

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

Tuesday

August 3, 2021

7:00 P.M.

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

Chairwoman Addonizio reminded everyone that as Chair she is required to maintain order and decorum so that we can accomplish the meeting agenda. She stated she is also required to enforce the Legislature's rules of procedure.

Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – Public Hearing Agr. District – July 6, 2021
Special Meeting – July 22, 2021

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:

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Nacerino & Sullivan)**

Item #6a – Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (21T128)/ Bureau of Emergency Services/ Two (2) New Emergency Service Dispatcher Positions was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Jonke, Chairman of the Personnel Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #140

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY TRANSFER (21T128)/ BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/
TWO (2) NEW EMERGENCY SERVICE DISPATCHER POSITIONS**

WHEREAS, due to the anticipated consolidation of the 911 Center and the Sheriff's Department Dispatchers, the 2021 budget was reduced by one (1) full time Dispatch position; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Wing Report shows the need for additional Dispatchers; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner has requested a budgetary transfer (21T128) to provide funding for two (2) new Full Time Emergency Service Dispatcher positions for the 911 Dispatch Center; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee, the Protective Services 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 (109)	Personnel Svcs – Emer Svcs Dispatcher	23,343
13398900 51000 (113)	Personnel Svcs – Emer Svcs Dispatcher	23,343
13398900 58001	Retirement	3,187
13398900 58002	FICA	3,572
13398900 58004	Workers Compensation	604
13398900 58006	Dental	1,802
13398900 58008	Health	20,600
13398900 58009	Vision	242
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		76,693

Decrease:

10199000 54980	Contingency	76,693
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2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6b – Approval/ Replace Resolution #50 of 2002/ Personnel/ Military Leave was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Jonke explained that this policy supports our Putnam County employees who also serve in the military. It makes up for their loss of income while they are away serving our Country.

Legislator Nacerino believed this was a wonderful policy and she thanked the individuals in the Personnel Department who proactively worked to revise this resolution to make sure these employees serving are made whole.

Legislator Sayegh explained that after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, this policy was passed by the Legislature six (6) months later in March of 2002.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that she was proud to support the updated version of this resolution. She thanked the Personnel Department for streamlining this policy.

RESOLUTION #141

APPROVAL/ REPLACE RESOLUTION #50 OF 2002/ PERSONNEL/ MILITARY LEAVE

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the County of Putnam to support those of its employees who volunteer to protect the United States against threats to our Country and vital national interests; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, upon the Pentagon Building in Washington DC and the World Trade Center in New York City, the County of Putnam passed resolution #50 of year 2002, in anticipation that employees of the County of Putnam who are members of the Armed Forces Reserves or National Guard may be called to active military duty, and

WHEREAS, under New York State Military Law Section 242, such employees are eligible for paid leave of thirty (30) calendar days or twenty-two (22) work days, whichever provides the greater benefit to the employee, in any calendar year or continuous period of absence, while performing ordered military duty; and

WHEREAS, the period of ordered, active military duty may exceed the paid military leave provided for under the New York State Military Law; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County of Putnam to amend and extend Putnam County resolution #50 of the year 2002, ensuring that such employees be made whole, and are not penalized by the economic impact of their service to our nation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that subject to any applicable agreement by and with the respective collective bargaining agents of the various employee units of the County of Putnam, the compensation and benefit policies of the County of Putnam for its employees who are members of the Armed Forces Reserves or National Guard, who are called to active military duty, shall be as follows:

- 1. Such employee ordered to active military duty for a period exceeding the paid military leave provided for under New York Military Law, section 242, shall receive from the County of Putnam, a salary equal to the difference, if any, between the employee's County salary and the salary paid for the performance of such ordered military duty;**
- 2. The term salary for the purposes of payment of the salary differential, is defined as base pay plus longevity and any other payments that are applicable to such employee pursuant to the appropriate bargaining unit agreement (i.e. education, credit payments, clothing allowances, etc.)**
- 3. Payment of the salary differential by the County of Putnam shall be subsequent to the receipt by the Department of Personnel of the County of Putnam, of documentation of payment received by the employee for said ordered military duty;**
- 4. Payment of the salary differential by the County of Putnam shall not exceed two hundred sixty working days (260) every five (5) years with respect to each eligible County of Putnam Employee;**
- 5. During the time an eligible County of Putnam employee is receiving the salary differential, such employee shall continue to receive all health benefit coverage, including dental and vision, where appropriate, and subject to applicable contribution rates, which such employee would otherwise be entitled if he or she was not called to active military duty, for such employee, the employee's spouse and other dependent as if such employee was in continuous attendance of his or her employment;**
- 6. During the time an eligible County of Putnam employee is receiving the salary differential, such employee shall continue to accrue vacation and sick leave credits, as if such employee has been in active employment of the County of Putnam for said period;**

7. During the time an eligible County of Putnam employee is receiving the salary differential, such employee shall continue to be credited the appropriate number of personal days as per their collective bargaining agreement, as if such employee has been in active employment of the County of Putnam for said period;
8. All employee benefits shall be made available on the same terms and conditions as such benefits would otherwise have been available but for such employee's military activation;
9. During the time an eligible County of Putnam Employee is receiving the salary differential, the County of Putnam shall report the employee's earnings to the New York State Retirement System, however, these earnings will be considered non-pensionable as per New York State Law. The employee may then request service credit from the New York State Retirement System and pay any requisite service credit payment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall replace resolution #50 of 2002 passed on March 5, 2002; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Officer and the Commissioner of Finance and their respective departments are hereby directed to undertake such administrative acts and tasks as are necessary and proper such as the creation of policies and/or procedures to carry out the intention of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately

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

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Albano, Legislators Castellano & Gouldman)

Item #6c – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A058)/ Planning Department/ Paving/ CARES Act Funding was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Albano, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #142

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A058)/ PLANNING DEPARTMENT/ PAVING/ CARES ACT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning, Development & Public Transportation has requested a budgetary amendment (21A058) to amend the Capital Budget to fund paving at the Transit Facility utilizing Federal CARES Act funds; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services 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 Estimated Appropriations:

55997000 53000 52009	Transit Facility Rehabilitation	79,458
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55997000 445894 52009

Fed Aid – CARES Act

79,458

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6d – Approval/ “Green Infrastructure” and “Complete Streets” Program/ Climate Smart Communities Programs / Executive Order No. 1-2021 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Albano read excerpts from the following resolution.

Legislator Nacerino stated that the resolution supports the initiatives that we have been taking and moving forward we will continue to support infrastructure and complete streets as well.

Legislator Castellano stated that the County is doing a great job and you can see the change over the last few years. He stated that we will continue to do the right thing for the people of Putnam County.

Chairwoman Addonizio explained that just recently solar panels were installed at the Kern building. She stated that several other county facilities will follow.

RESOLUTION #143

APPROVAL/ “GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE” AND “COMPLETE STREETS” PROGRAM/ CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PROGRAMS / EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1-2021

WHEREAS, it is Putnam County's goal to continue a "Green Infrastructure" and "Complete Streets" program as an integrated system that protects the environment and reduces the consumption of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the "Complete Streets Program" is an integral part of Putnam County's planning and transportation policy and allows for the design approach that requires streets to be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe, convenient, and comfortable travel; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County recognizes "Complete Streets is a critical plan for our future and also the need to encourage our local municipalities to develop a user-friendly plan for all ages and abilities regarding multi-modal transportation; and

WHEREAS, since 2018, Putnam County has focused on infrastructure enhancement and reducing fossil fuel consumption and considers Putnam ahead of the curve in New York State with an investment of \$8M in green energy; and

WHEREAS, Putnam continues to work with Ameresco, who has evaluated and assessed all county buildings through Article 9 - NYS Energy legislation that focuses on energy reduction and at the same time \$300,000 annual savings in reduced energy costs; and

WHEREAS, in July 2021, the Kern building solar panels were brought online with several other county facilities to follow; and

WHEREAS, this program's benefits are climate-smart and reduce our dependency on natural gas, diesel, heating oil, and propane; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has established a plan for an enterprise fleet program and a three-year cycle of leasing fleet vehicles for departments to assure we have a fleet with the best fuel consumption (MPG) and considers the most fuel-efficient vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has embarked on a regional feasibility and marketing study in 2021, the Southeast/Danbury Rail link study that considers the criticality of Complete Streets goals while mitigating traffic congestion as we improve the quality of life along with the Route 84/684 traffic choke point and further The study received unanimous support from the NYMTC, whose members include Putnam County, NYS DOT, NYC DOT, NYC Planning Department, Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) and Metro-North Railroad (MNR), and Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, and Westchester County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby agrees that the goals for Putnam County's green infrastructure and enhanced energy-efficient facilities and transportation shall be to promote an integrated system that considers the needs of all residents and visitors using our roadways, bikeways, pedestrian walkways, public transportation riders', motorists and citizens of all ages and abilities, including children, the elderly and disabled; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the legislature further acknowledges that Complete Streets allows for safe travel to all residents and businesses and considers walking, cycling, driving automobiles, and those riding public transportation and the connections across all modes of transportation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves of and acknowledges the importance of the Green Infrastructure & Complete Streets program which was developed through the coordinated efforts of the Putnam County Department of Highways & Facilities and the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development & Public Transportation, as well as several other relevant County departments and partners; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, *adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:*

- 1) Build a climate-smart community.**
- 2) Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.**
- 3) Decrease energy use.**
- 4) Shift to clean, renewable energy.**
- 5) Use climate-smart materials management.**
- 6) Implement climate-smart land use.**
- 7) Enhance community resilience to climate change.**
- 8) Support a green innovation economy.**
- 9) Inform and inspire the public.**
- 10) Engage in an evolving process of climate action.**

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

Item #6e – Approval/ Lead Agency/ SEQRA Determination/ Drewville Road Bridge Replacement was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #144

APPROVAL/ LEAD AGENCY/ SEQRA DETERMINATION/ DREWVILLE ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering the approval of a Putnam County Highways & Facilities project that involves the replacement of the existing bridge that carries Drewville Road (BIN 3345550) over the West Branch of the Croton River with a wider bridge supported on piles. The road will be closed throughout the duration of construction and a detour will be posted; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the Regulations promulgated thereunder (“SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617”); and

WHEREAS, other potential involved or interested agencies have been identified in regards to the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, a short Environmental Assessment form (EAF) has been prepared for the proposed project along with supporting documentation; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, after a review of Part 617, finds that the proposed action is an Unlisted action; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby declares its intent to act as the Lead Agency under the procedures and requirements of SEQRA and will conduct a coordinated SEQRA environmental review for the proposed action.

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

Item #6f – Approval/ Authorization for Commissioner of Highways & Facilities to Conduct Public Hearing/ Drewville Road (CR 36) Over West Branch of Croton River Bridge Replacement (BIN 3345550) PIN 8757.65 / Town of Carmel was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #145

APPROVAL/ AUTHORIZATION FOR COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING/ DREWVILLE ROAD (CR 36) OVER WEST BRANCH OF CROTON RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (BIN 3345550) PIN 8757.65 / TOWN OF CARMEL

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (“County”) is proposing to eliminate structural and functional deficiencies of an existing bridge using cost effective methods, and to provide safe access to and between areas adjoining West Branch Croton River; and

WHEREAS, the Project will replace the bridge that carries Drewville Road over the West Branch of the Croton River in the Town of Carmel, Putnam County with a wider, longer bridge supported by piles; and

WHEREAS, the Project is a Locally Administered Federal Aid Transportation Project administered by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Project is being progressed by the County Department of Highways and Facilities, with oversight by the New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) and in close coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”), in accordance with Federal and State laws, regulations, rules and policies; and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT has determined that in order to progress to the Project through the project design phase and right-of-way acquisition phase, it will be necessary for the County to conduct a Public Hearing on notice to the general public and affected landowners; and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing must be conducted at a convenient location for the purpose of affording the general public and affected landowners an opportunity to express any objections they may have to the proposed location of the Project; and

WHEREAS, at the Public Hearing, the County must outline the purpose, proposed location or alternate locations of the Project and provide any other information that the County considers pertinent, including maps and property descriptions of the property interests that may be acquired in order to accomplish the Project; and

WHEREAS, persons who attend or participate in the Public Hearing must be given a reasonable opportunity to present oral or written statements and submit other documents concerning the Project; and

WHEREAS, a record of the Public Hearing must be kept; including written statements submitted at and following the public hearing, with such hearing record to be made available to the public for examination without cost during normal business hours at the County’s principal offices and at the office of the Putnam County Clerk and, also, to be reproduced upon written request and payment of the cost thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Putnam County Department of Highways and Facilities is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a Public Hearing related to the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such Public Hearing will be conducted at a convenient location for the purpose of affording the general public and affected landowners an opportunity to express any objections they may have to the proposed location of the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that notice of such Public Hearing shall be published at least ten (10) but not more than thirty (30) days prior to such Public Hearing in at least two (2) successive issues of the County’s official weekly newspaper, as well as in five (5) successive issues of a daily newspaper of general circulation within the County of Putnam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that at least ten (10) but not more than thirty (30) days prior to such Public Hearing, the Commissioner shall cause to be posted on the County’s Department of Highways and Facilities website, a notice of such public hearing and be it further

RESOLVED, that notice of such Public Hearing shall include the purpose, time and location of such Public Hearing, setting forth the proposed location of the Project including any proposed alternate locations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that at the Public Hearing, the Commissioner of the Putnam County Department of Highways and Facilities and/or his designee(s) shall outline the purpose, proposed location or alternate locations of the Project and provide any other information that may be pertinent to the Project, including maps and property descriptions of the property interests that may be acquired in order to accomplish the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that persons who attend or participate in the Public Hearing shall be given a reasonable opportunity to present oral or written statements and submit other documents concerning the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a record of the Public Hearing shall be kept, including written statements submitted at and following the Public Hearing, with such hearing record to be made available to the public for examination without cost during normal business hours at the County's principal offices and at the office of the Putnam County Clerk and, also, to be reproduced upon written request and payment of the cost thereof.

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

Item #6g – Approval/ Lead Agency/ SEQRA Determination/ Sprout Brook Road Bridge Replacement was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #146

APPROVAL/ LEAD AGENCY/ SEQRA DETERMINATION/ SPROUT BROOK ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering the approval of a Putnam County Highways & Facilities project that involves the replacement of the existing bridge that carries Sprout Brook Road over Canopus Creek with a new structure. The proposed structure will consist of a 28-foot span 3-sided pre-cast concrete rigid frame which will be aligned with the stream. The bridge roadway section will consist of two 10-foot travel lanes and two 5-foot shoulders, resulting in a rail-to-rail width of 30 feet. The existing abutments and wingwalls will be completely or partially removed to accommodate the new substructure. New galvanized steel bridge three-rail with brush curb and box beam approach rail will be installed along the reconstructed area. This alternative will also improve the intersection layout of Sprout Brook Road and Winston Lane located adjacent to the structure. Traffic will be detoured around the site for the duration of constructions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the Regulations promulgated thereunder (“SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617”); and

WHEREAS, other potential involved or interested agencies have been identified in regards to the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, a short Environmental Assessment form (EAF) has been prepared for the proposed project along with supporting documentation; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, after a review of Part 617, finds that the proposed action is an Unlisted action; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby declares its intent to act as the Lead Agency under the procedures and requirements of SEQRA and will conduct a coordinated SEQRA environmental review for the proposed action.

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

Item #6h – Approval/ Authorization for Commissioner of Highways & Facilities to Conduct Public Hearing/ Sprout Brook Road (CR 15) over Canopus Creek Bridge Replacement (BIN 3345690) PIN 8762.13 / Town of Philipstown was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #147

APPROVAL/ AUTHORIZATION FOR COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING/ SPROUT BROOK ROAD (CR 15) OVER CANOPUS CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (BIN 3345690) PIN 8762.13 / TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (“County”) is proposing to perform preliminary engineering, detailed design, right of way incidentals, right of way acquisition and construction support services of Sprout Brook Road (CR 15) over Canopus Creek, Town of Philipstown, County of Putnam, State of New York (P.I.N. 8762.13) (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Project is to replace the existing structure to redress poor condition of deck, superstructure (yellow flag), and substructure, and to address safety concerns. Also to provide wider bridge roadway to provide shoulders for pedestrians and bicycles and improve the right-turn radius from Winston Lane onto Sprout Brook Road; and

WHEREAS, the Project is a Locally Administered Federal Aid Transportation Project administered by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Project is being progressed by the County Department of Highways and Facilities, with oversight by the New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) and in close coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”), in accordance with Federal and State laws, regulations, rules and policies; and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT has determined that in order to progress the Project through the project design phase and right-of-way acquisition phase, it will be necessary for the County to conduct a public hearing on notice to the general public and affected landowners as provided for in the New York Eminent Domain Procedure Law; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing must be conducted at a convenient location for the purpose of affording the general public and affected landowners an opportunity to express any objections they may have to the proposed location of the Project; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing, the County must outline the purpose, proposed location or alternate locations of the Project and provide any other information that the County considers pertinent, including maps and property descriptions of the property interests that may be acquired in order to accomplish the Project; and

WHEREAS, persons who attend or participate in the public hearing must be given a reasonable opportunity to present oral or written statements and submit other documents concerning the Project; and

WHEREAS, a record of the public hearing must be kept, including written statements submitted at and following the public hearing, with such hearing record to be made available to the public for examination without cost during normal business hours at the County’s principal offices and at the office of the Putnam County Clerk and, also, to be reproduced upon written request and payment of the cost thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Putnam County Department of Highways and Facilities is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a public hearing related to the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such public hearing will be conducted at a convenient location for the purpose of affording the general public and affected landowners an opportunity to express any objections they may have to the proposed location of the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that notice of such public hearing shall be published at least ten (10) but not more than thirty (30) days prior to such public hearing in at least two (2) successive issues of the County's official weekly newspaper, as well as in five (5) successive issues of a daily newspaper of general circulation within the County of Putnam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that at least ten (10) but not more than thirty (30) days prior to such public hearing, the Commissioner shall cause to be posted on the County Department of Highways and Facilities website, a notice of such public hearing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that at least ten (10) but not more than thirty (30) days prior to such public hearing, the Commissioner shall cause to be served, either by personal service or certified mail, return receipt requested, a notice of the purpose, time, date, and location of such public hearing to each assessment record billing owner, or his or her attorney of record, from whom real property interests may be acquired in order to accomplish the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that notice of such public hearing shall include the purpose, time and location of such public hearing, setting forth the proposed location of the Project including any proposed alternate locations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that at the public hearing, the Commissioner of the Putnam County Department of Highways and Facilities and/or his designee(s) shall outline the purpose, proposed location or alternate locations of the Project and provide any other information that may be pertinent to the Project, including maps and property descriptions of the property interests that may be acquired in order to accomplish the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that persons who attend or participate in the public hearing shall be given a reasonable opportunity to present oral or written statements and submit other documents concerning the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a record of the public hearing shall be kept, including written statements submitted at and following the public hearing, with such hearing record to be made available to the public for examination without cost during normal business hours at the County's principal offices and at the office of the Putnam County Clerk and, also, to be reproduced upon written request and payment of the cost thereof.

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

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

Item #6i – Approval /Fund Transfer (21T130)/ Board of Elections/ Equipment Rental Lease was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Sullivan, Chairman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano and Castellano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #148

APPROVAL /FUND TRANSFER (21T130)/ BOARD OF ELECTIONS/ EQUIPMENT RENTAL LEASE

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Board of Elections has requested a fund transfer (20T130) in order to lease 26 voting machines instead of purchasing them; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10145000 52680	Other Equipment over \$5,000	46,245
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Increase:

10145000 54560	Equipment Rental Lease	46,245
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2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Sayegh & Sullivan)**

Item #6j – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A061)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Proceeds of Seized Assets/ Licensing Software was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #149

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A061)/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ PROCEEDS OF SEIZED ASSETS/ LICENSING SOFTWARE

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (21A061) to utilize State Seized Asset Funds for the purpose of securing a 12-month renewal of software and licenses from Callyo 2009 Corp.; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services 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:

14311000 427151	Sheriff – Narcotics Div – Proceeds of Seized Assets	4,910
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Increase Expenses:

14311000 54783	Sheriff – Nacotics Div – Licensing Software	4,910
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2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6k – Approval/ Fund Transfer (21T126)/ Bureau of Emergency Services & Putnam County Sheriff/ FY2018 State Homeland Security Program Grant (SHSP) was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #150

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (21T126)/ BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF/ FY2018 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT (SHSP)

WHEREAS, by Resolution #36 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved a budgetary amendment request from the Bureau of Emergency Services to account for the 2018 Homeland Security Grant award in the amount of \$274,920; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Emergency Services has requested a fund transfer (21T126) to reallocate \$46,537 from the Rescue Equipment line to the Audio Visual Equipment lines; and

WHEREAS, this transfer will allow for the purchase of a 911 Call Center Video Wall and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) System Upgrade; 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:

10398901 52695 10148	Rescue Equipment	46,537
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Increase:

10398901 52640 10148	Audio Visual Equipment	38,150
10398901 52140 10148	Audio Visual Equipment	<u>8,387</u>
		46,537

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Addonizio & Nacerino)**

Item #6L – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A062)/ Youth Bureau/ New York State Highway Safety Program Grant Award was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized

Legislator Sayegh, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino believed this was a wonderful opportunity and program. She stated that this will initiate a Teen Driver Court in addition to the Youth Court which will accelerate the awareness of driver safety. She explained how she lost her niece over 25 years ago in a teenager driving accident. She stated that here we are over 25 years later having the same conversation. She believed it was important to bring awareness of the perils associated with unsafe driving. She stated that according to the statistics, 33% of deaths among 13- to 19-year-olds occur in motor vehicle crashes. She stated that 6% of teens say they talk on the phone while driving and 16-year-olds have the highest crash rate than drivers of any other age. She stated that there is still so much more work to be done in raising awareness. She was very happy to see this move forward.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that she was happy to support this. She explained that the \$38,186 in grant funding would promote good driving habits for our new drivers.

RESOLUTION #151

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A062)/ YOUTH BUREAU/ NEW YORK STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT AWARD

WHEREAS, at the May 18, 2021, Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee meeting the Youth Bureau informed the Legislature of the New York State Highway Safety Program Grant opportunity which required no matching County funds; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Youth Bureau has been notified by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee of a grant award in the amount of \$38,186 to participate in New York State's Highway Safety Program; and

WHEREAS, New York State's goal is to reduce the number of crashes, injuries and deaths on New York's roadways; and

WHEREAS, the grant (HS1-2022-Putnam CO Youth Bureau-00150-(40) / T006866), which is federally funded and administered by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC), runs from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Youth Bureau has requested a budgetary amendment (21A062) to establish the lines for a new Putnam County Teen and Young Adult Safe Driving Program to account for this grant award of \$38,186; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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:

10087000 448201	Youth Court – Federal Aid Youth Program	38,186
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Increase Expenses:

10087000 51094	Youth Court – Temporary	29,120
10087000 54675	Youth Court – Travel	1,786
10087000 58001	Youth Court – State Retirement	5,052
10087000 58002	Youth Court – Social Security	<u>2,228</u>

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6m – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A064)/ Health Department/ Household Hazardous Waste Day was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Sayegh explained that this increase in expected costs was a result of the previous event held in May having a record number of attendees due to “cleaning out their homes” during COVID. She stated that there was also an increase from the vendors as they added their own COVID restrictions including additional staff.

Legislator Gouldman stated that the Household Hazardous Waste Day was very important for our community. He explained how it helps to prevent these chemicals from getting into our water systems.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that the justification for increase in expenses is a result of the May 2020 event being cancelled due to COVID, which lead to the October 2020 event being very large with 439 attendees. She stated that the next event is October 9, 2021, and there is online registration on the County’s website.

RESOLUTION #152

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A064)/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a budgetary amendment (21A064) to fund an additional Household Hazardous Waste Day in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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 Estimated Appropriations:

10816000 54185 Household Hazardous Waste Day 55,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10816000 434896 State Aid – HH Hazardous Waste Day 27,500

Decrease:

10199000 54980 Contingency 27,500

**2021 Fiscal Impact \$27,500
2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

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

Item #6n – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A065)/ Health Department/ Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity (ELC) COVID-19 Grant Funding was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #153

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A065)/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/
EPIDEMIOLOGY & LABORATORY CAPACITY (ELC) COVID-19 GRANT FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a budgetary amendment (21A065) to account for additional Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Grant funding awarded to Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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 Estimated Appropriations:

26401001 51093 10160	Overtime	110,000
26401001 51094 10160	Temporary	150,000
26401001 52110 10160	Furniture	350
26401001 52130 10160	Computer Equipment	4,275
26401001 52170 10160	Kitchen Equipment	12,048
26401001 54310 10160	Office Supplies	2,108
26401001 54313 10160	Books & Supplements	3,637
26401001 54320 10160	Food	8,000
26401001 54329 10160	Promotional Materials	4,000
26401001 54330 10160	Medical Supplies	4,000
26401001 54385 10160	Uniforms	800
26401001 54410 10160	Supplies & Materials	5,518
26401001 54510 10160	Machine Maintenance	624
26401001 54636 10160	Internet Costs	1,820
26401001 54646 10160	Contracts	50,000
26401001 54664 10160	Advertising	27,500
26401001 54675 10160	Travel	4,500
26401001 54782 10160	Software Accessories	300
26401001 54989 10160	Miscellaneous Highway Expenses	9,000
26401001 58002 10160	FICA	<u>19,890</u>
		418,370

Increase Estimated Revenues:

26401001 444892 10160	Federal Aid – ELC- COVID-19	418,370
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2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6o – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A066)/ OSR/ Administration for Community Living (ACL) Grant Award was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino stated that this is another wonderful grant that has come our way “Empowering Communities to Reduce Falls and Fall Risks.”

Legislator Sayegh explained that Director Michael Cunningham stated that the Office for Senior Resources in Putnam County will be the lead agency in a five (5) county partnership with its neighboring offices for aging in Dutchess, Orange, Rockland and Ulster counties.

Chairwoman Addonizio explained that this grant offered by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) is absolutely needed here in Putnam County. She stated that statistics show that one (1) out of three (3) adults fall each year resulting in detrimental impacts on health and others resulting in fatalities. She stated that statistics have shown that community-based programs such as this can reduce falls. Education and implementation of strategies can help seniors improve balance and health.

RESOLUTION #154

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A066)/ OSR/ ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING (ACL) GRANT AWARD

WHEREAS, at the February 10, 2021, Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee meeting, Office for Senior Resources Director, Michael Cunningham, informed the Committee of a grant offered by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) titled, 2021 Empowering Communities to Reduce Falls and Fall Risks; and

WHEREAS, the Office for Senior Resources has requested a budgetary amendment (21A066) to account for additional ACL Federal Grant funding awarded to Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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 Estimated Appropriations:

10762000 54310 10166	Office Supplies	1,000
10762000 54313 10166	Books & Supplements	1,000
10762000 54410 10166	Supplies & Materials	13,500
10762000 54640 10166	Education & Training	2,500
10762000 54646 10166	Contracts	21,000
10762000 54636 10166	Internet Costs	500
10762000 54675 10166	Travel	100
10762000 54782 10166	Software	250

10762000 54989 10166	Miscellaneous	<u>5,350</u> 45,200
Increase:		
10199000 54980	Contingency	7,200
Increase Estimated Revenues:		
1076200 447721 10166	Federal Aid – ACL Fed Grant	52,400
2021 Fiscal Impact (\$7,200)		
2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –		

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

Item #6p – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A067)/ Health Department/ Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity (ELC) COVID-19 Grant Funding was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Chairwoman Addonizio stated, as discussed in the Committee meeting, we are not sure if this will be mandated or left up to each individual school district to decide. She stated, if not mandated, then the student attendance of each school will have the opportunity to opt in or opt out.

RESOLUTION #155

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A067)/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ EPIDEMIOLOGY & LABORATORY CAPACITY (ELC) COVID-19 GRANT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has allocated Putnam County Health Department with \$2,098,073 to enable schools/districts in Putnam County to establish COVID-19 screening testing programs; and

WHEREAS, these programs are to support and maintain in-person learning (including public, private, BOCES, and charter schools as applicable); and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a budgetary amendment (21A067) to account for this additional Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Grant funding awarded to Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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 Estimated Appropriations:

26401001 54093 10167	Overtime	20,000
26401001 51094 10167	Temporary	72,800
26401001 52170 10167	Kitchen Equipment	6,000
26401001 52190 10167	Medical Equipment	18,950
26401001 54330 10167	Medical Supplies	2,750
26401001 54646 10167	Contracts	1,970,473

26401001 58002 10167	FICA	<u>7,100</u>
		2,098,073

Increase Estimated Revenues:

26401001 444892 10167	Fed Aid – ELC- Reopen Schools	2,098,073
	2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	
	2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	

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

Item #6q – Approval/ Fund Transfer (21T133)/ Health Department/ Environmental Health Aides/ Temporary was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Sayegh stated that this staff is vital to COVID response, as well as, helping the Health Department meet the overall health mandates.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she supported this fund transfer. She stated that Shawn Rogan from the Health Department spoke about the important work these temporary workers are performing.

RESOLUTION #156

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (21T133)/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AIDES/ TEMPORARY

WHEREAS, the Health Department has requested a fund transfer (12T133) to cover two (2) Environmental Health Services (EHS) Health Aide Temporary positions; and

WHEREAS, these two (2) Temporary positions are essential to the Health Department as they assist with mandated work in Public Health Protection; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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:

11401000 51093	Nursing – Overtime	12,149
12401000 51093	EHS – Overtime	4,000
12401000 52110	EHS - Furniture	579
12401000 52130	EHS – Computers	583
12401000 54313	EHS – Dues & Pubs	1,000
12401000 54320	EHS – Food	2,990
12401000 54640	EHS – Education & Training	1,400
12401000 54664	EHS – Advertising	<u>500</u>
		23,201

Increase:

12401000 51094	EHS – Temporary	21,552
12401000 58002	EHS – FICA	<u>1,649</u>
		23,201

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Chairman Castellano, Legislators Albano & Gouldman)

Item #6r – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A063)/ Putnam County Tourism/ I Love New York Program was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Sayegh stated that every dollar spent here offsets your tax bill in Putnam County.

RESOLUTION #157

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A063)/ PUTNAM COUNTY TOURISM/ I LOVE NEW YORK PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Putnam County has received 2021 New York State Tourism Matching Grant Funds in the amount of \$28,048; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Tourism Director has requested a budgetary amendment (21A063) to amend the 2021 Putnam County Tourism budget to account for the 2021 matching funds received from the I Love New York program; 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 Revenue:		
10641000 437151	Tourism – State Aid – I Love NY	28,048

Increase Appropriations:		
10641000 54328	Tourism – I Love NY Program	27,096
10641000 51094	Tourism – Temporary	884
10641000 58002	Tourism – Social Security	<u>68</u>
		28,048

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6s – Approval/ Local Law to Amend Chapter 41, Section 41-5 of the Code of Putnam County Entitled “Deposit & Investment Policy” was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #158

APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 41, SECTION 41-5 OF THE CODE OF PUTNAM COUNTY ENTITLED “DEPOSIT & INVESTMENT POLICY”

A Local Law to Amend Chapter 41, Section 41-5 of the Code of Putnam County Entitled “Deposit & Investment Policy”

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

Section 1.

Section 41-5. Designation of Official Depositories.

The banks and trust companies authorized for the deposit of monies up to the maximum amounts are:

DEPOSITORY NAME	MAXIMUM AMOUNT
JP Morgan Chase Bank NA	\$40,000,000
Key Bank	\$40,000,000
M&T Bank	\$40,000,000
People’s United Bank NA	\$20,000,000
Putnam County National Bank	\$20,000,000
PCSB Commercial Bank subsidiary of PCSB	\$30,000,000
Signature Bank	\$40,000,000
Sterling Bank	\$20,000,000
TD Bank	\$40,000,000
Tompkins Mahopac National Bank	\$30,000,000
Webster	\$40,000,000
Wells Fargo	\$40,000,000

Section 2.

Section 41-10 of the Putnam County Code Entitled “Purchase of Investments”, Subsection 41-10 A(2)(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

New York Liquid Asset Fund (NYLAF) – PMA Financial Network, LLC.

Subsection A(2)(b) to remain the same.

Section 3.

This local law shall take effect immediately.

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

Item #7 – Other Business

Legislator Jonke made a motion to add pre-filed other business Item #7a to the agenda; seconded by Legislator Castellano.

By Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Legislator Montgomery was absent. Motion carries.

Item #7a – Approval/ Support for Restoring the Display of American Flags at the Brewster Train Station was next.

Legislator Jonke stated that recently it came to his attention that two (2) residents of the Town of Southeast had lodged a complaint regarding flags installed at the train station in the Village of Brewster. He stated that the flags were hung by a local Korean War Veteran who takes time every day to greet the commuters that travel to and from the Village of Brewster. He stated that the troubling parts of the complaint was the that there were too many American flags flying in Putnam County and that some residents found these flags offensive. He stated that he proposed this legislation tonight, asking the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to restore the flags at the train station in a way that requires minimal maintenance and in a place that does not cover existing signage. He stated that he learned earlier today that the MTA has offered to install a permanent flagpole in front of the train station which he believed was a small victory here. He thanked Neal Zuckerman, Putnam County’s representative on the MTA Board for his assistance in this matter and all the other matters that he has helped with over the years.

Legislator Jonke stated that he proudly moves this resolution forward and asked his colleagues for their support.

Legislator Castellano stated that he was proud to second this resolution and the great work Legislator Jonke did to move this forward. He stated that the Village of Brewster is in his Legislative District and the train station is a beautiful building which is one (1) of the few original train stations on this train line. He stated that the gentleman who is the Korean War Veteran is an incredible patriotic person who shows up every morning to greet the commuters. He explained that this gentleman should get credit for decorating the train station and he is proud to have this gentleman as his neighbor.

Legislator Albano stated that he just became aware of this, and it was hard to believe. He stated that he is proud to be an American and was proud of the flags we have in Putnam County.

Legislator Nacerino stated she is very proud to support this. She stated that she is proud to be an American, to live in Putnam County and to display the flag of the United States of America. She thanked Legislator Jonke for bringing this forward.

Legislator Sayegh stated that the U.S. Flag is a symbol of freedom for all of us. It represents those who have fought and died to protect our freedom and makes it possible

to live in a free country to protest, to disagree and guarantees our freedom of speech. She stated that it also protects the people that complain. She stated that if we lose sight of what our country was founded on, we lose our freedom. She stated that the disrespect of removing them at our train station is nothing new. Our flag has been spat upon, burned, trampled and yet she rises time and time again. She stated that she will not stand by personally while our symbol of freedom, sacrifice and hope is torn down from the Brewster train station because of one (1) or two (2) complaints of someone offended. She stated that this deeply offends her and all who stand behind the freedoms, liberty, hope and sacrifice that our flag represents. She stated that we are one (1) generation away from losing our freedom which the flag represents. She stated that we need to stand strong in our resolve to always protect our flag. She thanked Legislator Jonke for bringing this forward.

Legislator Jonke recognized Village of Brewster Mayor, James Schoenig. He stated that Mayor Schoenig was the one (1) who brought this to his attention.

Legislator Sullivan thanked both Legislator Jonke for bringing this forward and Mayor Schoenig for bringing this to his attention. He explained that he is proud of the many flags displayed in Putnam County and it was great to show our patriotism. He echoed what all his fellow colleagues had already said.

Legislator Gouldman thanked Legislator Jonke and Mayor Schoenig. He stated that the American Flag is a symbol of freedom and democracy for the whole world, not just the United States. He stated that for someone to say that Putnam County has a large display of American Flags is something to be proud of. He stated that he is glad to live in a County that displays the American Flag.

Chairwoman Addonizio thanked Legislator Jonke for bringing this forward this evening. She questioned what was next, someone telling us that we don't have the right to fly the American Flag on our property because we will offend our neighbors? She thought that we lived in America, the land of the free because of the brave men and women who fought for our freedom. She stated that the American Flag has proved justice for over 225 years. The freedom to display the American Flag Act of 2005 found in Title IV of the US Code prohibits any community association, such as a condo association, from restricting or preventing any homeowner from displaying the flag of the United States on their personal property. She stated that her flag represents liberty, justice, freedom and love of country.

Legislator Jonke moved the following resolution which he read into the record; seconded by Legislators Albano and Castellano.

RESOLUTION #159

APPROVAL / SUPPORT FOR RESTORING THE DISPLAY OF AMERICAN FLAGS AT THE BREWSTER TRAIN STATION

WHEREAS, the Flag of the United States of America is a symbol of freedom and liberty to which Americans pledge their allegiance; standing at attention and facing the flag with our right hand over the heart, we recite: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all"; and

WHEREAS, the American Flag's 13 alternating red and white stripes represent the 13 original colonies, and its 50 white stars on a blue field represent all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, the colors on the flag and what they represent are: Red for valor and bravery; White for purity and innocence; and Blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 94-344, known as the Federal Flag Code, makes clear that the flag is a living symbol of a living country; and

WHEREAS, a patriotic display of American Flags at the Brewster train station in Putnam County, which flags were donated by a local veteran of the United States Armed Forces, was recently removed due to a complaint made to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA); and

WHEREAS, the MTA demonstrates its enthusiasm for the display of the American Flag by including its depiction on MTA locomotives and train cars; and

WHEREAS, the respectful and patriotic display of American Flags at the Brewster train station, or any other respectful and patriotic public display of American Flags, is entirely appropriate and welcomed by all good citizens of Putnam County; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature respectfully calls upon the MTA to restore the display of American Flags at the Brewster train station; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the management of the MTA and Putnam County's representative on the MTA Board.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

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

Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

Barbara Scuccimara of the Town of Philipstown commented on Item #6d - "Green Infrastructure" and "Complete Streets" Climate Smart Initiative. She stated that this initiative is about clean water, which is high on everyone's priorities. She explained that the Town of Philipstown has a very steep Main Street, and everything flows down towards the Hudson River. She stated that she would do anything to protect that river and she believed that this was a great initiative. She stated that there are many things that can be done besides just putting solar panels on our building. She stated that years ago she had a discussion with the County Executive to see what Department Heads had already begun working on Climate Smart Initiatives without realizing it such as, energy initiatives, using less styrofoam and planting rain gardens. She explained how even small changes will eventually make a big difference. Ms. Scuccimara proceeded to comment on Item #6m - Household Hazardous Waste Day. She claimed that it is worth the extra money to run this event so Hazardous substances do not leach into water bodies. She believes that this is an important educational opportunity like medication take back day which she brought into the Town of Philipstown.

Putnam County Transportation Manager Vincent Tamagna thanked the Legislature for the budgetary amendment for the Planning Department. He explained that he was proud to say the Planning Department Transit Facility renovation project was finished on schedule, high quality, and within budget. He stated that they are starting phase two, the interior and the architecture of the actual building. He commented on complete streets and the controversy surrounding it. He stated that they have been working on Climate

Smart and Complete Streets for a long time, “doing the job that the County Executive wants us to do.” He stated that they have created a draft of a Complete Streets plan for the Village of Brewster and are currently working on the Village of Cold Spring. He provided an overview of some of the recommendations in the draft plan for the Village of Brewster. He invited the Legislators to come to the Planning Department to review the draft. He pointed out that Legislator Scuccimarra started the initiative in 2017. He touched upon Item #7 - Restoring the Display of American Flags at the Brewster Train Station and thanked the Legislature and Putnam County for being as patriotic as they are.

Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Kenny Clair addressed Item #6a – Budgetary Transfer (21T128)/ EMS/ Two (2) New Emergency Service Dispatcher Positions. He thanked the Legislature, Protective Services Committee, and the County Executive for their support in approving the two (2) new dispatcher positions as we move forward with the consolidation. He stated that it will give them the opportunity to have three (3) dispatchers on the midnight shift. He thanked the Legislature, specifically Legislator Jonke for bringing up agenda Item #7 – Restoring the Display of American Flags at the Brewster Train Station.

Kevin McConville of the Town of Philipstown thanked the Legislature for approving Item #6a - Budgetary Transfer (21T128)/ EMS/ Two (2) New Emergency Service Dispatcher Positions. He believed that it would be a benefit to visitors, residents, and first responders in Putnam County.

Serena Tamagna of the Town of Philipstown addressed agenda Items #6g and #6h regarding the Sprout Brook Road Bridge Replacement. She stated as a former resident of Continental Village, she thanked the Legislature for rebuilding infrastructure and making sure Emergency Services are well equipped.

Mayor Schoenig of the Village Brewster read the email he had received regarding the disapproval for the flags at the Brewster train station. He expressed his appreciation for the Legislature’s efforts in approving the resolution requesting that the MTA restore the display of the flags.

Item #9 - Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Albano expressed his pride for the progress that the County has made regarding Climate Smart and Street Smart initiatives over the years. He stated that there has been a tremendous amount of work done, such as a side walk project, connecting bike trails and investing in automatic lights. He explained how these efficiencies are a priority and are a benefit to taxpayers and the environment.

Legislator Sayegh recognized the passing of Dr. Raymond Phillips, a distinguished member of the Board of Health. He passed away July 14th at 90 years old. She provided an overview of his accomplishments and offered her condolences to his family.

Legislator Sullivan discussed how COVID-19 numbers are rising due to the Delta variant but noted that hospitalization numbers are extremely low. He stated that the long-term consequences of COVID-19 are still not fully understood, so everyone should take COVID-19 seriously and protect themselves and their community by getting vaccinated.

Legislator Jonke thanked Mayor Schoenig for being here tonight and making him aware of the situation at the Brewster train station, his colleagues for their support on the resolution, and Legislative Counsel for drafting this wonderful resolution.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that August is designated as Children's Eye Health and Safety Month. She stressed the importance of having your child's eyes examined during well child visits. She stated that the eye doctor can detect near sightedness, far sightedness and astigmatism as well as eye diseases. She stated that eye injuries are the leading cause of vision loss in children. There are 42,000 sports related injuries every year in America and children suffer most of these injuries. She stated that there are many eye conditions that can affect a child's vision and it is important to be aware of any visible changes; some obvious and some very subtle. She explained how recently her two (2) year old granddaughter was diagnosed with a rare eye cancer called retinoblastoma. She explained how her daughter noticed a haze over one (1) of her child's eyes and immediately called a pediatric ophthalmologist. She was diagnosed and received treatment at Sloan Kettering within days. She explained that she is speaking about this tonight to bring awareness to the many different eye diseases that affect children. She stated that by acting quickly can save vision and your child's life.

There being no further business, at 8:00 P.M., Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Jonke and Castellano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.