

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM #318  
40 GLENEIDA AVENUE  
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512  
(Chairman Albano, Legislators Castellano & Gouldman)**

**Monday**

**6:30p.m.**

**December 19, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Chairman Albano who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislator Castellano and Chairman Albano were present. Legislator Gouldman arrived at 6:35pm.

**Item #3 - Approval/ Physical Services Meeting Minutes/ November 22, 2022**

Chairman Albano stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #4 - Approval/ Budgetary Transfer 22T376/ Additional Funding for the Remainder of 2022 for Specific Departmental Utility (Electric) appropriation line items/ Chief Deputy Commissioner of Finance Lewis**

Legislator Montgomery stated she sent a memo requesting the backup to support this request. She stated there was no backup provided. She stated the County rents facilities to private entities and believes the Legislature should take a look at the use of electric by each. She stated she also requested information on what facilities are we referring to.

Chairman Albano stated that he will also request that information and have it for tomorrow's Audit Meeting.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve Budgetary Transfer 22T376/ Additional Funding for the Remainder of 2022 for Specific Departmental Utility (Electric) appropriation line items; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

**Item #5 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 22T361/ Highway & Facilities Dept/ Funds For Heating Oil Needs Through Year End/ Deputy Commissioner Highway & Facilities John Tully**

Chairman Albano stated we are all aware of the increase in the price of heating oil. He stated this is a request to cover overages.

Legislator Montgomery stated this is the same scenario as the previous request. She requested backup to this request as well. She stated she is interested in Tilly Foster and the County Golf Course facilities. She stated her memo went out today requesting the information.

Chairman Albano requested the Clerk look into getting the information requested in time for the meeting tomorrow. He stated the fact is that utility costs have increased.

Legislator Montgomery stated then the County may need to raise the rent for the rental facilities.

Chairman Albano stated when the leases come up for renewal, that is something that can be considered.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 22T361/ Highway & Facilities Dept/ Funds For Heating Oil Needs Through Year End; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

**Item #6 - Approval/ Ratification of Application for 2022/2023 Grant Funds Available Through the NYS Department of Transportation's Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program/ Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, John Tully**

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve Ratification of Application for 2022/2023 Grant Funds Available Through the NYS Department of Transportation's Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

**Item #7 - Recognition/ Soil & Water Former District Manager Lauri Taylor and Former Board Member Marjorie Thorpe/ Legislator Amy Sayegh**

Legislator Sayegh stated the Soil & Water Board (Board) would like to recognize Marjorie Thorpe and Lauri Taylor for their years of service on the Board. She stated the more appropriate place to do this would be at a Full Legislative Meeting with a presentation of a proclamation. She stated therefore the proclamation will be part of the February 2023 Full Meeting.

**Item #8 - Other Business**

**a. Approval/ 34 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel NY/ County Attorney Jennifer Bumgarner**

Chairman Albano stated agenda item #8a will not be added to the agenda this evening. He stated there is no one present to speak to the matter.

Chairman Albano made a motion to waive the rules and accept the Other Business item #8b.; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

**b. FYI/ Veto by Governor Hochul / An Act To Amend the Environmental Conservation Law in relation to the protection of certain streams/ Legislator Amy Sayegh**

Legislator Sayegh stated back in August of 2022 she had presented the matter and the concerns related to the proposed bill: *An Act To Amend the Environmental Conservation Law in relation to the protection of certain streams* that was in Albany to the Legislature. She stated Putnam County passed resolution #177 requesting the Governor to veto said bill. She stated she was happy to see that the Governor did veto the bill. She stated the reasons the Governor chose to veto it were in-line with the concerns that Putnam County cited in said resolution. She spoke to some of those concerns. She expressed her appreciation to Governor Hochul.

Chairman Albano stated on the surface this proposal sounds great, everyone wants clean water. He stated however when the proposal was reviewed in detail, the proposal may have actually been counterproductive.

Legislator Montgomery stated she disagrees that this proposal would have been counterproductive. She stated she looks forward to this coming back in 2023. She spoke to the wording in resolution #117 which states that Putnam County is relying on our Soil and Water Board to do this work. She stated to date the County still does not have a qualified individual to do the work. She stated the County does not have a certified planner and there is no longer anyone on the Soil and Water Board with the qualification to do the permitting and overseeing of such items.

Legislator Sullivan stated the first sentence of the second paragraph of Governor Hochul's veto, is what the Legislators who voted in approval of resolution #117 stated: *I fully support efforts to safeguard clean water and natural resources across our state.* He continued to read the rest of the veto message.

**Item #9 - Adjournment**

There being no further business at 6:43PM Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trubulsky.