committee a member of the County Legislature representing the minority political party, if another party is represented, or a member elected without party endorsement; and

WHEREAS, Legislator Nancy Montgomery is the sole member of the County Legislature representing the minority political party; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that pursuant to County Charter § 7.05 (B)(3), the County Legislature designates Nancy Montgomery as the additional member of the County's Capital Projects Committee for a period of one (1) year, said term to expire on December 31, 2019.

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

Item #30 – Approval/Authorization/Legislators to Attend January New York State Association of Counties Conference was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

RESOLUTION #27

APPROVAL/AUTHORIZATION/LEGISLATORS TO ATTEND JANUARY NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, four Legislators have requested permission to attend the New York State Association of Counties Conference to be held in Albany, New York in January 2019 for registration and lodging total expenditure of approximately \$937 per person; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approves their requests; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that four Legislators are authorized to attend the New York State Association of Counties Conference to be held in Albany, New York in January 2019.

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

Item #31 – Approval/Purchasing Department/Identifying Individuals Responsible for Purchasing was next. Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

RESOLUTION #28

APPROVAL/PURCHASING DEPARTMENT/IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING

WHEREAS, Section 140-1.5 of the Putnam County Code (Procurement Policy) requires the Legislature to annually identify the individuals responsible for purchasing and their respective titles; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature re-affirms the County's Procurement Policy as contained in Chapter 140 of the Putnam County Code and identifies the following individuals and their respective titles as the individuals responsible for purchasing:

- a. Alessandro Mazzotta, Director of Purchasing**
- b. Alexis Hawley, Assistant Supervisor of Planning and Design**
- c. Michele Pinto, Account Clerk**

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

Item #32 – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (19A001)/Sheriff's Department/Establish Carmel SPO was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sullivan.

Chairman Castellano explained that language was added to the resolution that approval would be subject to a response from an inquiry made to New York State and upon further determination of the Law Department.

Chairman Castellano believed this was a great use of the SPO program; helping the Town of Carmel.

Legislator Montgomery clarified for the public that this is not money coming from the Putnam County budget. She stated that she has spoken with the Town of Carmel Supervisor and the Putnam County Sheriff.

Chairman Castellano stated that the request for this was made by the Town of Carmel and they will handle the expense.

RESOLUTION #29

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ESTABLISH CARMEL SPO

WHEREAS, the Town of Carmel requested two (2) Special Patrol Officers (SPO) for security at the Town Hall Monday through Thursday for 247 business days; and

WHEREAS, the total of eight (8) hours per day would be split by the two (2) SPOs four (4) hours per day at a rate of \$25.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carmel will pay all costs associated with providing these two SPOs; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee reviewed said proposal at its November and December 2018 Committee meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (19A001) to establish the Town of Carmel SPO budget as of 1/01/19; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Law Department has forwarded an inquiry to the State to determine if other jurisdictions have been authorized to provide these services under similar circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Law Department has not yet received a response from the State; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment pending receiving a response from the State and further determination of said response by the Putnam County Law Department; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

16099000 51094 10147	Temporary – 2 SPOs	50,000
16099000 52180 10147	Other Equipment	6,960
16099000 54385 10147	Uniforms	2,240
16099000 54640 10147	Training	1,600
16099000 58002 10147	FICA	<u>3,825</u>
		64,625

Increase Estimated Revenues:

16099000 422609 10147	SPO – Town Contracts	64,625
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2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #33 – Other Business

Chairman Castellano made a motion to waive the rules and accept the other business; seconded by Legislators Jonke and Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #33a – Approval/ Continue Veterans Service Medal Advisory Panel was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

RESOLUTION #30

APPROVAL/CONTINUE THE VETERANS' SERVICE MEDAL ADVISORY PANEL

WHEREAS, Resolution # 254 of 2017, enacted by the Legislature on December 6, 2017, and approved by the County Executive on December 12, 2017, established the Putnam County Veterans' Service Medal Advisory Panel; and

WHEREAS, said resolution provided that unless extended by subsequent resolution, the Advisory Panel shall be dissolved and terminate all activity on October 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the panel has made significant progress toward completing its mission of providing information and recommendations to the Putnam County Legislature that will enable it to adopt a future resolution setting criteria and procedures for the award of, and the design for, a new Putnam County Service Medal, and

WHEREAS, the panel needs additional time to complete this important work to honor Putnam County's veterans; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Veterans' Service Medal Advisory Panel Advisory Panel shall be continued, and unless extended by subsequent resolution, the panel shall be dissolved and terminate all activity on December 31, 2019, on which date the panel shall deposit all records of its proceedings with the Clerk of the Legislature.

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

Item #34 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

Lynne Eckardt, Town of Southeast, welcomed Legislator Montgomery.

Kathleen Foley, Town of Philipstown, spoke to the appointment of Dr. Michael Nesheiwat as the Jail Physician. She clarified that Dr. Nesheiwat was also the Putnam County Coroner and Acting Commissioner of Health. She questioned if he had a fourth position.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated that the Legislature confirmed the designation by the Medical Provider for the Jail. He stated that it was providence to name someone as the Chief Medical Officer.

Ms. Foley stated that this is the third appointment for this gentleman. She stated that he has been Acting Commissioner of Health since 2015. She encouraged the Legislature, given the drug crisis and mental health issues in our community and the myriad of public health issues, to cast a broader net. She was concerned about the amount of positions held by this one (1) person and his capacity to perform all the duties required, while also having a private practice. She believed there should be a full time Commissioner of Health who is only focused on that job. She hoped that the Legislature could move to make that a full Commissioner and not an Acting Commissioner position. She also referenced the questions asked by Legislator Montgomery about the Legislative appointments to Committees and Advisory Boards. She voiced her concern if her representative in District #1 was excluded from discussions.

Item #35 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Jonke welcomed Legislator Montgomery to the Legislature and he stated that he looked forward to working with her. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and he believed that it would be a great year for Putnam County.

Legislator Sayegh also welcomed Legislator Montgomery and she looked forward to a productive year.

Legislator Nacerino welcomed Legislator Montgomery. She stated that the Legislature looked forward to working together as a team for the good of Putnam County.

Legislator Gouldman congratulated Legislator Montgomery and stated that he looked forward working with her in Putnam Valley.

Legislator Montgomery thanked the Legislature for the warm welcome she received after the election. She thanked the Legislative Staff and all the employees in Putnam County who have been very helpful. She looked forward to the next three (3) years.

There being no further business, at 7:26 P.M., Chairman Castellano made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.

