

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN ROOM #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Addonizio & Jonke

Wednesday

December 14, 2022

(Immediately following the Rules Committee Meeting at 6:30PM)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairwoman Sayegh who requested that Legislator Addonizio lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislator Addonizio and Chairwoman Sayegh were present. Legislator Jonke was absent. Legislator Albano sat in place of Legislator Jonke.

Item #3 - Approval/Appointment/Board of Health/Heiber

Legislator Sullivan stated he knows Dr. Heiber who is a veterinarian in Mahopac. He stated Dr. Heiber is community minded and is a great addition to the Board.

Chairwoman Sayegh noted that Dr. Heiber is part of the group that does the rabies vaccination clinic with the County.

Legislative Counsel Robert Firriolo clarified that Dr. Heiber cannot take Dr. Philips place on the Board of Health, because Dr. Heiber is a veterinarian, not a physician, which was the role Dr. Philips was filling on the Board. He noted that Dr. Heiber can fill another vacancy on the Board.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated the Board is still accepting applications.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to approve Appointment/Board of Health/Heiber; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #4 - Approval/Appointments/Mental Health Community Services Board

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional, which was a revised request from County Executive Odell to appoint eight (8) members to the Mental Health Community Services Board.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated each candidate provided detailed resumes. She read the names of each candidate.

Legislator Nacerino stated she appreciates receiving the resumes but is concerned with having the addresses and contact information of the candidates. She requested that everyone treat this personal information with care.

Chairwoman Sayegh questioned Legislative Counsel if resumes are private information.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated there are provisions in the Public Officers Law on personal information such as name and addresses are not confidential as they can be found through various resources. He stated however, as a best practice, the Legislative Office redacts addresses and contact information of private citizens who are volunteering, just as a way to protect personal privacy. He stated this information can still be obtained via a FOIL (Freedom of Information Law) request.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated she understands the Legislature having the resumes on file and available in the Legislative Office, however she wonders if these resumes should be online for public viewing. She stated these resumes have a good deal of personal information.

Legislator Albano stated the Legislature could elect not to have the resumes online.

Legislator Addonizio agreed.

Legislator Nacerino stated the Legislature has an obligation to protect volunteers' privacy.

Legislator Gouldman suggested having the volunteers only provide an email and phone number.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated the Legislature would benefit from knowing which Town they reside in.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo clarified that they still have to fill out the same disclosure forms that all volunteers must fill out, which has their address on it and can be obtained via FOIL.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to approve the revised Appointments/Mental Health Community Services Board; Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Legislator Addonizio requested clarification on the handling of these resumes moving forward.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated the resolution with their names and terms will be on the Legislative website, but not the resumes with personal information.

Item #5 - Approval/Budgetary Amendment 22A084/Youth Bureau/Revising Allocations to Green Chimneys, Arbor House, and Transitional Living Program

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment 22A084; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #6 - FYI/Fund Transfer 22T332/Health Department/Year End Overtime and Temp Payroll – Duly Noted

Item #7 - Other Business – None

Item #8 - Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:15 P.M., Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to adjourn;
Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Ed Gordon.