

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
HELD VIA AUDIO WEBINAR PURSUANT TO TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDERS**

Tuesday May 5, 2020 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 P.M. by Chairwoman Addonizio who led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Nacerino, Albano, Jonke, Castellano, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that the following proclamations are done for informational purposes only this evening. They will be mailed to the relevant parties.

**MAY 2020 AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH
“MAKE YOUR MARK”**

WHEREAS, Putnam County includes a growing number of older Americans who enrich our community through their diverse life experiences; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County is committed to strengthening our community by connecting with and supporting older adults, their families and caregivers, and acknowledging their many valuable contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County recognizes the importance of bringing together all generations and engaging in activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being for the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County can enhance the lives of older Americans in our community by: Promoting home and community events that support independent living, Involving older adults in community events and other activities, and Providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead, and mentor; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim May 2020 to be Older Americans Month with the theme of “Make Your Mark”. This theme will encourage and celebrate the countless contributions that older adults provide to their communities. Their time, experience, and talents benefit families, peers, and neighbors every day. We urge every resident to take time during this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve them as essential and valuable members of our community.

SUPPORT OF THE 2020 SALE OF BUDDY POPPIES

WHEREAS, the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by government leaders since 1922; and

WHEREAS, V.F.W. Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans and the proceeds of this worthy fundraising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans; and

WHEREAS, the basic purpose of the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to “Honor the Dead by Helping the Living”; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through the purchase of Buddy Poppies on the day set aside for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedom which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

**PUTNAM COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY
MAY 5, 2020**

WHEREAS, Putnam County Youth Bureau Senior Recognition is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions young people make to our community every day of the year through volunteer service and service-learning; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County recognizes our youth as important community members, and values their unique skills, perspectives, and ideas, as they lead awareness, service, and advocacy activities; and

WHEREAS, Youth Bureau volunteers donate their time to programs such as Youth Court, Youth Forum, Youth Board, Teen-N-Kids Mentoring and a wide variety of service activities throughout Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, realizing the need for community involvement, the citizens of Putnam County are proud to unite in assisting our youth to achieve their goals and help them to develop good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments and achievements of these young citizens deserve the recognition and commendation of their community leaders; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim May 5, 2020 as Putnam County Youth Bureau High School Senior Recognition Day and thank these high school seniors for their long-standing dedication and commitment to the Putnam County community.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislator Jonke & Montgomery)**

Item #5a – Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (20T077)/ Commissioner of Finance/ Salary and Benefit Costs/ Dispatchers Positions/ Per Ratified Contract between Putnam County and CSEA was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Personnel Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Jonke and Montgomery, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #91

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY TRANSFER/ COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ SALARY AND BENEFIT COSTS/ DISPATCHERS POSITIONS/ PER RATIFIED CONTRACT BETWEEN PUTNAM COUNTY AND CSEA

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary transfer (20T077) to provide 2020 Salary and Benefit costs pursuant to contract settlement between Putnam County and CSEA regarding dispatcher positions formerly a part of the PCSEA bargaining unit; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

13398900 51000	Personnel Services	73,104
13398900 58002	Social Security	<u>5,592</u>
		78,696

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	78,696
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2020 Fiscal Impact \$78,696

2021 Fiscal Impact \$80,468

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE
(Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Montgomery & Sayegh)**

Item #5b – Approval/ Support for Home Rule Legislation Authorizing the Discontinuance and Alienation of Parkland in the Town of Southeast was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Gouldman, Chairman of the Economic Development & Energy Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Montgomery and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

Legislator Jonke stated that this project is proposed in his Legislative District in the Town of Southeast. He explained that this resolution is asking our State representatives to pass legislation which would allow the town to contemplate this land swap. He stated that we received many letters in support of this project, however, ultimately it would be up to the Town of Southeast Board and Town Planning Board to move forward. He explained that we are just expressing support for Home Rule Legislation.

Legislator Albano believed that the project had a lot of potential.

RESOLUTION #92

APPROVAL/SUPPORT FOR HOME RULE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE DISCONTINUANCE AND ALIENATION OF PARKLAND IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHEAST

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Southeast (the "Town Board") proposes to trade 82.1 acres of public parkland located on Pugsley Road in the Town of Southeast to Proswing Sports Realty, Inc. ("Proswing") in exchange for 94.9 acres of property owned by Proswing located on Starr Ridge Road in the Town of Southeast; and

WHEREAS, Proswing contemplates future recreational development, as permitted by the Zoning Code of the Town of Southeast, on the Pugsley Road parcel; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southeast intends to acquire the Starr Ridge Road parcel for dedicated open space and parkland; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board stated its belief that the Pugsley Road property, which is owned by the Town and is designated for open space, will serve a greater public benefit if it were owned and developed for recreational use by a private project sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has asserted that any conveyance of the Pugsley Road site would be specifically conditioned upon such site being deed-restricted to prohibit the site from being used for any purpose other than Recreation, as may be defined by the Town of Southeast Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes the Starr Ridge Road site will serve a greater public benefit if it were acquired by the Town for preservation as permanent open space because the Starr Ridge Road property is located along a Scenic and Historic Route designated by the Town of Southeast and has linkages to nearby open space/recreation land in Peach Lake Natural Area owned by the Putnam County Land Trust; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2020, the Town Board enacted Resolution No. 11 of 2020 by which the Town Board determined that the application to the New York State Legislature seeking permission for the Alienation of Parkland is a Type I State Environmental Quality Review action; and further determined that no potential significant adverse impacts have been identified, and that there will be no adverse impact on historical resources, as set forth in the SEQR Notice of Determination of Non-Significance dated February 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2020, the Town Board enacted Resolution No. 12 of 2020 requesting that the New York State Legislature introduce Home Rule Legislation to authorize the Town Board to alienate a portion of Town-owned parkland on Pugsley Road, known and designated as Tax Map 45, Block 1, Lots 10 & 11; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development & Energy Committee of the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approved this resolution supporting the proposed land swap at its meeting held on Monday, April 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam supports the proposed land swap as serving the interests of the residents of Putnam County by promoting smart economic development and providing enhanced recreational opportunities while protecting our valuable natural resources; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature hereby express their support for the request by the Town of Southeast that the New York State Legislature introduce Home Rule Legislation to authorize the Town Board to alienate a portion of Town-owned parkland on Pugsley Road, known and designated as Tax Map 45, Block 1, Lots 10 & 11; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to our State representatives in the State Legislature as well as the Governor and leadership of our State Legislature.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #5c – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (20A019)/ Veterans Affairs/ Peer to Peer Program was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sayegh, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Castellano thanked everyone in the Veterans Affairs office, who he believes does a great job in helping our veterans that reside in Putnam County. He appreciated all their efforts.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that she was happy to see this funding move forward. She stated that, at one point, we were all unsure whether or not this funding would be available for this year. She explained that the Peer to Peer counseling program provided by Vet to Vet is indispensable. She stated that countless veterans have been helped with issues related to PTSD.

RESOLUTION #93

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /VETERANS AFFAIRS/ PEER TO PEER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Putnam County has been notified by the NYS Office of Mental Health of \$92,500 in funding (per 2019-20 NYS Legislative Add (001)) for the Putnam County Office of Veterans Affairs Peer to Peer Support Pilot Program; 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 from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services, Mental Health has requested a budgetary amendment (20A019) to account for these funds; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Revenues:

10651000 437895 10105	Veterans Peer to Peer Program	92,500
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Increase Appropriations:

10651000 54646 10105	Veterans Peer to Peer Program – Contracts	92,500
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2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5d – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (20A020) /Commissioner of Finance/ Vacancy Control Factor January through March 2020 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sayegh, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery thanked County Auditor Sharkey and Commissioner of Finance Carlin for answering many of her questions regarding the vacancy control factor. She stated that the one (1) unanswered question she has is that it appears that the bottom line totals on the excel spreadsheet do not add up. She stated that on the spread sheet there is a total of \$440,901 and on the budgetary amendment the amount of \$434,279 does not match up with that total. She did not see how it balanced out to zero.

Legislator Castellano explained that when you add the “Contingency” amount of \$130,893; the decrease “Vacancy Control Factor” of \$300,000; the decrease “State Aid” of \$10,008; and subtract the increase “Transfer from Road Fund” of \$6,625; it will equal the \$434,276 amount. He stated that Commissioner of Finance Carlin would be the best person to address this question and he believed he did during the Audit Committee meeting last week.

Legislator Montgomery stated that it adds up on the spreadsheet, but not on Commissioner Carlin’s memorandum.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that if you add the \$434,276 amount with the County Road Fund amount of \$6,625; it equals the first column amount of \$440,901 on the spreadsheet.

Legislator Montgomery stated that it takes a lot of effort to match up the totals to see what they are for. She thanked Chairwoman Addonizio.

RESOLUTION #94

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ VACANCY CONTROL FACTOR JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2020

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (20A020) to provide for the Vacancy Control Factor for January through March 2020; 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:

SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Personal Services	328,769
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	FICA	25,151

SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Dental	4,713
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Life Insurance	1,276
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Health Insurance	69,358
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Vision	303
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Flex Plan	<u>4,706</u>
		434,276

Increase Estimated Appropriations:
10199000 54980 Contingency 130,893

Decrease Estimated Revenues:
10131000 427705 Vacancy Control Factor 300,000

Decrease Estimated Revenues:
12401000 434011 State Aid – Public Health 10,008

Increase Estimated Revenues:
10131000 428551 Transfer from Road Fund 6,625

COUNTY ROAD FUND:

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET Personal Services 6,154
SEE ATTACHED SHEET FICA 471
6,625

Increase Estimated Appropriations:
02990100 59030 Transfer to General Fund 6,625

2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5e – Approval/ Sale of County Property Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code/Town of Carmel, 30 Shore Drive Tax Map #86.47-1-20 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Castellano explained that this sale of County property was delayed and was renegotiated for a fair price which was higher than the amount put forth on multiple listing. He stated that this is a great program where we sell County properties and put them back on the tax rolls. He explained that selling these properties, that are probably dilapidated, improves the neighborhood when hopefully the new homeowners make improvements to the property.

RESOLUTION #95

APPROVAL/SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE /Town of Carmel, 30 Shore Drive Tax Map #86.47-1-20

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature previously authorized the County Executive and Commissioner of Finance to offer certain County owned properties, which were acquired by tax foreclosure proceeding pursuant to Article 11 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, for sale through the applicable Multiple Listing Service utilizing the services of the licensed real estate brokers under contract with the County; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution # 274 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved said properties to be listed at the initial offer amounts which were based upon the comparative market analyses performed by the real estate brokers for the properties, and

WHEREAS, said properties have been listed on the applicable Multiple Listing Service; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Administration has entered into negotiations with a prospective purchaser for the property identified as 30 Shore Drive, Mahopac, New York (Carmel TM # 86.47-1-20); and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Administration recommends the acceptance of the negotiated amount of \$130,000.00, and as further specified in the Contract of Sale, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed said negotiated amount, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority vested in the Putnam County Legislature in Section 31-8 of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature approves the sale of the property identified as 30 Shore Drive, Mahopac, New York (Carmel TM # 86.47-1-20) for such amount and upon such other terms and conditions as are contained in the Contract of Sale, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute the Contract of Sale for the property identified as 30 Shore Drive, Mahopac, New York (Carmel TM # 86.47-1-20) which Contract of Sale shall be in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take all necessary steps to complete the transfer of said property in accordance with the terms and conditions of the aforementioned Contract of Sale; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute the deed and other required closing documents necessary to complete the transfer of said property.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5f - Approval/ Amend Resolution #96 of 2019 to Expand Use of Capital Facility Reserve 19CP05 – To Include Necessary Safety Repairs to Putnam County Golf Course Retaining Walls & Steps was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Castellano stated that the request came to the Legislature late in the month, however, there is a necessity to make some repairs at the Golf Course and that is the reason it went before the Audit Committee. He stated that we are designating \$25,000 from the original Capital Projects Resolution #96 of 2019 to be utilized for these repairs to the retaining walls and steps.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she supports this request. She stated that if the walls and the steps are in disrepair, it poses a liability to the County. She believed it was something that needed to be readily mended.

Legislator Montgomery addressed many of her comments during the Audit Committee meeting. She also appreciated the time spent during her site visit with Deputy Commissioner of Highways & Facilities Tully and Golf Course Manager Mike McCall. She stated that Deputy Commissioner Tully also provided some photos and a letter which addressed the work needed to be performed. However, she would normally want to see an itemized estimate. She stated that it was hard for her to approve \$25,000 with no estimate. She stated that the original allocation of \$111,000 from Resolution #96 of 2019 provided clear documentation for the equipment needed for the Golf Course one (1) year ago. She stated that we have gotten through the year without spending any of the \$111,000 and now we are taking money from that to spend it on something else that is now another emergency. She questioned whether or not we should be spending the remaining \$86,000 on equipment. She stated that the site clearly needs repair, however, it did not happen overnight. She stated that there are other sites in the County in need of repair; sites where County employees have been injured. She mentioned the sidewalk behind the Courthouse. She believed there were many County sites in need of repair which serve the public and should take priority. She stated that we approved \$25,000 for lighting in the jail before getting estimates first. She stated that job cost \$9,000. She questioned where the difference of that went. She stated that without having estimates she would be voting no.

Legislator Nacerino stated that the \$25,000 is an approximate amount not to exceed.

Legislator Albano stated that running the government in a responsible manner occasionally requires a change in plans and direction. He explained that there are unforeseen issues that need to be addressed. He stated that this will not affect the budget, however it is a liability issue. He believed that this was the best time to address the issue because the Golf Course is not at its maximum use. He stated that if there are any other serious issues at our other facilities, he requested that they be brought to the Legislature's attention. He stated that he was not aware of anything else that Legislator Montgomery mentioned. He would support this request.

Legislator Sullivan stated that, as was discussed in the Audit Committee meeting, it is very important that we get these repairs done as soon as possible.

Legislator Montgomery clarified her comments. She stated that she was told from a member of the public that the conditions of the parking lot at the Health Department were like third world. She stated that she could help Legislator Albano find the accident report involving an employee falling and breaking her nose on the sidewalk behind the Courthouse. She believed it was around November of last year. She stated that when speaking of the budget, she believed we need to take a good look at the budget and understand that all those line items that say "state aid" are going to come out at some time and will change. She explained that because of what we will see in the future and the changes in our budget, she did not approve of the allocation of the funds for this repair.

Legislator Castellano stated that the \$25,000 is for repairs to the retaining walls and steps at the Golf Course. He did not believe the damage was there at the end of the last

season. He believed that we would have been notified of it. He believed that it was good governing that we were moving funds from the original resolution amount to cover these costs. He believed it was right to repair these items to make sure the property was safe for the public's use.

Legislator Montgomery stated that during the site visit, she was told that one (1) of the areas in need of repair needed to be repaired over and over again. She stated that this was not a new issue.

Legislator Castellano stated that the photos speak for themselves and the area needs to be repaired.

Legislator Sayegh stated that this property gets a lot of use and is open to the public. She stated that we are looking at a crumbling staircase, which she believed was a liability to the County. She was happy to move this item forward for the safety and wellbeing of our residents. She believed it made sense to perform the repairs at a time when there is less traffic at the facility. She stated that it is a well-used public asset that we need to maintain.

Legislator Jonke stated that this facility is not just a golf course. It is a venue that caters, in good times, to a large number of our residents. He stated that it is an entertainment venue, as well as a golf course. He stated that if the staircase is crumbling; we need to fix it. He explained the liability issue. He stated that for someone to vote against fixing something that could potentially cost us money with a lawsuit, he did not understand. He stated that he is in favor of fixing this and funding it.

Legislator Albano stated that if anyone is aware of any other potential liability issues or repair issues that could cause a problem, he appreciated if it could be brought to his attention. He stated that they would be a priority.

RESOLUTION #96

APPROVAL/ AMEND RESOLUTION #96 OF 2019 TO EXPAND USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE 19CP05 – TO INCLUDE NECESSARY SAFETY REPAIRS TO PUTNAM COUNTY GOLF COURSE RETAINING WALLS & STEPS

WHEREAS, by Resolution #96 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved and authorized the expenditure of \$111,000 from the County Capital Reserve fund for Project 19CP05 for the sole purpose of procuring Golf Course Equipment; and

WHEREAS, safety issues have recently been identified with retaining walls and steps at the Putnam County Golf Course that are in need of immediate repair; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities is seeking to Revise Resolution #96 of 2019 to expand the use of 19CP05 project funds to perform the necessary safety repairs of the retaining walls and steps located at the Putnam County Golf Course, as no additional funding is needed at this time; and

WHEREAS, by authorization of the Chair of the Physical Services Committee, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the expanded use of 19CP05 project funds to include safety repairs to retaining walls and steps located at the Putnam County Golf Course; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby amends Resolution #96 of 2019 and authorizes the expenditure of \$111,000 from the County Capital Reserve fund, budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:

19CP05 – Golf Course Equipment & Repairs to Golf Course Retaining Walls & Steps

\$ 86,000 – Approximately for Golf Course Equipment

\$ 25,000 – Approximately for Repairs to Retaining Walls & Steps

\$111,000 – Project Cost not to be exceeded

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

Item #6 – Other Business

There was no other business submitted to the meeting.

Item #7 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Nacerino wished all the mothers a Happy Mother’s Day. She also wished the Class of 2020 all the best.

Legislator Gouldman thanked the healthcare workers, first responders and essential employees who put their lives on the line every single day to protect all of us. He encouraged everyone to complete their census if they haven’t done so already. He reminded everyone to continue to social distance during this pandemic.

Legislator Jonke thanked the residents of Putnam County who are cooperating in continuing to social distance and wear face masks while in public places. He believed it was because of this that we are on track to get our small businesses opened soon. He stated that these businesses are very anxious to open again.

Legislator Montgomery explained that this weekend in District #1, Main Street in the Village of Cold Spring was overrun with visitors, even with the trails of the Hudson Highlands State Park being closed by New York State to help reduce the flow of people coming from New York City. She stated that many were not wearing masks or practicing social distancing. She stated that she received many calls from residents who were very concerned about enforcement. She did not believe there were enough Road Patrol units covering this area with the influx of people seen every weekend. She requested more enforcement. She did not want to see a resurgence of infections even before we fully understand what our Putnam outbreak is, with still very little testing or contract tracing. She stated that she is reaching out to her colleagues for help. She also congratulated both Haldane and Putnam Valley Schools who were the recipients of the top schools in New York State. She stated that they met one (1) of the State’s highest level of achievement in progress in their 2018-2019 school year. She welcomed new School Superintendent, Carl Albano from Tuckahoe, NY. She mentioned that schools are busy getting ready for the National Graduate Together Event. It will be on prime time everywhere on May 16, 2020 hosted by LeBron James and commencement speech given by Barack Obama. She congratulated all the graduates. She also provided an update on the services being provided by the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub. She shared that the Town of Philipstown has issued over \$100,000 in food vouchers for food, medication deliveries.

She stated that the mask making group distributed approximately 8700 masks. She thanked them for all their hard work.

Legislator Sayegh congratulated all the 2020 graduates; her son being one (1) of them. She stated that the community is supporting these graduates. The Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department and the Mahopac High School football lights will be on every Friday and 8:20 P.M., which is 20:20 military time, for the next couple of weeks. The fire department will sound their sirens to celebrate these graduates. She wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day. She explained that 2021 will be a tough year for the State of New York. The estimated loss of revenue will be approximately \$10 - \$15 million. She stated that Putnam County will suffer a loss of approximately 3½% - 10% in sales tax revenue. She encouraged everyone to call and order items, for delivery or pickup, from our local businesses when purchasing Mother's Day gifts. She listed many of the local businesses in Putnam County. She explained how it was important to support our local businesses which in turn contributes to our sales tax revenue to keep our County government running.

Legislator Sullivan thanked our local small businesses for their patience during this long period of time of having to keep their doors closed. He also thanked them for their generosity in helping people less fortunate. He stated that Putnam County is being included with Westchester County, Rockland County and other counties that have much more severe issues than Putnam County. He encouraged his colleagues to contact our State representatives to let them know that Putnam County does not belong in that category. He stated that we certainly do not have the number of cases, illnesses or deaths that the surrounding counties have. He believed it was time to lessen the restrictions on our local businesses so they can get back to making a living to support their families. He stated that this is an ongoing discussion in Albany. He also wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day. He encouraged everyone to support their local businesses at every opportunity that you can.

Legislator Castellano stated that Putnam County is doing great and he believed that we needed to reopen and support our local businesses. He stated that this Sunday is a great opportunity to do that with Mother's Day and he wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day. He also thanked the Putnam County Italian American Club in Brewster. He stated that they had a fantastic event last Saturday where they prepared more than 400 meals for families in need and first responders. He stated that there was an incredible turnout. He thanked the members of the club for the incredible job they did.

Chairwoman Addonizio thanked the community for volunteering their time and for donating to the local food banks. She stated that Putnam County's partnership with United Way is providing weekly emergency food to over 500 families every Thursday. She had the opportunity to partner with Second Chance Food to provide cooked meals every Wednesday in our community. She stated that there was a very successful food drive initiated by the Knights of Columbus this past weekend. We appreciated their hard work and commitment to Putnam County. She stated that as a Legislative Body, we personally thanked our nurses and custodial staff at the Putnam Hospital Center. She stated that they are on the front lines of this fight against COVID-19 and they're truly appreciated. She stated that all Legislators have been supplied with masks from the NYS Department of Health; manufactured by Hanes. She stated that we are currently distributing them to restaurants and essential businesses in our respective districts. She thanked the frontline workers for their courage and strength as you battle COVID-19. She encouraged everyone

to adhere to the guidance put forth from the CDC to stay safe. She stated that we are stronger together.

There being no further business, at 7:55 P.M., Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Jonke and Nacerino. By Roll Call: All ayes. Legislator Albano had left the meeting. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.