

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
CALLED BY THE CLERK AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIR
HELD IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Thursday March 9, 2023 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Chairman Jonke who requested the Sheriff's Department Color Guard to present the colors. Chairman Jonke requested that Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Sayegh lead in the Legislative Prayer. Chairman Jonke requested a moment of silence for the passing of Jamal Nesheiwat, father of our Health Commissioner, Dr. Michael Neshiewat. Upon roll call Legislators, Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Ellner, Castellano, Sayegh, Crowley and Chairman Jonke were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Chairman Jonke stated that today is our County Executive's 68th day in office. He stated, on a personal note, he worked collaboratively with Kevin while Kevin served as Putnam County's Assemblyman representative for six (6) years that he served in Albany. He stated that they always had a good relationship and Kevin was always responsive to all the members of the Legislature during his service as Assemblyman.

Chairman Jonke introduced County Executive, Kevin Byrne to present the 2023 State of the County Address.

County Executive Byrne thanked Chairman Jonke and presented the (attached) 2023 State of the County entitled "Opportunity."

Chairman Jonke thanked County Executive Byrne for his presentation. Chairman Jonke then proceeded to recognize the elected officials and representatives in attendance. He stated that all our partners in government at the town and village level are here tonight. Every municipality in Putnam County is represented. He also extended a special thank you to all the department heads who attended.

There being no further business, at 8:03 P.M., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.