

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
40 Gleneida Avenue Room #318
Carmel, NY 10512

Committee Members: Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Castellano & Montgomery

Thursday

November 16, 2023

(Rules Mtg. Immediately Followed)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Chairman Gouldman and he led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislator Castellano and Chairman Gouldman were present. Legislator Montgomery was absent. Chairman Gouldman stated Legislator Addonizio would be sitting as a member of the committee in Legislator Montgomery's absence.

Item #3 - Acceptance/ Physical Services Meeting Minutes/ September 7, 2023

Chairman Gouldman stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #4 - Approval/ Fund Transfer 23T363/ Funds For Load Bank Tests Needed on Generators in 2023/ Department of Public Works Commissioner Thomas Feighery

Chairman Gouldman stated Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery and Acting Deputy Commissioner of DPW Joseph Bellucci were present to speak to agenda item #: 4 - 9.

Legislator Ellner questioned how many generators are included in this request.

Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery stated 26 generators.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Fund Transfer 23T363/ Funds For Load Bank Tests Needed on Generators in 2023; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #5 – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 23A070/ Additional Funding Needed to Continue Responding to the Flood Damage to Various County Roads Caused by the July 9th Storm/ Department of Public Works Commissioner Thomas Feighery

Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery stated the County has spent \$1million on repairs associated to flood damage throughout Putnam County. He stated the funding was approved by the Legislature at the August 2023 Full meeting, (R#160-2023). He stated the Department of Public Works (DPW) has been doing road repairs in accordance with FEMA's request and the required reports have been submitted. He stated the County should be receiving FEMA funds very soon. He stated a lot of the work was done in-house along with outside contractors. He

stated this request is for additional funding so they will be able to continue the work without delay.

Chairman Gouldman thanked Commissioner DPW Feighery for all of the quick responses and great work that was done in his Legislative District, which was severely impacted by the July 9th storm and for utilizing the DPW staff as much as possible, resulting in a cost savings to the County.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment 23A070/ Additional Funding Needed to Continue Responding to the Flood Damage to Various County Roads Caused by the July 9th Storm; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #6 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 23A068/ Putnam County Golf Course Operational Funding through the End of the Year/ Finance Commissioner Mike Lewis

Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery stated he would like to mention that the Putnam County Golf Course had another stellar year, despite the 10 weeks in a row of rainy weekends. He stated this County facility will be the rollover center for the 911 Center in cases of emergency and it will be used for early voting in 2024. He stated it will be a multiuse County Facility, saving the County funding, because there will be no need to pay rent for an early voting location and it meets a program standard towards the County getting accredited on the emergency services side.

Chairman Gouldman stated his support of the County using the Putnam County Golf Course in varied ways, it speaks to its value.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment 23A068/ Putnam County Golf Course Operational Funding through the End of the Year; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #7 - Approval/ Amendment Additional Funds for 19CP09- Roof Repair and Replacement Program/ Department of Public Works Commissioner Thomas Feighery

Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery stated this request is to fund this budget line, so when there is a roof matter that needs to be addressed there will be no delay in doing it.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Amendment Additional Funds for 19CP09- Roof Repair and Replacement Program; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #8 - Approval/ Amendment Additional Funds for 20CP04- Sidewalk and Stair Safety Repair Program/ Department of Public Works Commissioner Thomas Feighery

Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery stated this is a similar request as agenda Item #7 in that the funds being requested to replenish this budget line, which will allow the work to be done as needed. He stated keeping the County's sidewalks and stairways in good condition are a safety matter, and the County takes that very seriously. He stated in early spring of 2024, there are a few locations that have been identified and will be addressed.

Legislator Castellano questioned if any of this funding was earmarked for work on the Bike Path.

Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery stated not at this time. He stated there are County Facilities with areas that have members of the public coming and going that need to be addressed.

Legislator Castellano stated along the Bike Path in Brewster these are some areas in need of tree trimming.

Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery stated this past spring, there was some tree trimming done, and they will continue to do that work.

Legislator Castellano stated his appreciation and mentioned he did see an improvement in some of the areas as a result of the work that was done in the spring.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Amendment Additional Funds for 20CP04-Sidewalk and Stair Safety Repair Program; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #9 - Approval/ Amendment Additional Funds for 22CP01- Flooring Repair & Replacement at Various County Facilities/ Department of Public Works Commissioner Thomas Feighery

Commissioner DPW Thomas Feighery stated there was work done on replacing some old carpeting this year, and they would like to continue that effort. He stated that there will be work beginning in the County Office Building Lobby. He stated they will hang the past County Executive Plaques and modernize the look. He stated eventually they will be addressing the flooring in that entrance way.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Amendment Additional Funds for 22CP01-Flooring Repair & Replacement at Various County Facilities; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #10 - Approval/ SEQRA/ Negative Declaration/ Department of Public Works (DPW) Fair Street Maintenance Facility in Town of Patterson/ Planning, Development and Public Transportation Commissioner Barbara Barosa

Commissioner Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa stated approval by the Legislature to serve as Lead Agency for this project, the Fair Street Maintenance Facility project at the October 3, 2023, Resolution #189, began the SEQRA Review process. She stated per the State law, the documents were circulated to specified parties for 30 days. She stated there was one (1) comment that came back from the NYC Department of Environmental Protection. She stated at this point there is no further environmental review needed.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve SEQRA/ Negative Declaration/ Department of Public Works (DPW) Fair Street Maintenance Facility in Town of Patterson; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #11 - Approval/ Supplemental Agreement Contract for Putnam Moves Croton Falls Shuttle and Park & Ride Facilities/ Planning, Development and Public Transportation Commissioner Barbara Barosa

Commissioner Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa stated this is an ongoing contract. She stated the County utilizes their PART Bus for the Croton Falls Shuttle. She stated this funding is a mechanism for the County to operate the PART Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle as well as maintain our Park and Ride facilities. She stated it is 100% funded by the State.

Legislator Castellano questioned if the new parking structure near the Croton Falls Train Station has had an impact on the ridership of the Shuttle.

Commissioner Planning, Development and Public Transportation Barbara Barosa stated there has been no adverse impact on the ridership. She stated she believes the convenience and cost for the riders of the Shuttle is a great attraction.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Supplemental Agreement Contract for Putnam Moves Croton Falls Shuttle and Park & Ride Facilities; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #12 - Approval/ Conveyance of Parcels to Town of Kent Tax Map Nos. 22.-2-28 and 22.-2-29/ Sr. Deputy County Attorney Conor McKiernan

Sr. Deputy County Attorney Conor McKiernan stated this request involves a conveyance of two (2) parcels, which are approximately 4 acres each, to the Town of Kent. He stated the County received the properties through tax foreclosure. He stated the parcels, if conveyed to the Town of Kent, would be limited in use to public use. He stated if approved there would be a deed restriction going forward. He stated if in the future a consideration to use the property for a private purpose, County approval would have to be received. He stated if this request is approved this would open an alternate route, that would bypass neighborhood of Ludington Court. He stated currently that neighborhood receives a lot of traffic going to the Kent Highway Department.

Legislator Addonizio questioned if this alternate route would also be used for the vehicle traffic that goes to the Kent Nursery.

Town of Kent Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer stated vehicle traffic for the Kent Nursery would not be able to use this alternate route. He stated if approved the approximate eight (8) acres would be used as a transfer place to store items before it can be used. He continued to speak to the Town of Kent's request.

Legislator Addonizio questioned if there is a need would the County be able to store their equipment there as well.

Town of Kent Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer stated yes.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve the Conveyance of Parcels to Town of Kent Tax Map Nos. 22.-2-28 and 22.-2-29; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #13 - Approval/ Sale of Property to Contiguous Owners Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code – Town of Kent Property Tax Map No. 33.42-2-54/ Sr. Deputy County Attorney Conor McKiernan

Sr. Deputy County Attorney Conor McKiernan stated items #13, #14 & #15 concern parcels also received by the County through Tax Foreclosure. He stated they were put up for auction and failed to sell. He stated then the County received offers from the adjoining parcel owners to purchase said properties. He stated they consulted with the Director of Real Property and the Commissioner of Finance who both agreed it was in the best interest of the County to convey these parcels and have them merged with the adjoining parcels. He stated that way they are back on the Tax Roll and reduce the risk that they will be foreclosed on again in the future.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Sale of Property to Contiguous Owners Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code – Town of Kent Property Tax Map No. 33.42-2-54; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #14 - Approval/ Sale of Property to Contiguous Owners Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code – Town of Kent Property Tax Map No. 33.80-1-9/ Sr. Deputy County Attorney Conor McKiernan

Sr. Deputy County Attorney Conor McKiernan explained as stated under agenda item # 13, this is a parcel the County acquired through Tax Foreclosure. He stated it failed to sell at auction. He stated then the County received an offer from the adjoining parcel owner to purchase the property. He stated the Director of Real Property, and the Commissioner of Finance were consulted, and both agreed it was in the best interest of the County to move forward with the offer from the adjoining property owner.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Sale of Property to Contiguous Owners Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code – Town of Kent Property Tax Map No. 33.80-1-9; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #15 - Approval/ Sale of Property to Contiguous Owners Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code – Town of Kent Property Tax Map No. 22.74-1-88/ Sr. Deputy County Attorney Conor McKiernan

Sr. Deputy County Attorney Conor McKiernan explained as stated under agenda item # 13, this is a parcel the County acquired through Tax Foreclosure. He stated it failed to sell at auction. He stated then the County received an offer from the adjoining parcel owner to purchase the property. He stated the Director of Real Property, and the Commissioner of Finance were consulted, and both agreed it was in the best interest of the County to move forward with the offer from the adjoining property owner.

Legislator Jonke explained these are substandard lots, they have no value to anyone, other than the contiguous landowner. He stated getting it off the County's records is an advantage for the County.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to Approve Sale of Property to Contiguous Owners Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code – Town of Kent Property Tax Map No. 22.74-1-88; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #16– Other Business - None

Item #17 - Adjournment

There being no further business at 6:55P.M. Chairman Gouldman made a motion to adjourn;
Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.