

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

Tuesday

December 3, 2019

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Castellano who requested that Legislator Nacerino lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Albano in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Albano, Jonke, Sayegh and Chairman Castellano were present. Legislator Sullivan was absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairman Castellano recognized Legislator Gouldman who presented the "Recognizing Aidan Jenkins" proclamation to Gary, Jessica and Aidan Jenkins.

RECOGNIZING AIDAN JENKINS

WHEREAS, On November 6, 2019, four-year-old Putnam Valley resident Aidan Jenkins was home with his mother, Jessica, who at the time was 27 weeks pregnant with Aidan's little sister. His father, Gary was out of the house at a Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps Meeting; and

WHEREAS, at about 8:30pm Jessica accidentally fell down the stairs and landed face-down on her pregnant belly, crying out in pain and unable to move; and

WHEREAS, Aidan remained calm and helped his mother the best way he knew how; he called his father to let him know his mother needed help. Gary gathered a crew and headed home to help his wife. After he made the phone call, Aidan got his "paramedic bag" out to check on his mother's injuries until his father got home; and

WHEREAS, the bravery demonstrated by Aidan in this scary situation is remarkable, especially given the fact that he is just four years old. Thanks to his swift actions, Aidan's mother Jessica and his unborn sister were able to receive the medical attention they both needed and are now doing well; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature and the Putnam County Executive do hereby recognize Aidan Jenkins for his heroic actions which resulted in saving the lives of both his mother and unborn sister!

Chairman Castellano recognized Legislator Addonizio who presented the "National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention" proclamation to Commissioner of Social Services Michael Piazza, District Attorney Robert Tandy, Executive Director of the Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center - Ann E. Ellsworth, Lieutenant Greenough from the Sheriff's Department.

JANUARY AS NATIONAL SLAVERY & HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which victims are bought and sold for the purposes of sex or labor; and

WHEREAS, all youth are at risk of being trafficked and the average age of youth forced into the commercial sex trade is 12-14 years old; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 300,000 domestic youth are at risk for commercial sexual exploitation and 100,000 children are the victims of sex trafficking every year; and

WHEREAS, Safe Harbor Putnam County, a program of the Putnam County Department of Social Services, is a strength-based program that provides support and services to trafficked youth and those at risk of being trafficked; and

WHEREAS, Safe Harbor Putnam County, Child Protective Services, Child Welfare Services, the Legal Division of the Department of Social Services, and the Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County are deeply committed to increased community education on how to identify victims of human trafficking along with increasing resources and services to restore freedom and dignity to survivors; and

WHEREAS, every business, community organization, faith community, family, and individual can make a difference in protecting youth from sexual exploitation by addressing the issue of human trafficking and child pornography; and becoming more aware of the problem and possible solutions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim January 2020 as National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month and call upon all citizens to increase their efforts to identify and support trafficked youth and those at risk of being trafficked.

**Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – November 6, 2019
Special Meeting – November 12, 2019**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Item #5 – Correspondence
a) County Auditor**

There was no activity during this reporting period.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
(Chairman Sullivan, Legislators Addonizio & Albano)**

Item #6a – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A076)/ Veterans Affairs/ Peer to Peer Program was next. Chairman Castellano recognized Legislator Addonizio, member of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano and Sullivan, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #267

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 (19A076) 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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2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6b - Approval/ Litigation Settlement/ Fusco v. County of Putnam was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Albano and Sullivan, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #268

APPROVAL/ LITIGATION SETTLEMENT / FUSCO v. COUNTY OF PUTNAM

WHEREAS, on or about May 21, 2014, the Plaintiff, Anthony S. Fusco, who was an inmate at the Putnam County Correctional Facility, at the time alleged that his civil rights were violated as a result of his segregation from the general population for disciplinary issues; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff sought recovery for compensatory and punitive damages; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff agreed to a settlement with the County, subject to the Legislature's approval, in which the County agreed to pay Plaintiff the sum of thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney, the County's outside counsel, James A. Randazzo, and NYMIR's claims representative recommended the settlement as an alternative to trial; and

WHEREAS, counsel for the County of Putnam has in fact settled the matter with the Plaintiffs for the sum of thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars, and the Plaintiff has executed the required Settlement Agreement and General Release which, upon filing with

the Court, will discontinue this matter and which will allow Plaintiff to receive his settlement payment; and

WHEREAS, the settlement is in the public interest and has avoided the costs of further litigation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the settlement of this matter for the sum of thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars is hereby approved.

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

Item #6c – Approval/Fund Transfer (19T340)/ County Attorney/ Judgements & Claims (\$30,000 for Fusco Settlement & \$5,000 for Verbeke Settlement) was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Albano and Sullivan, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #269

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER / COUNTY ATTORNEY/ JUDGEMENTS & CLAIMS

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has requested a fund transfer (19T340) to provide funding for various settlements against the County; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10199000 54980	Contingency	35,000
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Increase:

10193000 54933	Judgements & Claims	35,000
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2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6d – Approval/ Re-Appointments/ Putnam County Home Improvement Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Albano and Sullivan, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Sayegh thanked all the individuals for their volunteerism in serving on these boards.

RESOLUTION #270

APPROVAL/ RE-APPOINTMENTS/ PUTNAM COUNTY HOME IMPROVEMENT BOARD

RESOLVED, that the following be re-appointed to the Putnam County Home Improvement Board:

Christopher Cusanelli, Town of Southeast, as an Engineer for a two (2) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2021.

Charles Hull, Town of Carmel, as a Citizen Representative, for a two (2) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2021.

Steven Korin, Town of Carmel, as a Tradesman, for a two (2) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2021.

Christopher Lyons, Town of Southeast, as a Contractor, for a two (2) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2021.

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. LEGISLATOR SULLIVAN WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6e – Approval/ Confirmation / Appointment/ Putnam County Board of Ethics was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Albano and Sullivan, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #271

APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ APPOINTMENT/ PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

WHEREAS, the County Executive has recommended the appointment of Jane Geoghean to fill the vacancy of a member of the Putnam County Board of Ethics whose term expired December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee has reviewed and approves said appointment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature confirms the appointment of Jane Geoghean as a member of the Putnam County Board of Ethics for a three (3) year term; said term to expire December 31, 2021.

And be if further

RESOLVED, that this appointee 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 SULLIVAN WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6f – Approval/ Local Law to Amend the Code of the County of Putnam Chapter 190, Entitled “Plumbing and Mechanical Trades” was next. On behalf of the members of

the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Albano and Sullivan, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio explained that the Committee previously discussed adding wording requiring at least one (1) board member to be an experienced plumber or mechanical tradesperson.

RESOLUTION #272

**APPROVAL/LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM
CHAPTER 190, ENTITLED "PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL TRADES"**

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

Section I.

Section 190-6(D) of the Code of the County of Putnam is hereby amended as provided hereinafter:

§ 190-6 Plumbing and Mechanical Trades Board.

D. Composition of board. The composition of the Board shall be a representative group of people ranging from those with no experience to a master's level experience with the plumbing and mechanical trades or working as a plumber or mechanical tradesperson. However, the Board must contain at least one plumber or mechanical tradesperson at all times. At no time, shall the composition of the Board interfere with the viability of the Board to perform its duties and to adhere to its responsibilities. A representative group may include:

- (1) Licensed, shelved, or former master plumbers.
- (2) Licensed, shelved, or former master heating technicians.
- (3) Citizens who have never been licensed by the County of Putnam to perform plumbing or mechanical trades work.
- (4) Licensed, shelved, or former mechanical tradespersons.
- (5) Current or former Building Inspectors.
- (6) Licensed, shelved, or former HVAC mechanical tradespersons.
- (7) Licensed, shelved, or former LP gas mechanical tradespersons.
- (8) Licensed, shelved, or former well drillers.
- (9) Licensed, shelved, or former journeymen.
- (10) Current members of a plumbing or mechanical trades union.

Section II.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

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

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Albano, Legislators Gouldman & Nacerino)**

Item #6g – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A074)/ Commissioner of Finance/ Closeout Completed Capital Project (Fair Street Water Improvement Project) was next. Chairman Castellano recognized Legislator Albano, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #273

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (19A074)/ COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ CLOSEOUT COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECT (Fair Street Water Improvement Project)

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (19A074) to close out a completed Capital Project (Fair Street Water Improvement Project); and

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

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

59901000 53000 50358	Transfer to Debt Service Fund	131,180.05
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

59901000 428601 50358	Interfund Transfer	131,180.05
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

58989000 53000 51615	Fair Street – Water Improvement Project	131,180.05
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Decrease Estimated Revenues:

58989000 427701 51615	Unclassified – Fair St – Water Impr	131,180.05
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DEBT SERVICE FUND:

Increase Estimated Revenues:

V9710000 428601	Transfer from Capital Fund	131,180.05
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Decrease Estimated Revenues:

V9710000 427161	Use of Fund Balance	131,180.05
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2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6h – Approval/ Initial Offer Amount of Certain County Properties to be Sold Utilizing Real Estate Brokers & MLS Pursuant to Chapter 31 of Putnam County was next.

On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Chairman Castellano believed this was a fantastic program to get fair market value on these properties for the taxpayers of Putnam County.

RESOLUTION #274

APPROVAL/INITIAL OFFER AMOUNT OF CERTAIN COUNTY PROPERTIES TO BE SOLD UTILIZING REAL ESTATE BROKERS & MLS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE

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, pursuant Section 31-8 of the Putnam County Code the initial offer amounts of said properties are to be determined by the Commissioner of Finance, based upon a comparative market analysis, and with the advice and recommendation of the licensed real estate brokers so retained, the County Attorney, and the Director of Real Property Tax Services, and approved by the Putnam County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed the comparative market analyses prepared by the real estate brokers for the properties which will be offered for sale at the present time; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature concurs with the initial offer amounts for those properties, as determined by the Commissioner of Finance, and based upon said comparative market analyses and the recommendations of the licensed real estate brokers so retained, the County Attorney, and the Director of Real Property Tax Services; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature concurs with the initial offer amounts for the properties which will be offered for sale at present time, as reflected in the attached Schedule "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that consistent with Section 31-8 of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature approves said properties to be initially offered for sale at such amounts.

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

SCHEDULE "A"

<u>Town:</u>	<u>Tax Map Number:</u>	<u>Address:</u>	<u>Initial Offer Amount:</u>
Carmel	TM # 75.6-2-64	615 Route 6N	\$100,000.00
Carmel	TM # 86.47-1-20	30 Shore Drive	\$125,000.00
Carmel	TM # 65.10-1-32	113 Longdale Road	\$164,900.00
Patterson	TM # 36.30-1-8	56 Fairfield Drive	\$150,000.00

Putnam Valley	TM # 62.11-1-23	7 Evergreen Road	\$120,000.00
Putnam Valley	TM # 83.74-1-8	23 Point Drive South	\$210,000.00
Southeast	TM # 56.28-1-43	86 North Brewster Road	\$125,000.00
Southeast (Brewster)	TM # 67.34-2-51	55-61 Main Street	\$910,000.00

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Nacerino & Sullivan)**

Item #6i – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A080)/ District Attorney/ State & Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) Grant Award was next. Chairman Castellano recognized Legislator Jonke, Chairman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #275

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / DISTRICT ATTORNEY/ STATE & MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PROGRAM (SAM) GRANT AWARD

WHEREAS, the Putnam County District Attorney has been notified through, the Dormitory Authority State of New York (DASNY), of a State & Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) grant awarded to the County of Putnam in the amount of \$60,000; and

WHEREAS, the SAM grant award, Project ID: #19280, is for Technology Upgrades and Purchase of Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has requested a budgetary amendment (19A080) to account for this grant award; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve of said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10116500 52120 10154	Office Equipment	10,000
10116500 52130 10154	Computer Equipment	40,000
10116500 52140 10154	Software/Accessories	<u>10,000</u>
		60,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10116500 430890 10154	State Aid – DA SAM Grant	60,000
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2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6j – Approval/Fund Transfer (19T347)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Other Equipment was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #276

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER / SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ OTHER EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (19T347) to purchase a locking metal cabinet and shed; 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:

10315000 54580	Prisoner Board Out	4,034
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Increase:

10011000 52180	Other Equipment	4,034
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2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6k – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T348)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Other Equipment was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #277

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER / SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ OTHER EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (19T348) to purchase 10 new holsters and to replace old ones; 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:

10315000 54580	Prisoner Board Out	943
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Increase:

10009000 52180	Other Equipment	943
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2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6L – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T355)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Signs was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #278

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER / SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ SIGNS

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (19T355) to purchase identification decals and signs for doors and gates throughout the corrections facility; 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:

10315000 54580	Prisoner Board Out	448
10315000 54300	Miscellaneous	1,000
10011000 54510	Machine Maintenance	<u>1,431</u>
		<u>2,879</u>

Increase:

10011000 54162	Signs	2,879
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2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6m – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T365)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Overtime/ Canine Stipend/ Temporary was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #279

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ OVERTIME/ CANINE STIPEND/ TEMPORARY

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (19T365) to cover overages in Overtime, Canine Stipend and Temporary lines; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee, Personnel 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:		
13311000 51000 (311013106)	Personnel Services	20,666.63
13311000 51091	Pay Differential	<u>17,300.00</u>
		37,966.63

Increase:		
13311000 51093	Overtime	20,000.00
13311000 51090	Canine Stipend	6,231.33
13311000 51094	Temporary	<u>11,735.30</u>
		37,966.63

2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6n – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T379)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Road Patrol Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Chairman Castellano made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Chairman Castellano read a message from Legislator Sullivan which stated: “pursuant to the Putnam County Charter Section 7.08, no elected official or appointed official can exceed the budget expense lines without consequences. The Legislature approves a budget that reflects the needs of the County government to run efficiently and effectively. We do so in good faith after consideration of the impact and the taxpayers trust our judgement and expect transparency. The practice of transferring between lines within the adopted budget should be solely for unexpected expenses due to extenuating circumstances. A systematically use of transferring money to cover overtime has reached a point of major concern. This Board has the responsibility of making sure that the financing within the County is kept in check. I recommend that the discussion regarding the transfer of lines to cover overtime be tabled or continued to include why we ask for transferred money that has been spent without Legislative approval, and the policies and procedures that need to be put in place so that we can work together to make sure we are not continually dealing with this issue”.

Legislator Nacerino stated that her comments are along the same line. She explained that while she was cognizant that the overtime expenditures will be paid, she would be voting no based on her own principles as a Legislator. She explained that it was the Legislature’s job to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. She stated that each year an annual budget is adopted and it is posted in good faith for the taxpayers to see. She explained that although prudent line to line budget transfers are common place in all budgets, whether it’s counties, cities, towns or schools, she found this onerous transfer was concerning on a multitude of levels. She explained that this fund transfer was transferring funds from over 40 different budget lines originally allocated for various purposes. She stated that it begs the question why in the 12th month of the fiscal year there is so much money left in these lines. She questioned whether the lines were over

inflated and if so, why these lines were not utilized as intended. She believed that all the departments should strive to help save taxpayer dollars by letting unencumbered balances fall back to the general fund when applicable. She also believed this was a violation of the Charter, Section 7.08 which stipulates that, “no County officer, employee, Administrative unit or other authorized agency shall, during a fiscal year expend any money or incur any liability in excess of the line item amounts appropriated and available in the operating budget.” She explained that we pledge to uphold the Charter, and from her viewpoint she does not feel comfortable approving this request. As a Legislative body, she believed we would not be employing best practices if we simply approved these types of transfers. She stated, as indicated by the Commissioner of Finance and the County Auditor, together we will work to incorporate policies and procedures to better manage allocations in 2020.

Legislator Albano stated that he would be voting no. He believed that it boiled down to having proper planning. He believed that we should be in the ballpark of what the budget is. He stated that the overtime has been earned and will be paid, however, he believed that we needed to know what to anticipate to have a more accurate budget.

Legislator Montgomery stated that this issue was brought to the Legislature in 2018 that there would be a deficit in 2019. She believed that the Sheriff was also told there would be no new hires. She stated that in the best interest of public safety, she believed that we should vote yes on this. She believed that the Legislature did not give the Sheriff the resources he needed to hire new people. She stated that the budget he prepared in 2018 was a budget based on having a full staff. She believed that by voting no we were not giving the Sheriff the resources to keep the people safe.

Legislator Jonke stated that he did not agree. He stated this was not a public safety issue; it was respect for our taxpayers. He explained that the Sheriff was given parameters in which to run his department. He stated that the Sheriff’s job is to keep our County safe and the Legislator’s job is to protect our taxpayers. He stated that the Sheriff’s Administration is acting in conflict with the County Charter which was brought up at the Protective Services Committee meeting. He stated that you don’t spend money that you don’t have. He stated that out of respect for the taxpayers, he couldn’t in good conscience vote to approve this.

Legislator Albano stated that it is a matter of procedure. He explained that other departments ask for the funds first. He stated that you don’t spend the funds first and then ask for the money. He stated that it’s about knowing where we are going ahead of time to plan correctly and make the right decisions.

Legislator Montgomery stated that the Sheriff’s Department is underfunded and understaffed. She stated that if you look at statistics across the country of man on man cover; we are lacking.

Legislator Jonke stated that we gave the Sheriff two (2) new hires. He stated that with those new hires we were promised \$242,000 savings in overtime, and that hasn’t happened.

Legislator Sayegh stated that during the Audit & Administration Committee meeting she voted no for approving this overtime transfer. She stated that she is not in favor of moving money around from budget lines to cover overtime that has already been

incurred. She stated that it is clearing out Administrative lines such as; printing, postage and uniforms to cover Road Patrol overtime that has already been incurred. She believed this was not a transparent budget process. She stated that when we approve the budget for books, postage and furniture, it should be used for that purpose and not overinflated to pay for something else down the road. She stated that if we do not need that much money in those lines, then why have it budgeted? She stated that it is understood that we need to pay our deputies for their service and overtime; which has been paid. She stated that although there were no new positions created, we still have open positions that need to be filled. She stated that it was her understanding that the Commissioner of Finance is in the process of helping us craft a resolution to address this in 2020 budget process. She stated that at this time she is not in favor of this transfer and would be voting no.

Legislator Nacerino stated that this falls back to our responsibility as Legislators and our fiduciary responsibility. She stated that we cannot be reviewing items that are in arrears. She stated that we needed to project the budget the same way every other department does. She believed that moving forward we needed to address this in a more realistic approach in 2020.

Legislator Addonizio stated that many concerns have been raised about transferring within the budget lines. She believed that moving forward we needed a policy and procedure to improve the process. She believed we needed more transparency and openness moving forward.

Chairman Castellano stated that labor laws require us to pay for these services for the overtime. He stated that there has been an increase in overtime and maybe we don't understand the reason why it is being projected to increase every year. He stated that moving funding from 40 different budget lines to cover a portion of the overtime was concerning to him and for that reason he would be voting no on this item tonight. Hopefully we will do a better job with this in 2020.

Chairman Castellano called for a Roll Call Vote.

By Roll Call Vote: One Aye – Legislator Montgomery. Seven Nays – Legislators Addonizio, Albano, Gouldman, Jonke, Nacerino, Sayegh and Chairman Castellano. Legislator Sullivan was absent. Motion fails.

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER / SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ ROAD PATROL OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (19T379) to cover Road Patrol Overtime; 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:

10311000 51093	Sheriff Admin Overtime	7,000.00
10311000 51094	Sheriff Admin Temporary	13,198.50
10311000 52110	Sheriff Admin Furniture & Furnishings	88.92
10311000 54311	Sheriff Admin Printing & Forms	1,741.79
10311000 54313	Sheriff Admin Books & Supplements	260.00

10311000 54314	Sheriff Admin Postage	2,000.00
10311000 54510	Sheriff Admin Machine Maintenance	1,000.00
10311000 54560	Sheriff Admin Equipment Rental Lease	1,156.50
10311000 54640	Sheriff Admin Education & Training	642.04
10311000 54641	Sheriff Admin EE Incentive Awards	12.35
10311000 54675	Sheriff Admin Travel	1,000.00
10311000 58002	Sheriff Admin FICA	1,545.19
13311000 52110	Sheriff Comm Furniture & Furnishings	141.05
13311000 52130	Sheriff Comm Computer Equipment	41.07
13311000 52680	Sheriff Comm Other Equipment	18.12
13311000 54370	Sheriff Comm Automotive	108.43
13311000 54385	Sheriff Comm Uniforms	3,655.00
13311000 54510	Sheriff Comm Machine Maintenance	2,500.00
13311000 54640	Sheriff Comm Education & Training	211.00
15311000 51094	Sheriff Civil Temporary	25,000.00
15311000 52120	Sheriff Civil Office Equipment	4.88
15311000 54310	Sheriff Civil Office Supplies	1,151.09
15311000 54311	Sheriff Civil Printing & Forms	484.00
15311000 54313	Sheriff Civil Books & Supplements	407.18
15311000 54385	Sheriff Civil Uniforms	5,000.00
15311000 54640	Sheriff Civil Education & Training	1,985.84
15311000 58002	Sheriff Civil FICA	1,912.50
16311000 52180	Sheriff SRO/YAB Other Equip	1,000.00
16311000 54300	Sheriff SRO/ YAB Misc Supplies	600.00
16311000 54305	Sheriff SRO/ YAB Range Supplies	35.00
16311000 54310	Sheriff SRO/ YAB Office Supplies	900.00
16311000 54312	Sheriff SRO/ YAB Photo Supplies	200.00
16311000 54313	Sheriff SRO/ YAB Books & Supplies	1,500.00
16311000 54385	Sheriff SRO/ YAB Uniforms	831.02
16311000 54640	Sheriff SRO/ YAB Education & Training	13,384.52
17311000 54370	Sheriff Patrol Automotive	20,000.00
17311000 52110	Sheriff Patrol Furniture & Furnishings	297.16
17311000 54560	Sheriff Patrol Equip Rental Lease	5,981.52
17311000 54640	Sheriff Patrol Education & Training	2,000.00
17311000 54640.10144	Sheriff Patrol Acc Recon Educ & Trng	989.03
17311000 54782	Sheriff Patrol Software Accessories	681.41
17311000 54782.10144	Sheriff Patrol Acc Reon Software Acc	<u>450.00</u>
		121,115.11
Increase:		
17311000 51093	Road Patrol Overtime	117,657.42
17311000 58002	Road Patrol FICA	<u>3,457.69</u>
		121,115.11

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

Item #6o – Approval/ NYS STOP-DWI Foundation Grant for 2019-2020 / Probation Department was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #280

APPROVAL/ NYS STOP-DWI FOUNDATION GRANT FOR 2019-2020 / PROBATION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the NYS STOP-DWI Foundation Board has secured \$1,000,000 in funding from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to continue crackdown enforcement during the grant cycle of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020; and WHEREAS, applicants must submit their 2020 STOP-DWI Plan by October 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County 2020 STOP-DWI Plan was submitted by the Putnam County Probation Department by the October 1st deadline; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount available to the County is \$15,000; and

WHEREAS, the notification of this grant availability is August 29, 2019 with an application deadline for this grant of September 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature has considered and approved of this grant application; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature retroactively authorizes and approves the Department of Probation application for this NYS STOP-DWI Foundation Grant.

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

Item #6p – Approval/ Expression of Support for the “911 Saves Act” was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that she brought this to the Legislature during Committee. She thanked the dispatchers who put together the sample resolutions, along with Legislative Counsel Firriolo for drafting the resolution to move this forward. She believed it was important that we recognize dispatchers in their role as first responders and to give them the credit that is due. She stated that this will send a message to get the bill out of Committee and move it forward to hopefully give 911 Dispatchers the recognition they deserve.

Legislator Jonke stated that he would like to recognize Emergency Services Commissioner Clair. He stated that in the springtime this popped up on he and Commissioner Clair's radar. They wanted to see what the Federal government wanted to do with this and then it was decided it was good for Putnam County to act on this to let the Federal government know where we stand and how we feel about our dispatchers. He stated that he wanted to recognize Commissioner Clair for his hard work on this too.

Legislator Sayegh stated that she was surprised to find out that they are considered clerks. She stated that the work they do every day is truly heroic.

Legislator Nacerino believed that clerks was certainly not the category that dispatchers should be, as they public safety workers having specialized skills.

Chairman Castellano stated that it is an incredibly stressful job, being on point their entire shift. He stated that it is a difficult job and we certainly appreciate the men and women who perform this job in both Putnam County and across the Country.

RESOLUTION #281

APPROVAL/EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR THE "911 SAVES ACT"

WHEREAS, H.R. 1629 and S. 1015 of the 116th Congress, also known as the "Supporting Accurate Views of Emergency Services Act of 2019" or "911 SAVES Act," would direct the White House Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") to reclassify public safety telecommunicators from "Office and Administrative Support Occupations" to the category of "Protective Service Occupations"; and

WHEREAS, the federal government's Standard Occupational Classification System (SOCS) sorts workers into occupational categories for statistical purposes, according to the nature of the work performed and, in some cases, on the skills, education, or training needed to perform the work; and

WHEREAS, occupations in the SOCS are classified based on work performed and, in some cases, on the skills, education, or training needed to perform the work;

WHEREAS, America's 9-1-1 telecommunicators are currently incorrectly categorized in the SOCS as an "Office and Administrative Support Occupation," a category which includes secretaries, office clerks, and taxicab dispatchers; and

WHEREAS, classifying 9-1-1 telecommunicators as an "Office and Administrative Support Occupation" fails to recognize their central role in public safety, their specialized training and skills, and their unique work environment; and

WHEREAS, classifying public safety telecommunicators as "Protective Service Occupations" – alongside police, firefighters, security guards, lifeguards, and others whose job it is to protect our communities – would better reflect the work they perform, and align the SOCS with related classification systems; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature encourages all members of The State of New York's Congressional delegation to support H.R. 1629 and S. 1015, which would direct the OMB to reclassify public safety telecommunicators as a "Protective Service Occupation"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to United States Representative Sean Patrick Maloney, United States Senator Charles E. Schumer, and United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand.

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

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

Item #6q – Approval/ Local Law Establishing the 2020 Salary of Certain Elected Officials Serving for Fixed Terms was next. Chairman Castellano 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:

Legislator Montgomery stated that she voted against this in the budget and in Committee. She stated that if we were rewarding individuals at this level, she believed

we should also be rewarding employees who make this County run and not have these inflated salaries.

RESOLUTION #282

A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE 2020 SALARY OF CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS SERVING FOR FIXED TERMS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

Section 201 of the County Law and Municipal Home Rule Law requires that salary increases of fixed term officers shall be established by Local Law, subject to permissive referendum.

Section 2.

The annual salary of the hereinafter designated County Officers elected for a fixed term is hereby set the following amounts effective January 1, 2020:

MaryEllen Odell Putnam County Executive.....	\$162,271
Robert L. Langley Jr. Putnam County Sheriff	\$152,862
Michael Bartolotti Putnam County Clerk.....	\$133,067
John Bourges Putnam County Coroner.....	\$185-per diem
Michael Nesheiwat Putnam County Coroner.....	\$185-per diem
Daniel Stephens Putnam County Coroner.....	\$185-per diem

Section 3.

THIS LOCAL LAW SHALL TAKE EFFECT FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND IS SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR SULLIVAN WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6r – Approval/ Local Law Establishing the 2020 Salaries of Certain Appointed Officers Serving for Fixed Terms was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Jonke and Montgomery, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that as she mentioned in Committee, unfortunately these salaries are lumped together. She did not believe we had the opportunity here to change this in our Charter. She believed that the Commissioner of Health salary was inflated based on who we are in Putnam County and the surrounding counties. She stated that our Commissioner is making more than some counties that are much larger than Putnam County. She stated that we also eliminated a whole County program from the Health Department. She stated that it did not make any sense to give him a raise and that he also holds three (3) other posts within the County. She also explained that from what she sees online, it was not very clear that he wasn't practicing medicine. She hoped that he would sign an affidavit that he was not practicing private medicine which totally goes against our County Charter.

Legislator Nacerino stated that to her knowledge he was not practicing private medicine.

Legislator Albano believed that it was well deserved and the Health Department is doing more with less. He stated that he was very pleased with the direction they are taking.

Legislator Nacerino concurred. She stated that the Health Department protects the health and safety of our residents. She stated that Westchester County is considering a raise for their Health Commissioner which would increase her salary from \$172,000 to \$230,000 per year.

Legislator Montgomery believed that there were approximately 1 million residents in Westchester County and that the Commissioner's salary has not been increased since she has served in the position.

Legislator Nacerino believed that a 56% salary increase was quite steep.

Chairman Castellano stated to continue to look at the outstanding employees in Putnam County. He believed the increase was fair.

Chairman Castellano called for a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTION #283

A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE 2020 SALARIES OF CERTAIN APPOINTED OFFICERS SERVING FOR FIXED TERMS

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

Section 1.

Section 201 of the County Law and Municipal Home Rule Law, Section 23, requires that certain salary increases of fixed term officers be established by Local Law, subject to permissive referendum.

Section 2.

The annual salaries of the hereinafter designated County Officers appointed for a fixed term are hereby set at the following amounts effective January 1, 2020:

Paul Eldridge..... Personnel Director	\$138,487
Michael Nesheiwat Commissioner of Health	\$185,966
Michael Piazza Commissioner of Social Services/Mental Health/Youth Bureau	\$147,632
Director of Real Property Tax Services.....	\$ 98,257
Anthony Scannapiecco Commissioner Board of Elections	\$ 93,730
Catherine Croft Commissioner Board of Elections	\$ 93,730
Michele Alfano-Sharkey..... County Auditor	\$112,424

Section 3.

THIS LOCAL LAW SHALL TAKE EFFECT FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND IS SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.

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

Item #6s – Approval/ 2020 Salaries for Officers and Employees Paid from County Funds was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Jonke and Montgomery, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that this includes the County Executive and all elected officials. She did not agree that elected officials should be lumped in with the rest of the County employees. She stated that we can change this which is part of the Putnam County Charter and County Law.

RESOLUTION #284

APPROVAL/ 2020 SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES PAID FROM COUNTY FUNDS

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 2.04 of the Putnam County Charter and Section 201 of the County Law, the Putnam County Legislature must fix by resolution the compensation of all officers and employees paid from County funds; now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the salaries for fiscal year 2020 for all officers and employees, or their successors, who are not members of bargaining units or whose salaries are not required to be set by Local Law are hereby set at the amounts listed attached; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these employees will also be paid any benefits and/or receive incentive payments resulting from the Putnam County Flex Plan; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance is authorized to determine the method of pay out of monies as herein described.

2020 PERSONNEL SERVICES

<u>Org Code</u>	<u>Object Code</u>	<u>Pay Position</u>	<u>Pay Position Desc</u>	<u>2020 Adopted</u>
10101001	51000	101010101	LEGISLATOR	40,839.00
10101001	51000	101010102	LEGISLATOR	40,839.00
10101001	51000	101010103	LEGISLATOR	40,839.00
10101001	51000	101010104	LEGISLATOR	40,839.00
10101001	51000	101010105	LEGISLATOR	40,839.00
10101001	51000	101010106	LEGISLATOR	40,839.00
10101001	51000	101010107	LEGISLATOR	40,839.00
10101001	51000	101010108	LEGISLATOR	40,839.00
10101001	51000	101010109	LEGISLATOR	40,839.00
10101001	51000	101010110	CLERK TO LEGIS	99,988.00
10101001	51000	101010111	DEP CLERK TO LEGIS	80,788.00
10101001	51000	101010113	ADMIN ASST (LEGIS)	41,820.00
10101001	51000	101010114	ADMIN ASST (LEGIS)	49,139.00
10101001	51000	101010190	LEGISLATOR/CHAIRMAN	8,959.00
10116500	51000	116510101	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	202,800.00
10116500	51000	116510103	CHIEF ASST DIST ATTY	146,340.00
10116500	51000	116510104	ASST DISTRICT ATTY	86,367.00

10116500	51000	116510105	ASST DISTRICT ATTY	88,347.00
10116500	51000	116510108	ASST DISTRICT ATTY	70,000.00
10116500	51000	116510110	CRIM INVES (DA)	86,305.00
10116500	51000	116510111	ASST DISTRICT ATTY	65,505.00
10116500	51000	116510115	ASST DISTRICT ATTY	58,582.00
10116500	51000	116510122	SPEC VICTMS INV (DA)	71,144.00
10116500	51000	116510123	VICTIM/WITNESS ASST	33,251.00
10116500	51000	116510125	ASST DISTRICT ATTY	85,000.00
10116500	51000	116510126	ASST DISTRICT ATTY	65,000.00
10116500	51000	116510127	CONF SEC-DISTR ATTY	64,116.00
10116500	51000	116510128	CHG TITLE FROM ADA TO FIRST ADA	119,814.00
10118500	51089	118510101	CORONER	*
10118500	51089	118510102	CORONER	*
10118500	51089	118510103	CORONER	*
10118500	51000	118510104	CONF SEC TO CTY COR	42,000.00
10118500	51000	118510194	CORONER	12,000.00
10123000	51000	123010101	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	162,271.00
10123000	51000	123010103	CHIEF OF STAFF (CEO)	79,380.00
10123000	51000	123010104	DIR CONSTITUENT SVCS	45,613.00
10123000	51000	123010106	CONF SEC-COUNTY EXEC	56,000.00
10131000	51000	131010101	COMM OF FINANCE	147,634.00
10131000	51000	131010102	CHIEF DEP COMM FINAN	120,000.00
10131000	51000	131010110	DEP COMM FINANCE	92,000.00

10131000	51000	131010116	PAYROLL MANAGER	75,000.00
10132000	51000	132010101	COUNTY AUDITOR	112,424.00
10132000	51000	132010102	AUDIT MANAGER	61,248.00
10132000	51000	132010103	DEP CNTY AUDITOR	92,528.00
10134500	51000	134510101	DIR PURCH&CTRL SVCES	123,000.00
10134500	51000	149010121	ASSET MANAGER	33,313.00
10135500	51000	135510101	DIR REAL PRP TAX SVC	98,257.00
10141000	51000	141010101	COUNTY CLERK	133,067.00
10141000	51000	141010102	FIRST DEP CNTY CLERK	114,633.00
10141000	51000	141010104	CONF SEC-COUNTY CLK	57,400.00
10141100	51000	141110101	DEP CNTY CLERK	62,730.00
10141100	51000	141110103	DEP CNTY CLERK	111,904.00
10142000	51000	142010101	COUNTY ATTORNEY	146,370.00
10142000	51000	142010102	CONF SEC-COUNTY ATTY	43,551.00
10142000	51000	142010104	FIRST DEP CNTY ATTY	121,278.00
10142000	51000	142010105	SR DEP CNTY ATTY	98,257.00
10142000	51000	142010106	SR DEP CTY ATTY RISK	98,257.00
10142000	51000	142010109	SPEC ASST CTY ATTY	56,713.00
10142000	51000	142010110	RISK MANAGER	85,000.00
10142000	51000	142010112	SR DPTY COUNTY ATTOR	88,868.00
10142000	51000	142010114	DEP CNTY ATTORNEY	65,000.00
10142000	51000	149010122	SAFETY OFFICER	21,817.00

10143000	51000	143010101	PERSONNEL OFFICER	138,487.00
10143000	51000	143010103	PR PERSONNEL SPEC	78,993.00
10143000	51000	143010104	SR COORD EXAMS&TRANS	102,282.00
10143000	51000	143010105	CONF SECRETARY	55,202.00
10143000	51000	143010110	SR PERSONNEL SPEC	62,730.00
10143000	51000	143010111	DEPUTY PERSONNEL OFFICER	80,000.00
10143000	51000	143010112	PERSONNEL SPECIALIST (TRAINEE)	50,000.00
10200000	51000	143010105	CONF SECRETARY	2,300.00
10145000	51000	145010101	COMM OF ELECTIONS	93,730.00
10145000	51000	145010102	COMM OF ELECTIONS	93,730.00
10145000	51000	145010103	DEP COMM BD OF ELECT	84,678.00
10145000	51000	145010104	ELECTION SPECIALIST	61,572.00
10145000	51000	145010105	ELECTION SPECIALIST	61,572.00
10145000	51000	145010106	DEP COMM BD OF ELECT	84,678.00
10145000	51000	145010109	ELECTION SPECIALIST	61,572.00
10145000	51000	145010110	ELECTION SPECIALIST	61,572.00
10145000	51000	145010111	VOTING MCH TECH (PT)	29,383.00
10145000	51000	145010112	VOTING MCH TECH (PT)	29,383.00
10145000	51000	145010113	ELECTION SPECIALIST	61,572.00
10145000	51000	145010114	ELECTION SPECIALIST	61,572.00
10146000	51000	146010101	ASST RCDS MGMT OFCR	64,000.00
10146000	51000	146010193	RCDS RETENTION OFFCR	7,500.00

10149000	51000	149010101	COMM HWYS&FACILITIES	136,089.00
10149000	51000	149010102	SUPV PLAN & DESIGN	114,511.00
10149000	51000	149010104	PROJECT MANAGER	80,975.00
10149000	51000	149010105	FISCAL MANAGER	109,146.00
10149000	51000	149010106	SUPV CONSTR & MAINT	98,274.00
10149000	51000	149010109	CONF SEC HWY & FAC	43,639.00
10149000	51000	149010111	DEP COMM HWYS & FAC	104,102.00
10149000	51000	149010117	SENIOR ENGINEER	100,000.00
10149000	51000	149010121	ASSET MANAGER	33,313.00
10149000	51000	149010122	SAFETY OFFICER	65,451.00
10149000	51000	149010123	FED FUNDED PROG MGR	76,142.00
10168000	51000	168010106	DIRECTOR OF IT / GIS	99,541.00
10168000	51000	168010111	IT SYSTEMS SPEC	54,366.00
10168000	51000	168010112	RECLASS TO DATA SYSTEMS SPECIALIST	52,000.00
10168000	51000	168010114	DATA SECURITY & PRIVACY COORD.	55,000.00
10311000	51000	311010101	SHERIFF	152,862.00
10311000	51000	311010102	UNDERSHERIFF	134,265.00
10311000	51000	311010103	ROAD PATROL CAPTAIN	121,535.00
10311000	51000	311010110	CONF SECRETARY	55,069.00
10311000	51000	311010114	CRIM INV CAPTAIN	121,535.00
10311000	51000	311010125	CHIEF OF STAFF (SHERIFF)	66,902.00
10311000	51000	311010127	OPERATIONS CAPT	121,535.00

10311000	51000	311010128	CIVIL BUREAU CAPT	121,535.00
17311000	51000	311017149	DEP SHERIFF LT	113,056.00
10314000	51000	314010101	PROBATN DIR II	125,575.00
10314000	51000	314010119	TREATMENT COURT COOR	56,236.00
10098000	51000	314011101	ATI PROGRAM WORKER	51,250.00
10331500	51000	314110101	STOP DWI PRGM ADMIN	12,225.00
10315000	51000	315010101	CORRECTION CAPTAIN	121,535.00
10315000	51000	315010106	CORRECTION LIEUT	115,742.00
10315000	51000	315010109	CORRECTION LIEUT	115,742.00
10398900	51000	398910101	COMM OF EMERG SVCES	54,889.00
10398900	51000	398910102	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	4,281.00
10398900	51000	398910104	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	4,281.00
10398900	51000	398910105	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	4,281.00
10398900	51000	398910106	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	4,281.00
10398900	51000	398910107	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	4,281.00
10398900	51000	398910109	CONF SECRETARY	52,275.00
10398900	51000	398910112	DIR EMERG MED SERVS	70,000.00
10398900	51000	398910113	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	4,281.00
10398900	51000	398910114	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	4,281.00
10014000	51000	398910101	COMM OF EMERG SVCES	54,889.00
10014000	51000	398910115	EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR	65,000.00
10014000	51000	398913103	DEP COMM EMERG SVCES	87,248.00

10401000	51000	401010105	COMM OF HEALTH	185,966.00
10401000	51000	401010110	FISCAL MANAGER	118,000.00
12401000	51000	401012101	DIR ENGINEERING	112,057.00
12401000	51000	401012102	DIRECTOR ENVIR. HEALTH SERVICES	123,000.00
10405900	51000	405910101	ADMINS EI/PRE-K PRG	93,947.00
10431000	51000	731010101	DEP COMM SS & MH	53,970.00
10431000	51000	731010107	FISCAL MANAGER	44,528.00
10431000	51000	731010108	COMM SOC SVCES & MH	29,526.00
10033000	51000	431013101	SPOA COORD-CHLDN SVC	86,997.00
10033000	51000	431013102	SPOA COORD - ADULT	82,891.00
10058000	51000	601005101	PRV COMM COORDINATOR	29,805.00
10102000	51000	601002101	DIR CHILD/FAM SVCES	120,651.00
10102000	51000	601303101	COORD CHILD ADVC PRG	42,770.00
10102000	51000	731010104	YOUTH DIRECTOR	16,569.00
10108000	51000	601008103	COORD CHILD SUPP ENF	70,098.00
10120000	51000	601020103	SOC SVCS ATTORNEY	112,953.00
10120000	51000	601020110	DIR ELIGIBILITY	106,203.00
10120000	51000	601020120	CHG TITLE FR SOC SERVS LEGAL SPEC TO PARALEGAL	70,977.00
10120000	51000	601004114	SOCIAL SERV ATTORNEY	94,502.00
10120000	51000	731010101	DEP COMM SS & MH	53,970.00
10120000	51000	731010107	FISCAL MANAGER	61,226.00
10120000	51000	731010108	COMM SOC SVCES & MH	110,724.00

22070000	51000	601303101	COORD CHILD ADVC PRG	42,770.00
10641000	51000	641010101	DIRECTOR OF TOURISM	80,000.00
10651000	51000	651010101	COUNTY VET DIR	64,588.00
10651000	51000	651010106	VETERANS ASST (PT)	3,857.00
10651000	51000	651010108	DEP CNTY VETERAN DIR	47,772.00
10661000	51000	661010101	DIR OF CONS AFFAIRS/WTS&MSRS	30,000.00
10661000	51000	661010104	SECR TO ELEC BOARD	44,069.00
10661000	51000	661010106	SECY TO PLUMB BOARD	44,069.00
10661000	51000	661010110	DIRECTOR OF CODE ENF	57,167.00
10661000	51000	661010111	CONF SECRETARY	44,130.00
10677200	51000	677210101	DIR OFFICE SR RESRC	98,875.00
10677200	51000	677210103	CONF SECRETARY	51,711.00
10677300	51000	677310101	PROJECT DIR RSVP	74,847.00
10677300	51000	677310105	SENIOR CENTER MGR	55,110.00
10677400	51000	677410101	NUT SVCES COOR/HD CK	67,965.00
10677700	51000	677710101	COORD SVCES AGING	88,782.00
10711000	51000	711010102	PARK SUPERINTENDENT	83,944.00
10731000	51000	731010101	DEP COMM SS & MH	11,993.00
10731000	51000	731010104	YOUTH DIRECTOR	66,274.00
10731000	51000	731010107	FISCAL MANAGER	5,566.00
10731000	51000	731010108	COMM SOC SVCES & MH	7,382.00
10751000	51000	751110101	COUNTY HISTORIAN - 25 HPW	41,521.00

10802000	51000	802010101	COMM OF PLN DEV&TRNS	122,493.00
10802000	51000	802010106	TRANSP PROGRAM MGR CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY (RESO	85,532.00
10802000	51000	802020112	139/2019)	50,000.00

**PER DIEM RATE OF \$185 TO BE PAID FROM LINE 10118500.51089 AS PER RESOLUTION.*

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR SULLIVAN WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6t - Approval/Financial Disclosure List for the Year 2020 filing Recommended by the Putnam County Personnel Director Pursuant to Code Section 55-7 was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Jonke and Montgomery, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #285

**APPROVAL/FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE LIST FOR THE YEAR 2020 FILING
RECOMMENDED BY THE PUTNAM COUNTY PERSONNEL DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO
CODE SECTION 55-7**

WHEREAS, Section 55-7 of the Code of Putnam County requires that the Legislature annually by resolution determine which officers and employees of Putnam County are required to comply with the disclosure requirements of Chapter 55 of the County's Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 55-7 of the Putnam County Code, the County Personnel Director has submitted his recommendations for officers and employees subject to the County's Financial Disclosure Reporting requirements indicating which officers and employees must file the Policy Form and which officers and employees must file the Advisory Form; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and recommends the adoption of said recommendation of the Personnel Director; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby determines that those officers and employees of Putnam County delineated on the annexed list recommended by the Putnam County Director of Personnel are required to comply with the disclosure requirements contained in Chapter 55 of the Code of Putnam County by filing the designated disclosure form as contained in the recommendation.

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

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

Item #6u – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A075)/ Commissioner of Finance/ Vacancy Control Factor June through October 2019 was next. Chairman Castellano recognized Legislator Gouldman, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #286

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT/ COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ VACANCY CONTROL FACTOR JUNE THROUGH OCTOBER 2019

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (19A075) to provide for the Vacancy Control Factor for June through October 2019; 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	91,917
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	FICA	7,031
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Dental	613
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Life Insurance	249
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Health Insurance	<u>10,870</u>
		110,680

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

10131000 427705	Vacancy Control Factor	110,680
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2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6v – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A081)/ Department of Health/ Preschool 3 to 5 Program/ Care at Private Institutions was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #287

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH/ PRESCHOOL 3 TO 5 PROGRAM/ CARE AT PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a budgetary amendment (19A081) to cover costs associated with a State increase in the rate schools charge per student, higher than anticipated enrollment in Putnam County's Care at Private

Institutions 3 to 5 Program, and a 23.2% increase in the number of children receiving Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT) services over 2018; 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 Appropriations:

10296000	Preschool 3 to 5 Program	
54414	Care at Private Institutions	500,000
54678	Preschool Leased Transportation	<u>285,000</u>
		785,000

Decrease Appropriations:

10199000	General Contingency	
54980	Contingency	321,850

Increase Revenues:

10296000	Preschool 3 to 5 Program	
432773	Education & Transp Handicap Child	463,150

2019 Fiscal Impact \$321,850

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6w – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A082)/ Planning Department/ OSR Renovations/ SAM Grant was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #288

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT/ PLANNING DEPARTMENT/ OSR RENOVATIONS/ SAM GRANT (Carmel Friendship Center)

WHEREAS, by Resolution #261 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved of an application for supplemental grant funding in the amount of \$450,000, administered through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) and awarded by the State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) grant, for renovations, expansion and improvements necessary at the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources Carmel Friendship Center Project ID# 19389; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (19A082) to account for said grant award; 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 Estimated Appropriations:

51997000 53000 51605	OSR Renovations	450,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

51997000 437897 51605 State Aid – OSR SAM Grant 450,000

2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6x – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T333)/ Office for Senior Resources/ Unmet Needs Grant was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #289

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER / OFFICE FOR SENIOR RESOURCES/ UNMET NEEDS GRANT

WHEREAS, the Director of the Office for Senior Resources has requested a fund transfer (19T333) to adjust expense lines for the Unmet Needs Grant, as approved by the New York State Office for Aging (NYSOFA) on October 2, 2019; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10677500 52650 Motor Vehicles 55,000

Increase:

10677500 51093	Overtime	500
10677500 54210	Vehicle Lease	10,000
10677500 54782	Software Accessories	1,500
10677500 54371	Gasoline	1,500
10677500 54675	Travel	36,500
10677500 55370	Chargeback Automotive	3,500
10677500 55371	Chargeback Gasoline	<u>1,500</u>
		55,000

2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6y – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T369)/ Health Department/ Early Intervention Preschool, Leased Transportation, Evaluations and Excessive School District Admin was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #290

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER / HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ EARLY INTERVENTION
PRESCHOOL, LEASED TRANSPORTATION, EVALUATIONS AND EXCESSIVE SCHOOL
DISTRICT ADMIN**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a fund transfer (19T369) to cover the costs associated with an increase in children being transported to school-based programs, an increase in the number of children being evaluated and an increase in the rate by the State per child for CPSE (Committee on Preschool Special Education) meetings in 2019; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10405900 54417	Early Intervention Evaluations	37,000
10405900 54414	El Care at Private Institution	20,000
10405900 54441	Early Intervention Itinerant	<u>85,000</u>
		142,000

Increase:

10405900 54678	Early Intervention Leased Transportation	37,000
10296000 54417	Preschool Evaluations	20,000
10296000 54113	Excessive School District Admin	<u>85,000</u>
		142,000

2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6z – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T370)/ Health Department/ Preschool Motor Vehicles was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #291

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER / HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ PRESCHOOL MOTOR
VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a fund transfer (19T370) to purchase a School Bus for the Preschool 3-5 Program; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10199000 54980 General Contingency 50,000

Increase:

10296000 52650 Preschool Motor Vehicles 50,000

2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6aa – Approval/ Authorization/ Legislators to Attend March 2020 National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated that as voted out of Committee up to nine (9) could attend. He stated that if it was going to change you would need a motion to amend.

Legislator Jonke made a motion to amend the resolution to have five (5) Legislators attend; seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

RESOLUTION #292

APPROVAL/AUTHORIZATION/LEGISLATORS TO ATTEND MARCH 2020 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo) CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, Legislators have requested permission to attend the National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference to be held in Washington, D.C. on February 29, 2020 through March 4, 2020 for registration and lodging total expenditures of approximately \$1,985 per person; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approves up to five (5) Legislators can attend said conference; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, up to five (5) Legislators are authorized to attend the National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference to be held in Washington, D.C. on February 29, 2020 through March 4, 2020.

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

Item #7 – Other Business

There was no other business.

Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

Eliza Starbuck, President of Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce, stated that she was speaking as a private citizen. She thanked the Legislature for all the hard work they do. She stated that she is interested in learning more on how our County runs and how she can be helpful. She explained that when keeping track of when meetings are held in the

County and the town, she believed it was helpful when some of the different government structures keep a calendar so they always meet on the same days each month. She believed it would be incredibly helpful to all of the citizens the Legislators represent if a Putnam County Committee calendar could be set to hold those meetings at the same time each month.

Kathleen Foley, resident of Legislative District #1 believed the idea that Ms. Starbuck raised is great. She explained that the Legislature has been asked that the Committee meetings be regularized. She also requested that the Chairs of the Committees announce that the meetings are open to the public and when they can be recognized to speak at such meetings. Ms. Foley stated that she wanted to comment on Legislator Nacerino's comment about fiduciary responsibility. She wished that the Legislature gave the same amount of scrutiny and discussion to the rest of the budget that they gave tonight to the Sheriff's Department and the question of overtime. She explained that the Legislature has the discretion to decide if they want to attend a convention for Legislators; however, the public does not have the discretion when we dial 911 and need help. She stated that none of our deputies have discretion to answer the call; they show up and do their jobs.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she would like the Legislature to adhere to our rules of speaking agenda items only and to maintain decorum this evening.

Donald McDonnell from the Village of Cold Spring stated that he has been coming to the Legislature's meetings and Committee meetings for the last several months. He found the Committee meetings irregular in being scheduled and when he attends it is not clear on when the public can comment. He would appreciate a more regular schedule.

Lara Eldin from the Village of Cold Spring wanted to comment on meetings not being scheduled on set days. She explained her participation at her daughter's school on a Committee and the lack of participation until they started setting a calendar of meetings at the beginning of the school year.

Anna Silverlink from the Village of Cold Spring wanted to address Items #6r – Local Law Establishing the 2020 Salaries of Certain Appointed Officers Serving for Fixed Terms and Item #6s – 2020 Salaries for Officers and Employees Paid from County Funds. She stated that as a taxpayer, parent and homeowner in this county, she wanted to remind everyone that she has a stake and therefore would like to know when Committee meetings are happening.

Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Jonke wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Legislator Nacerino concurred and wished everyone happy, healthy and safe holiday season. She encouraged everyone to check the Legislative website or call the Legislative office to inquire about information on Committee meetings. She looked forward to further discussions in Committee about some of the topics that were raised tonight.

Legislator Albano stated that the audio of all Committee meetings can be found on the Legislature's website. He encouraged individuals to listen to the meetings if they are unable to attend. He welcomed any calls on agenda items.

Legislator Addonizio stated that the Legislative calendar is posted on the website.

Legislator Gouldman informed the public about the Putnam County 2020 Summer Internship P.I.L.O.T program, Putnam Invests in Leaders of Tomorrow. He stated that applications must be submitted online through January 31, 2020. He explained that more information is on the website under the Personnel Department. He wished everyone a happy holiday and a healthy and happy New Year.

Legislator Montgomery thanked the Chairman for allowing the discussion on having standardized meeting schedules. She recognized that it wasn't on the agenda and appreciated the Legislature's patience. She stated that she sent a memo to the Chairman of the Rules Committee, Legislator Sullivan, on November 12th asking this topic be discussed at Committee. She has yet to hear when this topic will be on the agenda. She believed having standardized meetings was critical to effective governing. She recognized the Sheriff's Department and the Carmel Police Department for the extraordinary job to protect the life of a person in crisis and the safety of the public on November 23, 2019. She stated that the subject in distress was a veteran acting violently. She was proud of our men and women in uniform and was grateful for the leadership of Sheriff Langley, his command and the Carmel Police Chief. She believed that law enforcement deserved the Legislature's support every day; making sure the department is properly funded, staffed and trained. She explained how our veterans needed better access to mental health services. She explained how we needed to do better for our veterans and law enforcement. She wished everyone a happy holiday.

Legislator Sayegh stated that she participated in the Office of Mental Health Statewide Virtual Town Hall with Commissioner Ann Marie Sullivan. She explained that there are over 800 site based clinics in the State of New York and there is not one (1) in Putnam County. She stated that currently there are discussions taking place with the Mahopac Central School District about establishing a site on campus to help access and to bring mental health to these adolescents. She believed this was a great first step in hopefully getting several school base clinics in our area. She stated that the Office of Mental Health is focusing on providing access and prevention. She hoped this would come to fruition in 2020. She wished everyone a happy holiday.

Chairman Castellano stated that the Legislative calendar is readily available online. He explained that from time to time items are changed or added. He explained that the Legislative office is very helpful if anyone calls with questions about the calendar and constituent's Legislator representatives are also very accessible when calling the office. He also explained the procedures on how Committee meetings are conducted. He stated that, although he believed the Committee Chairs did a good job in running their meetings, moving forward we will make sure it is clear to the public. He stated that he respects everything that was said about the Sheriff's Department and the Carmel Police while handling the dangerous situation that took place. He stated that we look out for our veterans and for our police officers who try to do the right thing every day. Chairman Castellano stated that this will be the last time sitting in this seat as Chairman of the Legislature. He thanked his colleagues and the voters of District #7 for giving him the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Putnam County Legislature. He stated that it

has been an honor to serve in this capacity for the last two (2) years. He stated that he looks forward to helping whoever takes over this seat next year. He stated that the last two (2) years have been exciting and difficult at times. He stated that he is proud of our accomplishments and record in keeping the budget under the State mandated tax cap without laying off any employees. He stated that Putnam County's tax bill is 9%; the lowest of any of the 62 counties in New York State. He stated that the average Statewide is 23%. He is especially proud that Putnam County has a Aa1 Moody's Bond rating; which certainly reflects the hard work that is done by everyone. He stated that he looks forward to a successful year ahead.

Chairman Castellano wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

There being no further business, at 8:17 P.M., Chairman Castellano made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.