

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

Tuesday                      August 6, 2024                      7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 P.M. by Chairman Jonke who requested Legislator Castellano lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Crowley lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Ellner, Castellano, Crowley and Chairman Jonke were present. Legislator Sayegh was absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

**PROCLAMATION**

Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Addonizio who presented the “Overdose Awareness Day” proclamation to Certified Recovery Peer Advocate Prevention Council of Putnam, Victoria Metz.

**OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, Putnam County does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to overdose and ending the stigma of drug-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which claimed the lives of 14 Putnam County Residents last year together with countless more affected forever; and

WHEREAS, we affirm that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and deserving of our love, compassion and support; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim August 31, 2024, as International Overdose Awareness Day in Putnam County.

**Item #4 – Acceptance of Minutes – Regular Meeting – June 4, 2024**

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #5 – Correspondence**

a) County Auditor was duly noted.

There was no activity during this reporting period.

**Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:**

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

Item #6a – Approval- Budgetary Amendment (24A061) – District Attorney – NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Grant Funding – Reclassification – Assistant District Attorney to Appellate Attorney and Assistant District Attorney to Assistant District Attorney Bureau Chief was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #157**

**APPROVAL- BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A061) – DISTRICT ATTORNEY – NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (DCJS) GRANT FUNDING – RECLASSIFICATION – ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO APPELLATE ATTORNEY AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUREAU CHIEF**

WHEREAS, the 2024 budget earmarked \$19,706 to be utilized to transition to a full-time entry level Assistant District Attorney if and when the part-time Assistant District Attorney position, account #116510115, at a salary of \$65,294 became vacant; and

WHEREAS, the full-time entry level Assistant District Attorney salary would then be \$85,000; and

WHEREAS, based on the needs of the District Attorney’ office, which was discussed during the Personnel Committee meeting on July 9, 2024, the District Attorney has requested an additional \$45,000 to bring the salary to \$130,000 with the intent of hiring an experienced full-time Appellate Attorney to fill the vacant position; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Department recently conducted a job analysis review of a current full-time Assistant District Attorney position, account #116510105, which resulted in a title change of Assistant District Attorney Bureau Chief, increasing current salary by \$22,112 from \$107,888 to \$130,000; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney is requesting that the reclassification and salary increase for position #116510105 be effective retroactively to January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the newly created full-time Appellate Attorney position will be effective upon the hiring of a qualified candidate; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) provided funding to support local law enforcement agencies with expenses related to the discovery and pretrial reforms that took effect January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, all funding provided is intended to support estimated costs during the SFY 2023-24; and

WHEREAS, the salary increases and the change in classification will be covered by the Discovery Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has requested a budgetary amendment (24A061) to accommodate these requests; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution #274 of 2023 setting the Salaries for Officers and Employees paid from County Funds is hereby amended for the following positions:

| Budget Line:             | Positions:  | Salary:     |
|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| 10116500 51000 116510115 | Part-Time Assistant District Attorney               | 65,294 to 0 |
| 10116500 51000 116510133 | New Full-Time Appellate Attorney (65,294 + 19,706 + |             |

|                          |   |  |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| 10116500 51000 116510105 | 45,000)<br><b>Assistant District Attorney</b>             | <b>0 to 130,000</b><br><b>107,888 to 0</b> |
|                          | Reclassify to:  |  |
| 10116500 51000 116510134 | <b>Assistant District Attorney</b><br><b>Bureau Chief</b> | <b>0 to 130,000</b>                        |

And be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

|                      |                                  |        |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| 10116500 54936 10171 | Partnership Initiative           | 92,990 |
| 32311000 51093 10171 | PCSO – Overtime (BCI)            | 48,437 |
| 32311000 58002 10171 | PCSO – Social Security (BCI)     | 3,705  |
| 10116500 51000 (134) | Pers. Serv. – ADA Bureau Chief   | 22,112 |
| 10116500 51000 (133) | Pers. Serv. – Appellate Attorney | 18,721 |

**Decrease Appropriations:**

|                      |                                   |        |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 10116500 51000 (999) | Pers. Serv. – Reserve for Reclass | 19,706 |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

|                       |   |         |
|-----------------------|---|---------|
| 10116500 430890 10171 | State Aid – Criminal Justice Discovery<br>Reform Grant FY 23-24 | 145,132 |
| 10131000 424011       | Interest Earnings   | 21,127  |

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6b – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T177) – Health Department – Rabies Vaccines & Co-Pay was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #158**

**APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T177) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – RABIES VACCINES & CO-PAY**

**WHEREAS**, June through September is typically “bat’ season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Health has requested a fund transfer (24T177) to fund the Rabies Medical Supplies line to purchase vaccines, and fund the Rabies Co-Pay line to cover patient bills to be paid; and

**WHEREAS**, this fund transfer will utilize funding from a vacant Public Health Nurse position to cover both accounts through end of season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Personnel 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:

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| <b>Decrease:</b>     |                                   |        |
| 11401000 51000 (120) | Pers. Serv. – Public Health Nurse | 17,000 |

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|------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Increase:</b> |                           |              |
| 11024000 54330   | Rabies – Medical Supplies | 12,000       |
| 11024000 54488   | Rabies – Co-Pay           | <u>5,000</u> |
|                  |                           | 17,000       |

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6c – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T178) – Health Department – Tuberculosis Lab Analysis & Tuberculosis Co-Pay was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #159**

**APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T178) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – TUBERCULOSIS LAB ANALYSIS & TUBERCULOSIS CO-PAY**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a fund transfer (24T178) to utilize funding from a vacant Public Health Nurse position to cover both the Tuberculosis Lab Analysis line and the Tuberculosis Co-Pay line; and**

**WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:**

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| <b>Decrease:</b>     |                                   |        |
| 11401000 51000 (120) | Pers. Serv. – Public Health Nurse | 14,000 |

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|------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Increase:</b> |                             |               |
| 11018000 54445   | Tuberculosis – Lab Analysis | 4,000         |
| 11018000 54488   | Tuberculosis – Co-Pay       | <u>10,000</u> |
|                  |                             | 14,000        |

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6d – Approval – Fund Transfer (23T179) – Health Department – Administrative Temporary was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #160**

**APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (23T179) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – ADMINISTRATIVE TEMPORARY**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a fund transfer (24T179) to utilize funding from a vacant Office Assistant position to cover part-time Temporary person training Fiscal Staff person and part-time Temporary person providing clerical support to all Health Department programs, including vacant Environmental Office Assistant and vacant Receptionist; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:**

|                             |                                       |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>10401000 51000 (915)</b> | <b>Pers. Serv. – Office Assistant</b> | <b>10,000</b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|

**Increase:**

|                       |                           |               |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>10401000 51094</b> | <b>Admin. – Temporary</b> | <b>10,000</b> |
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**2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6e – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T180) – Health Department – Nursing Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that we were short three (3) nurses in the Health Department. She hoped that during the budget season the Administration and the Legislature could offer more incentives in order to hire more nurses.

**RESOLUTION #161**

**APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T180) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NURSING OVERTIME**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a fund transfer (24T180) to cover Nursing Overtime which is higher than anticipated due to three (3) vacancies (two (2) resignations and one (1) retirement in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:**

|                             |  |               |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------|
| <b>11401000 51000 (120)</b> | <b>Pers. Serv. – Public Health Nurse</b> | <b>10,000</b> |
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**Increase:**

|                       |                           |               |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>11401000 51093</b> | <b>Nursing – Overtime</b> | <b>10,000</b> |
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**2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6f – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T181) – Sheriff’s Department – Corrections Cook Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #162

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T181) – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – CORRECTIONS COOK OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (24T181) to cover projected Full-Time Cook position Overtime in the Correctional Facility for the months of May and June, due to Cook out on extended sick leave; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:

|                      |                                      |            |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 10315000 51000 10129 | Jail General Pers. – Sr Office Asst. | 11,051     |
| 10315000 58002       | Jail General – FICA                  | <u>847</u> |
|                      |                                      | 11,898     |

Increase:

|                |                    |            |
|----------------|--------------------|------------|
| 10010000 51093 | Jail Food Overtime | 11,051     |
| 10010000 58002 | Jail Food FICA     | <u>847</u> |
|                |                    | 11,898     |

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6g – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T182) – Sheriff’s Department – Corrections Cook Temporary was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #163

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T182) – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – CORRECTIONS COOK TEMPORARY

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (24T182) to cover an increase in Temporary Part-Time Cook hours due to Full-Time Correctional Facility Cook out on extended sick leave; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:            |                                     |            |
| 10315000 51000 10129 | Jail General Pers. Sr. Office Asst. | 9,509      |
| 10315000 58002       | Jail General FICA                   | <u>731</u> |
|                      |                                     | 10,240     |

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|----------------|---------------------|------------|
| Increase:      |                     |            |
| 10010000 51094 | Jail Food Temporary | 9,509      |
| 10010000 58002 | Jail FICA           | <u>731</u> |
|                |                     | 10,240     |

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6h – Approval – Budgetary Transfer (24T183) – Social Services - Reclassification – Senior Data Entry Operator to Principal Office Assistant was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #164**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (24T183) – SOCIAL SERVICES - RECLASSIFICATION – SENIOR DATA ENTRY OPERATOR TO PRINCIPAL OFFICE ASSISTANT**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services and the Personnel Officer have requested an upgrade/reclassification of the current Senior Data Entry Operator position (WMS) to Principal Office Assistant; and

WHEREAS, effective 1/01/24, this position absorbed all the Staff Development (NYS mandated) duties vacated by previous incumbent on 12/30/23; and

WHEREAS, the employee will transition from a Grade 11, Step 4 plus 2 longevities to a Grade 12, Step 4 plus 2 longevities; and

WHEREAS, under 2023 CSEA pay rates, the upgrade will result in an increased pay rate of \$2,614; and

WHEREAS, by repurposing funds in the 2024 budget originally budgeted in the temporary line, this upgrade will have zero fiscal impact for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary transfer (24T183) to account for this reclassification effective 1/01/24; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:

**GENERAL FUND:**

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| Increase Appropriations: |  |        |
| 10106000 51000 (102)     | Pers. Serv. – Principal Office Assistant (Staff Development) | 42,250 |

**Decrease Appropriations:**

|                      |  |               |
|----------------------|--|---------------|
| 10116000 51000 (101) | Pers. Serv. – Sr Data Entry<br>Operator (Welfare Mgmt Systems) | 36,246        |
| 10110000 51000 (101) | Pers. Serv. – Sr Data Entry<br>Operator (Fraud Abuse)          | 3,390         |
| 10116000 51094       | Temporary (Welfare Mgmt Systems)                               | 1,307         |
| 10106000 51094       | Temporary (Staff Development)                                  | <u>1,307</u>  |
|                      |  | <u>42,250</u> |

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6i – Approval – Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #165**

**APPROVAL - STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS, the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System requires the County to file the Standard Work Days for elected and appointed employees based on time and attendance records or the records of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of the Legislature, and**

**WHEREAS, a copy of this report was contained in the following:**

- Resolution #195 of 2010 and Resolution #286 of 2010 (one employee only).
- Resolution #338 of 2011 correcting Resolution #190 of 2011.
- Resolution #218 of 2012 correcting Resolution #155 of 2012.
- Resolution #143 of 2013.
- Resolution #168 of 2014.
- Resolution #150 of 2015.
- Resolution #148 of 2016.
- Resolution #156 of 2017.
- Resolution #244 of 2017 reflecting change made on Resolution #226 of 2014 which corrected Resolution #143 of 2013 (one employee only).
- Resolution #170 of 2018.
- Resolution #141 of 2019.
- Resolution #266 of 2019 correcting Resolution #141 of 2019.
- Resolution #115 of 2020.
- Resolution #176 of 2020 correcting Resolution #115 of 2020.
- Resolution #125 of 2021.
- Resolution #209 of 2021 correcting Resolution #125 of 2021.
- Resolution #131 of 2022.
- Resolution #266 of 2022.



- Resolution #155 of 2023.

And

WHEREAS, it is now time to file the report for 2024; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the County of Putnam hereby established the following as standard work days for the listed elected officials in schedule “A” and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement system based upon time and attendance records or on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
(Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Crowley & Gouldman)**

Item #6j – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A063) – Social Services – Mental Health Local Government Unit (MH LGU) County Contributions was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Crowley, Gouldman and Chairwoman Sayegh, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #166**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A063) – SOCIAL SERVICES – MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT (MH LGU) COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (24A063) to cover projected expenses for 730 examinations, Court Ordered Guardianships, and Court Order placements in Office of Mental Health (OMH)/ Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) Facilities; and

WHEREAS, as of 7/1/24, there is one (1) court ordered Guardianship at \$562.75 per month, one (1) court ordered placement in OMH / OPWDD facility at \$1,352.13 per day, and one (1) court ordered placement in OMH / OPWDD facility at \$1,588.54 per day; 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:

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

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|----------------|------------------------------|---------|
| 10431000 54950 | MH LGU – County Contribution | 309,609 |
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

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|-----------------|-------------------|---------|
| 10131000 424011 | Interest Earnings | 309,609 |
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2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Ellner & Nacerino)**

**Item #6k – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A059) – Sheriff’s Department – Boiler Replacement & Life Safety Systems (County ARPA Funding School Safety) was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Addonizio, Chairwoman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #167**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A059) – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – BOILER REPLACEMENT & LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS (County ARPA Funding School Safety)**

WHEREAS, by Resolution #135 of 2022, the Sheriff’s Department was granted \$2 million of ARPA funding designated for School Safety – Infrastructure Upgrades; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that all the Sheriff’s Capital Projects that were approved as part of the 2024 Capital Plan are also eligible under Expenditure Category 6.1 – Provision of Government Services; and

WHEREAS, as the County approaches the 12/31/2024 ARPA deadline set forth by the US Treasury to commit funds, it is the Administration’s and Sheriff’s belief that reallocating \$875,000 from the School Safety program to the Sheriff’s Capital Projects is the best way to utilize the ARPA funding; and

WHEREAS, the recommended projects are: Boiler Replacements, Gate Improvements, and Life Safety Systems Modernization; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #139 of 2024, \$125,000 of the \$2 million designated for School Safety was reallocated to cover the Gate Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (24A059) to transfer an additional \$875,000 from the School Safety towards the recommended projects; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations 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:

**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Decrease Appropriations:**

|                      |                                     |         |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| 53097000 53000 52223 | Capital – PCSO School Safety – ARPA | 875,000 |
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**Decrease Estimated Revenues:**

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| 53097000 428601 52223 | Transfer In – General | 875,000 |
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**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

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|----------------------|--|---------|
| 10990100 59020 52403 | Transfer Out – Capital – ARPA PCSO<br>Boiler Replacement | 155,000 |
| 10990100 59020 52405 | Transfer Out – Capital – ARPA PCSO                       |         |

|                                     |   |         |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------|
|                                     | Life Safety   | 720,000 |
| <b>Increase Estimated Revenues:</b> |   |         |
| 10131000 449898 52403               | Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027                      | 155,000 |
| 10131000 449898 52405               | Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027                      | 720,000 |
| <b>Decrease Appropriations:</b>     |   |         |
| 10990100 59020 52223                | Transfer Out – Capital – ARPA PCSO<br>School Safety | 875,000 |
| <b>Decrease Estimated Revenues:</b> |   |         |
| 10131000 449898 52223               | Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027                      | 875,000 |
| 2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –            |   |         |
| 2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –            |   |         |

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6L – Approval – Town of Philipstown ARPA Funding Reallocation was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:**

**Legislator Montgomery thanked the Legislature for considering this. She also thanked the County Executive and the Director of Compliance & Intergovernmental Relations Jennifer Caruso for their work and collaboration with the Town of Philipstown in finding a solution to reallocate the funding.**

**RESOLUTION #168**

**APPROVAL - TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN ARPA FUNDING REALLOCATION**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Philipstown was allocated a total of \$739,341 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and sales tax funding pursuant to Resolutions # 133 & # 134 of 2022; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Philipstown these funds were originally approved for the Garrison Landing Water District Project pursuant to Resolutions #133 & #134 of 2022; and**

**WHEREAS, the Legislature approved the Sales Tax portion of the funds (\$369,670) to be expended on the Garrison Landing Water District – Well 8 Project pursuant to Resolution #121 of 2024; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Philipstown wishes to expend the ARPA portion of the funds on further costs associated with the Garrison Landing Water District; and**

**WHEREAS, it has been determined by the County’s consultant that these costs are not eligible ARPA expenses and/or will not likely comply with ARPA rules; and**

**WHEREAS, the County, in order to support the Town of Philipstown as originally contemplated and according to the intent contained in Resolutions \$133 & #134, while also seeking to preserve the ARPA funds granted to it by the U.S. Treasury, wishes to assist the Town of Philipstown with the amount of \$184,835 from the General Fund; and**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance, and the County Auditor have reviewed and recommended said reallocation; and**

WHEREAS, the County Executive has reviewed and recommended said reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the *Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee* has reviewed and approved of this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Philipstown ARPA funding of \$369,670 originally allocated pursuant to Resolution # 133 of 2022 is hereby authorized to be expended on ARPA-eligible County capital project(s), with efforts to focus on a Department of Public Works project located in the Town of Philipstown; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Philipstown shall receive \$184,835 from the County's General Fund which shall be expended on expenses associated with and costs incurred related to the Garrison Water District repairs.

RESOLVED, that the distribution of said funds shall be contingent upon the receiving municipality executing an intermunicipal agreement with Putnam County, as prepared by the Putnam County Attorney, and executed by the Putnam County Executive including such terms as contained herein.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6m – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A060) – Town of Philipstown ARPA Funding Reallocation was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #169**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A060) – TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN ARPA FUNDING REALLOCATION**

WHEREAS, by Resolution #168 of 2024, the Putnam County Legislature reviewed and approved the Town of Philipstown ARPA Funding Reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance provided the following budgetary amendment (24A060) to accommodate said change; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations 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:

**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

|                      |   |         |
|----------------------|---|---------|
| 56989000 53000 52218 | Capital – Town of Philipstown           | 184,835 |
| 55197000 53000 52202 | Capital – ARPA (Highway Infrastructure) | 369,670 |

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

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| 56989000 428601 52218 | Transfer In – General | 184,835 |
| 55197000 428601 52202 | Transfer In – General | 369,670 |

**Decrease Appropriations:**

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| 56989000 53000 52218 | Capital – ARPA (Town of Philipstown) | 369,670 |
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| <b>Decrease Estimated Revenues:</b> |                       |         |
| 56989000 428601 52218               | Transfer In – General | 369,670 |

**GENERAL FUND:**

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| <b>Increase Appropriations:</b> |                        |         |
| 10990100 59020 52218            | Transfer Out – Capital | 184,835 |
| 10990100 59020 52202            | Transfer Out – Capital | 369,670 |

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| <b>Increase Estimated Revenues:</b> |                                |         |
| 10131000 424011                     | Interest Earnings              | 184,835 |
| 10131000 449898 52202               | Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027 | 369,670 |

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| <b>Decrease Appropriations:</b> |  |         |
| 10990100 59020 52218            | Transfer Out – Capital<br>(ARPA Town of Philipstown) | 369,670 |

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| <b>Decrease Estimated Revenues:</b> |                                |         |
| 10131000 449898 52218               | Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027 | 369,670 |

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
(Chairman Ellner, Legislators Castellano & Crowley)

**Item #6n – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A065) – DPW – Insurance Recovery – Guardrail Damages – Croton Falls Rd & Sandy St, Cornwall Hill Rd, Oscawana Lake Rd and Crane Rd & Route 6 was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Ellner, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

**Chairman Jonke commended Risk Manager Mat Bruno for all his hard work in bringing these funds into the County.**

**RESOLUTION #170**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A065) – DPW – INSURANCE RECOVERY – GUARDRAIL DAMAGES – CROTON FALLS RD & SANDY ST, CORNWALL HILL RD, OSCAWANA LAKE RD AND CRANE RD & ROUTE 6**

**WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has been compensated a total of \$28,385.43 for guardrail damages resulting from four (4) separate accidents; and**  
**WHEREAS, compensation has been received in the amount of \$15,699.32 from Geico Insurance Co., for damages on Croton Falls Rd & Sandy St and Cornwall Hill Road; \$8,092.56 from USAA Insurance for damages on Oscawana Lake Road and \$4,593.55 from Progressive Insurance for damages on Crane Rd & Route 6; and**

WHEREAS, Risk Manager Mat Bruno requested a budgetary amendment (24A065 to proceed with the repair of said guardrails; 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 Revenues:**

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| 10511000 426801 | DPW Rd/Bridges – Insurance Recoveries | 28,385.43 |
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**Increase Expenses:**

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| 10511000 54410 | DPW Rd/Bridges – Supplies & Materials | 9,157.55         |
| 10511000 54647 | DPW Rd/Bridges – Sub-Contractors      | <u>19,227.88</u> |
|                |                                       | 28,385.43        |

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6o – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A074) – Planning – Maybrook Bikeway II Phase A Bridge 5 Project PIN 8756.84 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

Legislator Ellner explained that the bids for this project higher than the anticipated project costs.

**RESOLUTION #171**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A074) – PLANNING – MAYBROOK BIKEWAY II PHASE A BRIDGE 5 PROJECT PIN 8756.84**

WHEREAS, the County conducted a bid solicitation for the Bridge 5 Project, which is the final outstanding project along Putnam County’s section of the Maybrook Bikeway portion of the Empire State Trail in the Village of Brewster; and

WHEREAS, the bids exceeded the anticipated project costs; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning has requested a budgetary amendment (24A074) to provide the requisite funds for a bid award; 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:

**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

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| 55997000 53000 50309 | Capital Expenditures – Maybrook Bikeway II Phase A Bridge 5 PIN 8756.84 | 1,719,402 |
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

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| 55997000 428601 50309 | Transfer In – Capital | 1,719,402 |
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**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

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| <b>10990100 59020 50309</b> | <b>Transfer Out – General Fund</b> | <b>1,719,402</b> |
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

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| <b>10131000 427112</b> | <b>Use of Capital Project Reserve</b> | <b>1,175,000</b> |
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| <b>10564000 445894</b> | <b>Federal Aid – CARES ACT</b> | <b>544,402</b> |
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**2024 Fiscal Impact – 1,175,000**

**2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6p – Approval – Inclusion of Parcels in Putnam County Agricultural District was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

**Legislator Ellner stated that the resolution is to decline to include any of the parcels requested for inclusion in the Putnam County Agricultural District.**

**Chairman Jonke called for a discussion.**

**Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated that before you proceed with the discussion, he stated that Chairman Jonke mentioned earlier that there was an error in the location of one (1) of the parcels. He stated that the resolution as currently drafted has Hidden Hope Farm under the Town of Southeast and it should be under the Town of Patterson. He suggested calling for a motion to amend to transfer Hidden Hope Farm from being categorized in the Town of Southeast to the Town of Patterson in order to correct that error.**

**Legislator Ellner made a motion to correct the location error of Hidden Hope Farm to the Town of Patterson; seconded by Chairman Jonke and Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.**

**Legislator Gouldman explained that some of the application requests for parcels to be included in the Agricultural District were approved by the Agricultural Board. He stated that at the Physical Services Committee meeting all the parcels were voted down. He explained that the Legislature appoints members to several advisory boards. He explained that the Agricultural Board advises the Legislature on agricultural and farming issues in Putnam County. He stated that the Supervisor of Putnam Valley, along with the Town Board are supportive of the Big Red Barn Farm parcel in Putnam Valley.**

**Legislator Gouldman made a motion to amend the resolved clause to include Big Red Barn Farm into the Agricultural District; seconded by Legislator Crowley.**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that she would like to vote on each parcel individually. She questioned how that could be done.**

**Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated that there is one (1) motion on the floor; Legislator Gouldman's. He stated that if his motion carries, Legislator Montgomery could amend it**

again to include all the parcels. If the motion to include all the parcels carries, any Legislator may make a request to divide the question, so Legislator Montgomery could call for a vote on each parcel individually.

Chairman Jonke called for a discussion on Legislator Gouldman's motion to include Big Red Barn Farm.

Chairman Jonke stated that he would be inclined to vote in favor of these parcels, however, for the first time in eight (8) years as a Legislator, it was brought to his attention that Resolution #139 of 2007 states that parcels shall have 50% of prime farmland. He stated that Lobster Hill Farm is in his district, and he likes the whole idea of it, however he believed that they were disqualified because there is currently a violation on the property. He stated that he was supportive of amending Resolution #139 of 2007 to allow for inclusion, because apparently there were other parcels in the past that were included without looking at their soil types, which he believed was not right. He stated that he attended the Agricultural Board meeting, and the soil types were never brought up.

Legislator Montgomery thanked everyone who participated in this process. She wondered if any parcel in Putnam County met this arbitrary number for soil quality. She believed that there were many resolutions approved in the county which are not implemented. She believed this was a lengthy process, and the Agricultural Board invested a lot of time and effort before they approved the recommendation of five (5) parcels to be included in the Agricultural District. She stated that they are our advisory board, and she respected their input. She believed in the future we could revise the process of reviewing parcels. She stated that none of the information we are requiring was given to these applicants, therefore she did not believe it was fair to impose that resolution on them that was just found. She stated that she was in favor of the five (5) parcels that the Agricultural Board put forward for approval.

Legislator Ellner appreciated everyone that came out to speak at the Public Hearing. He stated that very important information was brought forward. He stated that as a Legislator and Chairman of the Physical Services Committee he was bound by the rules. He stated that the rules that exist today prevent him from voting in favor of any of these parcels. He stated that moving forward, Resolution #139 of 2007 would be reviewed and possibly modified.

Legislator Castellano concurred. He believed that we needed to follow our resolutions. He stated that he was in favor of amending the resolution, however there is a process in making changes. He stated that nobody is being shut down tonight. He stated that he was bound by Resolution #139 of 2007.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she was very conflicted and takes everyone's comments very seriously. She stated that she must agree with her colleagues that as a lawmaker it was her responsibility to be bound to follow State law and our resolution.

Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote on Legislator Gouldman's motion to include Big Red Barn Farm.



**By Roll Call Vote: Four Ayes – Legislators Addonizio, Crowley, Gouldman & Montgomery. Four Nays - Legislators Castellano, Ellner, Nacerino & Chairman Jonke. Legislator Sayegh was absent. Motion fails.**

**Legislator Montgomery made a motion to include the five (5) applications put forward by the Agricultural Board; Ridge Ranch, Cascade Enterprises, Lobster Hill Farm, Big Red Barn Farm and Pine View Farm; seconded by Legislators Crowley and Gouldman.**

**Legislator Montgomery believed that there were incorrect comments made with what the resolution means and what is State law. She believed there were many incidences when resolutions or policies were not being implemented. She stated that these are just hardworking Putnam County people trying to run a small business.**

**Legislator Ellner respectfully disagreed with his colleague. He stated that the original resolution when it was drafted was very specific. He stated that the Legislature at that time chose to excluded parts what was available to them under NYS law. He believed that the last time four (4) parcels were put up for inclusion, two (2) of them failed because they did not have the requisite 50% soil requirement. He explained that the 50% requirement is not only the quality of the soil, it also deals with steep slopes. He stated that he must follow Resolution #139 of 2007 and NYS Agriculture & Markets law 29 regarding a commercial horse boarding operation being required to have at least 10 horses on the property.**

**Chairman Jonke stated that our rules are not arbitrary. He stated that he was in favor of amending the resolution which would allow these farms to be included.**

**Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote on Legislator Montgomery’s motion to include the five (5) applications put forth by the Agricultural Board.**

**By Roll Call Vote: Four Ayes – Legislators Addonizio, Crowley, Gouldman & Montgomery. Four Nays – Legislators Castellano, Ellner, Nacerino & Chairman Jonke. Legislator Sayegh was absent. Motion fails.**

**Legislator Crowley made a motion to include Ridge Ranch, Lobster Hill Farm, Big Red Barn Farm and Pine View Farm; seconded by Legislator Addonizio.**

**Legislator Crowley believed that we have an antiquated resolution. She stated that the soil quality is not a law requirement, it is our resolution. She did not believe the resolution provides farmers the ability to do what they need to do. She believed they added a lot to the community. She stated that we need to revisit our resolution for next year, however for this year she believed in her heart that they were doing the right thing and she needed to follow her conscience.**

**Legislator Ellner stated that one (1) of the parcels Legislator Crowley recommended is a horse breeding operation and that is unequivocally State law that requires at least 10 horses and \$10,000 worth of revenue.**

**Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote:**

By Roll Call Vote: Four Ayes - Legislators Addonizio, Crowley, Gouldman & Montgomery. Four Nays – Legislators Castellano, Ellner, Nacerino & Chairman Jonke. Legislator Sayegh was absent. Motion fails.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to table this item; seconded by Legislator Crowley.

By Roll Call Vote: Five Ayes – Legislators Addonizio, Crowley, Gouldman, Montgomery and Nacerino. Three Nays – Legislators Castellano, Ellner and Chairman Jonke. Legislator Sayegh was absent. Motion carries.

#### **APPROVAL - INCLUSION OF PARCELS IN PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, by Resolution #81 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature created an Agricultural District in the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #193 of 2011, after the 8<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the formation of the district, the Putnam County Legislature modified said Putnam County Agricultural District #1, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #244 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature established the month of November in which a landowner may request inclusion in the Putnam County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #154 of 2015, the Putnam County Legislature changed the annual thirty-day inclusion request period, from the month of November to April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>, commencing in the year 2016 and each year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, November 19, 2019 marked the second 8-Year Anniversary of the formation of this district requiring the Putnam County Legislature to review this district and either continue, terminate or modify the district created; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #204 of 2019 the Putnam County Legislature determined that the Putnam County Agricultural District No. 1 remained the same in accordance with the recommendations of the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to consist of 157 parcels with a total acreage of 5,113.9 acres; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, requests were presented to the Putnam County Legislature to modify the existing Agricultural District in the County of Putnam by including the following parcels in the District:

**Town of Carmel:**

Kascade Enterprises (Eric Hasbrouck) – Tax Map #54.-1-36 (28.32 acres) Total Acreage: 28.32

**Town of Kent:**

Angry Goose Farm (Robert Lena/Tofo Realty LLC) – Tax Map #10.-2-6.-1 (115.26 acres)  
Tax Map #10.-1-38.-1 (39.66 acres) Total Acreage: 154.92

**Town of Patterson:**

Ridge Ranch (Daniel Honovich) – Tax Map #15.-1-46 (68.04 acres) Tax Map #15.-1-49 (45.03 acres) Tax Map #15.1-48 (.45 acres) Total Acreage: 113.52

Lobster Hill Farm (Jessica & Andrew Jarrett) – Tax Map #35.-4-56 (22.49 acres) Total Acreage 22.49

**Mother Farm (Peter Clarke & Martha Cotto) – Tax Map #34.-3-1.41 (15.5 acres) Total Acreage 15.5**

**Town of Philipstown:**

**Pine View Farm (George Whipple) – Tax Map #71.-1-34 (2.60 acres) Tax Map #71.-1-35 (2.21 acres) Tax Map #71.-1-27 (15.08 acres) Tax Map #71.-1-24 (17.40 acres) Total Acreage: 37.29**

**Town of Putnam Valley:**

**Francis W. Rush III – Tax Map #83.20-1-6 (33 acres) Total Acreage: 33**

**Big Red Barn Farm (Joey Mancuso) – Tax Map #72.16-1-1 (67.05 acres) Total Acreage: 67.05**

**Town of Southeast:**

**Lobster Hill Farm (Jessica & Andrew Jarrett) – Tax Map #35.-1-10 (56.13 acres) Total Acreage: 56.13**

**Hidden Hope (Shannon & Eric Nitti) – Tax Map #24.-1-62 (18.61 acres) Total Acreage: 18.61**

**Total acreage in petitions: 546.83**

**WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25 AA of the Agriculture and Market Law, section 303-b, a public hearing on the requests was conducted by the Putnam County Legislature on August 6, 2024; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board considered the requests for inclusion and reported that certain parcels applying for inclusion would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District and recommended the inclusion of said parcels in the Putnam County Agricultural District; and**

**WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature reviewed and considered the recommendations made by the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has considered the comments of the speakers at the public hearing, the recommendations of the Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, the recommendations of the Physical Services Committee, the various letters in support and in opposition to the inclusion of these parcels in the modification of the Agricultural District; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby declines to include any of the parcels requested for inclusion in the Putnam County Agricultural District.**

**\*Copy of Applications on file in the Legislative Office for review.**

**Item #6q – Approval – Appointments – Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

Legislator Gouldman recognized Fred Finger of Putnam Valley as a very dedicated individual.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she was happy to be appointing these individuals.

**RESOLUTION #172**

**APPROVAL – APPOINTMENTS – PUTNAM COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD**

**RESOLVED**, that the following be appointed to the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board:

**Frederick T. Finger, Town of Putnam Valley, to fill the unexpired term of Ervin Raboy, said term to expire December 2024.**

**David Vickery, Town of Philipstown, to fill the unexpired term of Brian Bergen, said term to expire December 31, 2025.**

**Max Emerson Garfinkle, Hopewell Junction, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2026.**

**And be it further**

**RESOLVED**, that these appointments comply with any requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6r – Approval – SEQRA – Negative Declaration – County Office Building ADA Ramp and Entry Door Project – Town of Carmel was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #173**

**APPROVAL - SEQRA - NEGATIVE DECLARATION/ COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING ADA RAMP AND ENTRY DOOR PROJECT - TOWN OF CARMEL**

**WHEREAS**, the Putnam County Legislature is considering the approval of a Putnam County Department of Public Works project to install an ADA ramp and entry door for public visitor, elected official and county employee access to the main entrance of the Putnam County David D. Bruen County Office Building located at 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed ramp will consist of a switchback design with a minimum of 42 inches unobstructed width at all points, a maximum 1:12 grade on sloped areas, a 60-inch unobstructed radius on both platforms and a safety railing where required. The entry door will be a 3/0 x 6/8 steel frame full glass outswing design complete with a handicap access sill and automatic opener/closer activated by push buttons located on both the interior and exterior walls of the building. The ramp and

entry door will be constructed using applicable ADA & NYS Building Code compliant practices; 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, on May 7, 2024, as part of Resolution #24-106, the County Legislature issued a Type I Action determination for the above referenced project, and declared its intent to serve as Lead Agency with respect to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, a Full Environmental Assessment form (EAF) was prepared for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the EAF and associated documentation was circulated to all involved and interested agencies for the requisite 30 days with a Notice of the Putnam County Legislature’s Intent to Serve as Lead Agency and no objections were received thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, acting as Lead Agency, conducted a coordinated environmental review in accordance with §617.6, and

WHEREAS, based upon a careful review of the action as a whole, of the EAF, and the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.7I, it has been determined that the proposed Project will not result in any potential significant adverse environmental impacts; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, as Lead Agency, determines that the proposed Project will not have any potential significant adverse impacts and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Putnam County Legislature, as Lead Agency, hereby accepts and adopts the Negative Declaration prepared in connection with the County Office Building ADA Ramp and Entry Door project, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6s – Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of 100% of the Costs of a Transportation Project, of which Qualified Costs may be Reimbursed from Bridge NY Funds (*Croton Falls Road/Mud Pond Outlet Culvert Rehabilitations, Town of Carmel, Putnam County, PIN 8763.29*) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #174**

**AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING OF 100% OF THE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, OF WHICH QUALIFIED COSTS MAY BE REIMBURSED FROM BRIDGE NY FUNDS (*Croton Falls Road/Mud Pond Outlet Culvert Rehabilitations, Town of Carmel, Putnam County, PIN 8763.29*)**

WHEREAS, a project for *Croton Falls Road/Mud Pond Outlet Culvert Rehabilitations, Town of Carmel, Putnam County, PIN 8763.29* (the “Project”) is eligible for reimbursement of qualified costs from Bridge NY funding that calls for the post-reimbursement apportionment of the qualified costs to be borne at the ratio of 100%

Bridge NY funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam will design, let, and administer all phases of the Project.

WHEREAS, The County of Putnam desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs of the Preliminary Engineering, ROW Incidentals, ROW Acquisition, Construction, and Construction Inspection work for the Project or portions thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Putnam County Legislature, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the Project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes the County of Putnam to pay 100% of the cost of the Preliminary Engineering, ROW Incidentals, ROW Acquisition, Construction, and Construction Inspection work for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs will be reimbursed from Bridge NY funding; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$2,632,924 is hereby appropriated from the Putnam County capital budget line number 05 55997000 53000 52417 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby agrees that the County of Putnam shall be responsible for all costs of the Project, including costs that exceed the amount of reimbursement available from the NY Bridge Funding awarded to the County of Putnam; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the costs of the Project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Putnam County Legislature shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Putnam County Executive thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby agrees that the County of Putnam hereby commits that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam will be responsible for all maintenance of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests with NYSDOT for State Aid and/or Bridge NY funding on behalf of the County of Putnam in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the Putnam County's funding of the Project costs, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, is authorized to finalize and execute all necessary documents, including, without limitation, the State/Local Agreement, in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in addition to the Putnam County Executive, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works and the Commissioner of Finance are also authorized, with the consent of the County Executive, to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of Putnam County with the New York State Department of Public Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in

connection with the Project; and it is further  
RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6t – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A069) – DPW – Croton Falls Road / Mud Pond Outlet Culvert Rehabilitations PIN 8763.29 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #175**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A069) – DPW – CROTON FALLS ROAD / MUD POND OUTLET CULVERT REHABILITATIONS PIN 8763.29**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW has requested a budgetary amendment (24A069) authorizing the implementation and funding of 100% of the costs of the Croton Falls Road / Mud Pond Outlet Culvert Rehabilitations Project, in the Town of Carmel, using NYS Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) /Bridge NY 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:

**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

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| 55997000 53000 52417 | Capital Expenditures – Croton Falls Rd<br>Mud Pond Culvert PIN 8763.29 | 2,632,924 |
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

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| 55997000 430971 52417 | State Aid – Croton Falls Rd<br>Mud Pond Culvert PIN 8763.29 | 2,632,924 |
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2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6u – Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore (Fair Street Reconstruction Project PIN 8756.09) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #176**

**AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE “MARCHISELLI” PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A**

**TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE  
(Fair Street Reconstruction Project PIN 8756.09)**

**WHEREAS, a Project for Fair Street (C.R. 60) Reconstruction is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs, such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and**

**WHEREAS, Resolution No. 54 adopted by the Putnam County Legislature on March 5, 2024 approved and agreed to advance the Project by making a commitment of one hundred (100%) percent of the non-federal share of the cost of Construction and Construction Inspection work; and**

**WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to increase the federal and non-federal share of costs for the Construction and Construction Inspection work for the Project not contemplated in the original agreement authorized by the previous Resolution;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, the Putnam County Legislature, duly convened does hereby**

**RESOLVE, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes Putnam County to pay in the first instance one hundred (100%) percent of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Construction and Construction Inspection work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further**

**RESOLVED, that the sum of \$3,707,500 (\$30,212,500 minus the previous \$26,505,000) is hereby appropriated from the Putnam County capital budget line number 05 55197000 53000 51622 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and it is further**

**RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the Project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Putnam County Legislature shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Putnam County Executive thereof, and it is further**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive, on behalf of Putnam County, be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or applicable Marchiselli Aid on behalf of Putnam County with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and Putnam County's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, is authorized to finalize and execute all necessary documents, including, without limitation, the State/Local Agreement, in connection with the Project; and it is further**

**RESOLVED, that in addition to the Putnam County Executive, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works and the Commissioner of Finance are also authorized, with the consent of the County Executive, to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of Putnam County with the New York State Department of Public Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and it is further**

**RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.**



**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6v – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A070) – DPW – Fair Street Reconstruction Project PIN 8756.09 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #177**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A070) – DPW – FAIR STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT PIN 8756.09**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW has requested a budgetary amendment (24A070) to adjust the Capital Budget for the Fair Street Reconstruction Project based on the most recent Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment: MHS23-39; 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:**

**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

|                             |  |                  |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------|
| <b>55197000 53000 51622</b> | <b>Capital Expenditures – Fair St. PIN 8756.09</b> | <b>3,707,500</b> |
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

|                              |  |                  |
|------------------------------|--|------------------|
| <b>55197000 445971 51622</b> | <b>Federal Aid – Fair Street PIN 8756.09</b> | <b>2,966,000</b> |
| <b>55997000 428601 51622</b> | <b>Transfer In – General Fund</b>            | <b>741,500</b>   |

**Decrease Appropriations:**

|                             |   |                |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------|
| <b>55197000 53000 52210</b> | <b>Capital Expenditures – Farmers Mills Rd Bridge – PIN 8757.67</b> | <b>506,000</b> |
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**Decrease Estimated Revenues:**

|                              |  |                |
|------------------------------|--|----------------|
| <b>55197000 445971 52210</b> | <b>Federal Aid – Farmers Mills Rd Bridge PIN 8757.67</b> | <b>404,800</b> |
| <b>05000 45710M 52210</b>    | <b>Bond Proceeds – FY2022</b>                            | <b>101,200</b> |

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

|                             |                                    |                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>10990100 59020 51622</b> | <b>Transfer Out – Capital Fund</b> | <b>741,500</b> |
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <b>10131000 424011</b> | <b>Interest Earnings</b> | <b>741,500</b> |
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**2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6w – Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of 100% of the Costs of a Transportation Project, of which Qualified Costs May Be Reimbursed from Bridge NY Funds (*Peekskill Hollow Road/Peekskill Hollow Creek Culvert Replacement, Town of Kent, Putnam County, PIN 8815.12*) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #178**

**AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING OF 100% OF THE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, OF WHICH QUALIFIED COSTS MAY BE REIMBURSED FROM BRIDGE NY FUNDS (*Peekskill Hollow Road/Peekskill Hollow Creek Culvert Replacement, Town of Kent, Putnam County, PIN 8815.12*)**

WHEREAS, a project for *Peekskill Hollow Road/Peekskill Hollow Creek Culvert Replacement, Town of Kent, Putnam County, PIN 8815.12* (the “Project”) is eligible for reimbursement of qualified costs from Bridge NY funding that calls for the post-reimbursement apportionment of the qualified costs to be borne at the ratio of 100% Bridge NY funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam will design, let, and administer all phases of the Project; and

WHEREAS, The County of Putnam desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs of the Preliminary Engineering, ROW Incidentals, ROW Acquisition, Construction, and Construction Inspection work for the Project or portions thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Putnam County Legislature, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the Project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes the County of Putnam to pay 100% of the cost of the Preliminary Engineering, ROW Incidentals, ROW Acquisition, Construction, and Construction Inspection work for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs will be reimbursed from Bridge NY funding; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of **\$1,840,000** is hereby appropriated from the Putnam County capital budget line number 05 55997000 53000 52418 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby agrees that the County of Putnam shall be responsible for all costs of the Project, including costs that exceed the amount of reimbursement available from the NY Bridge Funding awarded to the County of Putnam; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the costs of the Project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Putnam County Legislature shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Putnam County Executive thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby agrees that the County of Putnam hereby commits that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Putnam will be responsible for all maintenance of the Project; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Putnam County Executive be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests with NYSDOT for State Aid and/or Bridge NY funding on behalf of the County of Putnam in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the Putnam County's funding of the Project costs, and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, is authorized to finalize and execute all necessary documents, including, without limitation, the State/Local Agreement, in connection with the Project; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that in addition to the Putnam County Executive, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works and the Commissioner of Finance are also authorized, with the consent of the County Executive, to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of Putnam County with the New York State Department of Public Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6x – Approval- Budgetary Amendment (24A072) – DPW – Peekskill Hollow Road / Peekskill Hollow Creek Culvert Replacement – PIN 8815.12 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #179**

**APPROVAL- BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A072) – DPW – PEEKSKILL HOLLOW ROAD / PEEKSKILL HOLLOW CREEK CULVERT REPLACEMENT – PIN 8815.12**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of DPW has requested a budgetary amendment (24A072) authorizing the implementation and funding of 100% of the costs of the Peekskill Hollow Road/ Peekskill Hollow Creek Culvert Rehabilitation Project, in the Town of Kent using NYS Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) /Bridge NY 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:

**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

**55997000 53000 52418**

**Capital Expenditures – Peekskill Hollow Rd  
Creek Culvert – PIN 8815.12**

**1,840,000**

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

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|------------------------------|--|------------------|
| <b>55997000 430971 52418</b> | <b>State Aid – Peekskill Hollow Rd<br/>Creek Culvert – PIN 8815.12</b> | <b>1,840,000</b> |
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**2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6y – Approval – Ratification of the 2024 Real Property Tax Sale was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

**Legislator Ellner stated that in the event the highest bidders fail to complete the transaction as specified in the terms and conditions of the auction, the County Attorney is authorized to complete the transaction by offering the property to the second highest bidder.**

**Chairman Jonke thanked Commissioner of Finance Lewis and the Finance Department for working on this and doing a great job.**

**RESOLUTION #180**

**APPROVAL - RATIFICATION OF THE 2024 REAL PROPERTY TAX SALE**

**WHEREAS, on July 10, 2024, the County of Putnam held a public auction for its 2024 Real Property Tax Sale; and**

**WHEREAS, the County received bids on the parcels offered, as indicated by the listing attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule “A”; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, on behalf of the County of Putnam, hereby accepts the bid of the highest bidder on the parcels listed on the attached Schedule “A”; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to prepare a deed for each parcel to the highest bidder, said deed to be executed on behalf of the County by the County Executive; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that upon delivery of the balance of the purchase price as indicated in the bid, along with the appropriate transfer tax, fees, and any property taxes due, as specified in the promulgated Terms and Conditions of the auction, the County Attorney is hereby authorized to deliver said deed to the highest bidder; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that in the event any of the highest bidders fail to complete the transaction as specified in the promulgated Terms and Conditions of the auction, the County Attorney is authorized to complete the transaction with the second highest bidder in the same manner as set for the above.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

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

Item #6z – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A051) – Sheriff’s Department, Emergency Services and Social Services, Mental Health – Domestic Terrorism Prevention (DTP) Grant Program – Threat Assessment & Management Teams (TAM) – Amendment to Resolution #60 of 2024 was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #181**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A051) – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND SOCIAL SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH – DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION (DTP) GRANT PROGRAM – THREAT ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT TEAMS (TAM) – AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION #60 OF 2024**

WHEREAS, by Resolution #60 of 2024, the Putnam County Legislature approved budgetary amendment (24A010) to account for the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) award of \$172,413 under the Domestic Terrorism Prevention (DTP) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (24A051) to reclassify revenue and expenses related to the DPT Grant Program; 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 Estimated Revenue:**

|                       |  |        |
|-----------------------|--|--------|
| 10431000 440891 10218 | MH LGU – Homeland Security SHSP<br>NYS DHSES – TAM Grant | 50,000 |
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**Decrease Estimated Revenue:**

|                       |  |        |
|-----------------------|--|--------|
| 10033000 440891 10218 | MH LGU SPOA – Homeland Sec SHSP<br>NYS DHSES – TAM Grant | 50,000 |
|-----------------------|--|--------|

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

|                      |  |        |
|----------------------|--|--------|
| 10431000 54783 10218 | MH LGU – Licensing Software<br>NYS DHSES – TAM Grant | 50,000 |
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**Decrease Estimated Appropriations:**

|                      |   |        |
|----------------------|---|--------|
| 10033000 54783 10218 | MH LGU SPOA – Licensing Software<br>NYS DHSES – TAM Grant | 50,000 |
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2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6aa – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A066) – Sheriff’s Department – Outside Donations – Green Chimneys Children’s Services Inc. – K9 Program was next. On behalf

of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #182**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A066) – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – OUTSIDE DONATIONS – GREEN CHIMNEYS CHILDREN’S SERVICES INC. – K9 PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (24A066) to recognize a donation made to the Sheriff’s Department from Green Chimneys Children’s Services Inc. for the K9 Program; 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:**

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|------------------------|---|---------------|
| <b>17311000 427051</b> | <b>Sheriff Patrol – Outside Donations</b> | <b>200.00</b> |
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**Increase Expenses:**

|                       |                                |               |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>17311000 54150</b> | <b>Sheriff Patrol – Canine</b> | <b>200.00</b> |
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**2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6bb – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A067) – Sheriff’s Department – Overtime Reimbursement – NYS Stop-DWI Foundation Inc. was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #183**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A067) – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – OVERTIME REIMBURSEMENT – NYS STOP-DWI FOUNDATION INC.**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (24A067) to recognize reimbursement of overtime from the NYS Stop-DWI Foundation Inc. for DRE callouts on April 14, 2024; 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:**

|                        |  |               |
|------------------------|--|---------------|
| <b>14311000 443890</b> | <b>Sheriff Narcotics – Public Safety Other</b> | <b>282.11</b> |
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**Increase Expenses:**

|                       |                                     |               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>14311000 51093</b> | <b>Sheriff Narcotics – Overtime</b> | <b>282.11</b> |
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2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6cc – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A071) – Sheriff’s Department – NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) Grant Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #184**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A071) – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (DCJS) LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY (LETECH) GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, at the November 15, 2023 Protective Services Committee meeting, the Sheriff’s Department informed the Committee of the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) of a non-matching grant opportunity to support law enforcement technology purchases; and

WHEREAS, this grant opportunity is aimed at enhancing public safety through the application of emerging technologies by law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2024, DCJS notified the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department that they would receive funding in the amount of \$119,411.51 under the State’s Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) Program for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; and

WHEREAS, the term dates are from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; 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:**

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| 13311000 10222 | Sheriff Comm – SFY 2024-2025 LETECH Grant |            |
| 433890         | Other Public Safety                       | 119,411.51 |

**Increase Expenses:**

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| 13311000 10222 | Sheriff Comm – SFY 2024-2025 LETECH Grant |                  |
| 52680          | Other Equipment                           | 81,655.00        |
| 52130          | Computer Equipment                        | <u>37,756.51</u> |
|                |   | 119,411.51       |

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6dd – Approval – Confirmation – Appointments – Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

Legislator Gouldman stated that Michael Mocuiski is extremely qualified and knowledgeable in this field. He believed he would be an asset for this Board. He welcomed both individuals on their appointment to the Board.

**RESOLUTION #185**

**APPROVAL – CONFIRMATION – APPOINTMENTS – PUTNAM COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, Section 25-38 of the Putnam County Code provides for the appointment of members of the Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board by the County Executive subject to confirmation by the Putnam County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has appointed the following:

Michael Mocuiski, Emergency Medical Services Council Representative, for the remainder of a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2026.

Catherine Lewis, Emergency Medical Services Council Representative, for the remainder of a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approved said appointments; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 25-38(B) of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature hereby confirms the above appointments to the Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board made by the County Executive; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these appointments comply with any requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6ee – Authorization for Intermunicipal Agreement with Westchester County to Effectuate the Installation of Mobile Radios for the Police Departments Participating in a Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan was next.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she would be voting in favor of this. She stated that she would like some clarification on how this will work with our new radio system which we have invested in for fire and EMS. She hoped that all of these radio systems worked together.

Legislator Crowley stated that a comment was made that were no channels left and that was the reason we were receiving these radios. She hoped that we were actively searching for a resolution to this issue to eliminate having so much equipment and bring it down to one (1) radio. She stated that for now, she was happy to have this intermunicipal agreement.

**RESOLUTION #186**



**AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY TO EFFECTUATE THE INSTALLATION OF MOBILE RADIOS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS PARTICIPATING IN A MUTUAL AID AND RAPID RESPONSE PLAN**

**WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 5-G of the general Municipal Law, the County of Putnam and the County of Westchester (collectively the “Parties”) created and entered into a Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan (the “Plan”) to formalize operational procedures for law enforcement assistance to participating agencies; and**

**WHEREAS, the Plan provides that each member law enforcement agency agrees to make available its police personnel and equipment to the others upon the occurrence of a condition which is beyond the scope of its police resources; and**

**WHEREAS, the County of Westchester operates public safety radio communication systems for its Department of Public Safety, Department of Emergency Services, and Department of Public Works and Transportation Bee-Line transit operations; and**

**WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is in need of mobile radios for its municipal police vehicles programmed with radio communication systems that will allow it to communicate with the County of Westchester, law enforcement, fire, EMS and other first responders for purposes of carrying out the Plan; and**

**WHEREAS, the County of Westchester wishes to furnish the mobile radios to the County of Putnam for installation in its municipal police vehicles; and**

**WHEREAS, the County of Westchester wishes to provide the mobile radios to the County of Putnam, as well as the initial radio programming services, at no charge to the County of Putnam; and**

**WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into an intermunicipal agreement to provide for the installation and operation of mobile radios (the “Radio Agreement”); and**

**WHEREAS, entry into such intermunicipal agreement is permitted under Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law; and**

**WHEREAS, due to prevailing world, national, and local security situations, the ever-increasing flow of intelligence, and actual threats directed against once benign sites and facilities, the parties desire that the Radio Agreement be flexible and subject to review and revision as necessary in a timely manner; and**

**RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam be and hereby is authorized to enter into an intermunicipal agreement (“IMA”) with the County of Westchester, in order to effectuate the installation and operation of mobile radios in municipal police vehicles; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that such IMA shall be substantially similar in form and content to the draft items accompanying this resolution; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the term of the IMA will be five (5) years commencing in January, 2024, and continuing through January, 2029; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute said IMA on behalf of the County of Putnam; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6ff – Approval – Resolution Advocating Against OSHA Reforms in New York State for Firefighters was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:**

**Legislator Nacerino stated that while we recognize and appreciate the work OSHA does to enhance our safety, we join our fire departments and other elected officials opposing the standards set forth which would dramatically change the face of firefighters in the United States and New York State. Legislator Nacerino continued by reading excerpts of the resolution. She expressed that Putnam County faces challenges in getting individuals to volunteer in the fire departments, as well as retaining these individuals. She believed that these new restrictions and mandates bring on more undue burdens. She believed they would further jeopardize our fire departments fiscally and with obtaining new recruitments. She stated that this resolution was brought forward by Legislator Gouldman.**

**Legislator Gouldman explained that OSHA is implementing new regulations to improve the safety of individuals in fire service which he was glad to see. He believed that the new regulations which treat volunteer fire departments the same as large paid fire departments did not make sense. He stated that it threatens the survival of our local fire departments here in Putnam County and throughout New York State. He stated that was the reason why he brought this resolution forward.**

**Legislator Crowley concurred with her colleagues. She hoped that we could find a solution for our volunteer firefighters, so we do not end up having to raise property taxes to have paid fire departments. She believed that would have a huge impact on our residents.**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that she supports this resolution. She stated that the community believes that the best service to taxpayers was for OSHA to start this rule making process over from the beginning. She hoped that was the sentiment of the fire departments and the elected officials. She stated that OSHA is a great organization, and she believed that they made these new rules because they were probably necessary. She stated that she was not opposing the new standards, but she was opposing the way OSHA went about it. She believed that our fire departments and municipalities need more time and to be part of the process.**

#### **RESOLUTION #187**

#### **APPROVAL - RESOLUTION ADVOCATING AGAINST OSHA REFORMS IN NEW YORK STATE FOR FIREFIGHTERS**

**WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is the home to 13 all-volunteer fire companies, that have served the County and its towns and villages faithfully for decades; and**

**WHEREAS, the personnel of these companies form the backbone of our emergency response apparatus, tirelessly working to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of our residents, often at great personal sacrifice; and**

**WHEREAS, the County of Putnam acknowledges, with gratitude, the commendable efforts of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in initiating measures aimed at enhancing the safety and welfare of our invaluable emergency responders; and**

**WHEREAS, notwithstanding the strides made in bolstering emergency responder safety, the County of Putnam harbors legitimate concerns regarding the future accessibility, affordability, and efficacy of emergency services within our jurisdiction; and**

**WHEREAS, OSHA has published significant changes to OSHA Rule 1910.156, the Fire Brigades Standard, on February 5, 2024, converting the current Fire Brigades Standard to the proposed Emergency Response Standard, which has the potential to dramatically change the face of the fire service in the United States, the State of New York, and the County of Putnam; and**

**WHEREAS, the County of Putnam has serious concerns that the proposed changes will have major implications for every firefighter in the County of Putnam through unfunded mandates and possible fines for noncompliance, along with the imposition of additional liabilities upon fire service organizations and municipalities; and**

**WHEREAS, the County of Putnam believes the proposed changes are not economically and technically feasible for the volunteer fire service in present form and will cause our volunteer fire departments significant financial burden and hardships through increased costs for administration, training, equipment inspection and replacement, and facility renovations; and**

**WHEREAS, the County of Putnam believes the best service to taxpayers and the fire service community at large is for OSHA to start this rule making process over from the beginning; and**

**WHEREAS, this matter has been duly considered by the Legislature of the County of Putnam and the Putnam County Executive; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam, mindful of its responsibility to safeguard the interests and welfare of its residents, hereby expresses its reservations to the proposed changes to OSHA Rule 1910.156 and respectfully requests that OSHA, in conjunction with our state and national officials, give due consideration to the following:**

- 1. Extend the public comment period beyond the deadline of July 22, 2024, so all fire service organizations and governmental bodies have adequate time to review the 608 page document and formulate comprehensive, fact based comments;**
- 2. OSHA and the Congress of the United States of America should hold in-person public hearings on the proposed changes;**
- 3. Remove the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards (Twenty-one (21) being incorporated in whole or in part, and fourteen (14) other standards contributing to new requirements to varying degrees) from the proposed rule and continue these standards as voluntary consensus standards;**
- 4. Reevaluate the intended audience and scope of the standard to accommodate the varying regulatory frameworks and classifications of volunteer firefighters across different states, ensuring equitable treatment and compliance with applicable laws and regulations;**
- 5. Transform the proposed standard into a dynamic, adaptive “living document” capable of evolving in tandem with emerging national needs, technological advancements, and best practices, thereby obviating the need for periodic overhauls and updates to address obsolescence and inefficiency;**
- 6. Identify and prioritize additional safety measures and protocols that can be expeditiously implemented with minimal resource expenditure and**

manpower requirements, thereby augmenting the resilience and effectiveness of our emergency response infrastructure;

7. Collaborate closely with stakeholders to develop a standardized framework that strikes a judicious balance between economic feasibility and technical efficacy, thereby ensuring the sustainability and viability of our emergency response initiatives in the long run;
8. OSHA should provide clear definitions of “volunteer” and “employee” factoring in the various definitions found in the first responder community across the country to provide consistency in implementation of the proposed rule;
9. OSHA should start the rule making process on 1910.156 over giving the volunteer fire service who provide sixty-five (65) percent of firefighting services in the United States a formal seat at the rule making table;
10. Significant changes to OSHA Rule 1910.156, the Fire Brigade Standard, should be phased in over time to allow fire companies to come into compliance and to budget for the fiscal impacts caused by the changes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Clerk of the Legislature is directed to forward copies of this resolution to OSHA, United States Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Representative Michael Lawler, Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Peter Harckham, Assembly Members Matthew Slater and Dana Levenberg, and any others deemed necessary and proper.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

**AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
(Chairman Castellano, Legislators Ellner & Gouldman)

Item #6gg – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A068) – Finance – Vacancy Control Factor 2024 was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #188

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A068) – FINANCE – VACANCY CONTROL FACTOR 2024

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (24A068) to provide for the Vacancy Control Factor for 2024; 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:

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

|                |                    |        |
|----------------|--------------------|--------|
| 10131000 51000 | Personnel Services | 49,620 |
| 10131000 58002 | FICA               | 3,796  |
| 10134500 51000 | Personnel Services | 30,813 |
| 10134500 58002 | FICA               | 2,357  |
| 10141000 51000 | Personnel Services | 19,110 |
| 10141000 58002 | FICA               | 1,462  |
| 10141100 51000 | Personnel Services | 23,382 |
| 10141000 58002 | FICA               | 1,789  |
| 10142000 51000 | Personnel Services | 29,771 |
| 10142000 58002 | FICA               | 2,277  |
| 10143000 51000 | Personnel Services | 26,070 |
| 10143000 58002 | FICA               | 1,994  |
| 10314000 51000 | Personnel Services | 30,552 |
| 10314000 58002 | FICA               | 2,337  |
| 10431000 51000 | Personnel Services | 1,737  |
| 10431000 58002 | FICA               | 133    |
| 10641000 51000 | Personnel Services | 32,901 |
| 10641000 58002 | FICA               | 2,517  |
| 10677200 51000 | Personnel Services | 46,219 |
| 10677200 58002 | FICA               | 3,536  |

**Decrease Estimated Revenues:**

|                 |                        |         |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------|
| 10131000 427705 | Vacancy Control Factor | 312,373 |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------|

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR SAYEGH WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #7 – Other Business**

There was no other business submitted to the meeting.

**Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items**

Donald Shields, a resident in the Town of Carmel explained that he bid on a parcel that was adjacent to his during the County’s auction. He explained that after contacting the County, he was informed that there was a person that placed a bid on the same parcel incorrectly. He explained that when the highest bidder does not fulfill their obligations, you are usually notified by the auction company or agency selling those assets. He stated that if he did not contact the County, he would not have known about the incorrect bid. He explained many terms and conditions on the bid process. He questioned why the Legislature was going to exclude that property from the auction.

**Item #9 - Recognition of Legislators**

Legislator Montgomery explained that there is a time limit for voting on the requests for parcels to be included in the Agricultural District.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo confirmed that the requirement is 120 days from the end of the notice period which would be April 30, 2024.

**There was further discussion about when a meeting would be held.**

**There being no further business, at 8:58 P.M., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Crowley and Ellner. All in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.**