

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

Tuesday February 7, 2023 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Chairman Jonke who requested Legislator Ellner lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Sayegh lead in the Legislative Prayer.

Chairman Jonke asked everyone to remain standing in a moment of silence for Special Police Officer Timothy Stewart, who passed away last week. He asked that he and his family be kept in everyone's thoughts and prayers.

Chairman Jonke called on the Clerk for a roll call. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Ellner, Castellano, Sayegh, Crowley and Chairman Jonke were present. Legislator Nacerino was absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

PROCLAMATION

Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Sayegh who presented the recipients, Margie Silverman and Lloyd Hartley, with the proclamation "Honoring Office for Senior Resources Employees."

**HONORING OFFICE FOR SENIOR RESOURCES EMPLOYEES
MARGIE SILVERMAN & LLOYD HARTLEY**

WHEREAS, Margie Silverman, Site Manager of the William Koehler Memorial Senior Center in Mahopac, immediately jumped into action on December 16, 2022 when she saw a senior choking on food. She began the Heimlich Maneuver on the gentleman, but quickly realized due to his relative size she would not be able to muster the force needed to dislodge the food item and called for help; and

WHEREAS, Office for Senior Resources Driver Lloyd Hartley was in the kitchen preparing meals to be delivered to homebound seniors when he heard Site Manager Silverman's call for assistance. He ran into the dining room where he performed the Heimlich Maneuver on the gentlemen, successfully dislodging the food he was choking on. The gentleman's breathing quickly returned to normal; he was examined by responding EMTs and taken to the emergency room. The gentleman has since returned to the William Koehler Memorial Senior Center many times with his wife; and

WHEREAS, The swift action of both Site Manager Margie Silverman and Driver Lloyd Hartley was a result of their sincere compassion for others coupled with the CPR and Heimlich Maneuver Training that is provided to Office for Senior Resources Staff twice per year by the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services, the most recent training happening just the week before; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby recognize Margie Silverman, Site Manager of the William Koehler Memorial Senior Center and Lloyd Hartley, Office for Senior Resources Driver for their immediate response, which resulted in a lifesaving act. We are proud to serve alongside such brave and compassionate employees!

**Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – December 6, 2022
Year End Meeting – December 20, 2022
Organizational Meeting – January 3, 2023
Special Meeting – January 19, 2023**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Item #5 – Correspondence
a) County Auditor**

There was no activity during this reporting period.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

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

Item #6a - Approval/ Local Law Amending Chapter 220 of the Code of Putnam County Entitled “Taxation” (Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Corps Exemption) 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 Gouldman, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio stated that our volunteers are the backbone of Putnam County. She stated that this will not only encourage new members but also help to retain them. She stated that she was proud to move this forward.

Chairman Jonke stated that he has been in the tax business over 30 years and this is an exemption that truly rewards our neighbors. He stated that we fund our neighbors’ exemptions, and because these are volunteers who serve our community, we are rewarding those members of the community who sacrifice their time to keep us safe. He stated that he was in full support of this exemption.

Legislator Gouldman believed this was a good move for Putnam County and he was glad that the Governor approved this to occur throughout New York State. He explained that it takes a very special individual to volunteer in the fire department or ambulance corps. He stated that every department throughout Putnam County is in need of more of these dedicated volunteers. He stated that he is in support of this exemption.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she sat with the Association of Towns before becoming a Legislator. She explained that there were many discussions on how to solve the dilemma of retaining and recruiting volunteers. She stated that New York volunteers have declined by 32% over the last 25 years. She stated that this exemption will help with the retention. She stated being a volunteer EMT was the most rewarding investment in her life. She stated that her son works as a professional EMT and is also a volunteer

EMT on his time off. She encouraged every taxing agency to approve the same exemption.

Chairman Jonke stated that the Governor signed this legislation on December 15, 2022 and we worked hard to move this quickly to pass this legislation in order for the volunteers to apply by the taxable status date this year which is March 1, 2023. He stated that it moved quickly because of the support of this Legislature.

RESOLUTION #27

APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 220 OF THE CODE OF PUTNAM COUNTY ENTITLED "TAXATION" (Members of Volunteer Fire Depts & Ambulance Corps Exemption)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section 1.

Article X of Chapter 220 of the Putnam County Code as added by L.L. No. 1 of 2003 is hereby repealed and replaced as follows:

ARTICLE X

Exemption for Qualified Members of Volunteer Fire Departments and Ambulance Corps

§ 220-65 Legislative intent.

Chapter 670 of the Laws of 2022 added a new section 466-a to the Real Property Tax Law, repealing prior sections 466-a through 466-k, though continuing the exemption provided therein. New section 466-a provides a real property tax exemption of 10% for qualified members of volunteer fire departments and ambulance corps statewide, subject to adoption by individual municipalities. Members of volunteer fire departments and ambulance corps provide valuable services to the people of Putnam County. In order to be certified and recertified, such volunteers must undertake numerous hours of training on their own time and frequently at their own expense. The purpose of this exemption is to maintain the ranks of the volunteer corps and encourage volunteers to join. The enabling legislation enacted by the State Legislature requires that localities must adopt a local law in order to afford those volunteers such exemption.

§ 220-66 Requirements.

Such exemption shall not be granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service residing in such county unless:

- A. The applicant resides in the city, town, or village which is served by such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service;**
- B. The property is the primary residence of the applicant;**

- C. The property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this section; and**
- D. The applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service as an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service for a period of five years of service.**
- E. The applicant must file a certificate from his or her qualifying organization that he or she is an enrolled member. Such certification of membership must certify that the member received credit under a service award program defined by Article 11-A, 11-AA, 11-AAA, or 11-AAAA of the General Municipal Law for the period of service claimed in the application.**

§ 220-67 Lifetime exemption.

Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than twenty years of active service and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the ten percent exemption as authorized by this section for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within such county.

§ 220-68 Spousal exemption where member is killed in the line of duty.

Un-remarried spouses of volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers killed in the line of duty. An exemption granted under this chapter shall be continued, and a pre-existing exemption shall be reinstated, where the exemption was previously claimed by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, to such deceased enrolled member's un-remarried spouse if such member is killed in the line of duty; provided, however, that:

- A. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who was killed in the line of duty; and**

- B. Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five years; and**
- C. Such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.**

§ 220-69 Spousal exemption where member is deceased.

Un-remarried spouses of deceased volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers. An exemption granted under this chapter shall be continued, and a pre-existing exemption shall be reinstated, to an un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service; provided, however, that:

- A. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service; and**
- B. Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least twenty years; and**
- C. Such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption for such property prior to the death of such volunteer.**

§ 220-70 Application for exemption.

- A. Application for such exemption, along with the certificate of membership defined above, shall be filed with the applicable town assessor on or before the taxable status date on a form as prescribed by the Commissioner of the Office of Real Property Tax Services.**
- B. Certification shall be required for any period of time claimed by an applicant that is not already on file with the applicable town assessor.**
- C. The assessor shall review the application and certification to ensure they have satisfied the requirements of this law.**

§ 220-71 Continuation of exemption.

No applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who by reason of such status is receiving any benefit under the provisions of this article on the effective date of this section shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this section. Any exemption under Article X of

Chapter 220 as added by L.L. No. 1 of 2003 shall be considered the same and equivalent to the exemption available under this article.

Section 3.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon the filing with the secretary of state.

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

Item #6b - Approval/ Local Law to Amend Chapter 70 of the Putnam County Code Entitled "Legislative Districts" (Reapportionment / Redistricting) was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Sayegh thanked everyone who worked on this.

Legislator Crowley thanked the Board of Elections for their time on this, presenting two (2) great options.

Chairman Jonke also thanked the Board of Elections Commissioners, Legislative Counsel, Information Technology Department and the resident who served on this Commission.

RESOLUTION #28

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 70 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE ENTITLED "LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS" (Reapportionment / Redistricting)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Putnam County, New York, as follows:

Section 1.

Chapter 70 of the Putnam County Code entitled "Legislative Districts" is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 70-1 Description of districts.

The Putnam County Legislative Districts are hereby described by County Election District by population as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau for the 2020 Census.

§ 70-2 Legislative District 1.

Legislative District 1 shall be as follows:

Election District	Population
Philipstown 1	754
Philipstown 2	624
Philipstown 3	1,990
Philipstown 4	1,030
Philipstown 5	702

Philipstown 6	970
Philipstown 7	1,070
Philipstown 8	1,289
Philipstown 9	809
Philipstown 10	596
Putnam Valley 8	<u>1,186</u>
	11,020

§ 70-3 Legislative District 2.

Legislative District 2 shall be as follows:

Election District	Population
Putnam Valley 1	1,331
Putnam Valley 2	1,192
Putnam Valley 3	1,606
Putnam Valley 4	1,034
Putnam Valley 5	1,243
Putnam Valley 6	1,104
Putnam Valley 7	1,006
Putnam Valley 9	1,222
Putnam Valley 10	<u>873</u>
	10,611

§ 70-4 Legislative District 3.

Legislative District 3 shall be as follows:

Election District	Population
Kent 1	1,193
Kent 2	1,611
Kent 4	1,043
Kent 6	1,721
Kent 7	1,204
Kent 8	1,331
Kent 10	796
Kent 11	1,155
Patterson 6	<u>822</u>
	10,876

§ 70-5 Legislative District 4.

Legislative District 4 shall be as follows:

Election District	Population
Patterson 1	1,566
Patterson 2	1,435
Patterson 3	1,834

Patterson 4	1,161
Patterson 5	2,205
Patterson 7	1,437
Patterson 8	<u>1,006</u>
	10,644

§ 70-6 Legislative District 5.

Legislative District 5 shall be as follows:

Election District	Population
Carmel 2	1,689
Carmel 8	1,708
Carmel 9	1,870
Carmel 14	1,229
Carmel 20	1,515
Kent 3	722
Kent 5	1,349
Kent 9	<u>798</u>
	10,880

§ 70-7 Legislative District 6.

Legislative District 6 shall be as follows:

Election District	Population
Southeast 1	1,215
Southeast 3	1,207
Southeast 5	662
Southeast 7	1,539
Southeast 8	1,388
Southeast 10	1,284
Southeast 11	1,229
Southeast 13	1,033
Southeast 14	<u>1,276</u>
	10,833

§ 70-8 Legislative District 7.

Legislative District 7 shall be as follows:

Election District	Population
Carmel 7	1,222
Carmel 10	901
Carmel 22	1,625
Southeast 2	2,504
Southeast 4	982
Southeast 6	1,744

Southeast 9	1,014
Southeast 12	<u>880</u>
	10,872

§ 70-9 Legislative District 8.

Legislative District 8 shall be as follows:

Election District	Population
Carmel 5	1,495
Carmel 11	692
Carmel 13	1,212
Carmel 15	1,076
Carmel 17	650
Carmel 18	1,446
Carmel 23	1,234
Carmel 24	1005
Carmel 26	1,315
Carmel 28	<u>807</u>
	10,932

§ 70-10 Legislative District 9.

Legislative District 9 shall be as follows:

Election District	Population
Carmel 1	779
Carmel 3	1,562
Carmel 4	893
Carmel 6	916
Carmel 12	836
Carmel 16	1,126
Carmel 19	1,500
Carmel 21	1,018
Carmel 25	1,581
Carmel 27	<u>789</u>
	11,000

Section 2.

This local law shall take effect immediately.

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

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

Item #6c - Approval/ Fund Transfer (22T387)/ Highways & Facilities/ County/State Snow Supplies & Materials was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #29

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (22T387)/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ COUNTY/STATE SNOW SUPPLIES & MATERIALS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has requested a fund transfer (22T387) to cover purchase of salt for snow removal; 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:

10511000 51000 (10106)	Roads & Bridges Pers – RME0 II	16,985
10511000 51000 (10101)	Pers – Construction Materials & Highway Dispatcher	50,707
10511000 51000 (10116)	Pers – Construction Equipment Operator	<u>32,308</u>
		100,000

Increase:

10514200 54410	County Snow – Supplies & Mat.	60,000
10514400 54410	State Snow – Supplies & Mat.	<u>40,000</u>
		100,000

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6d - Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (23T002)/ County Executive Office/ Reorganization-Reclassification/ Staff & Department Salaries was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke presented the following:

Legislator Addonizio requested the Chairman to divide the question for the \$40,000 licensing software line and the \$24,625 increase for the Deputy County Executive.

Chairman Jonke clarified that it was the first and last bullet on the resolution.

Legislator Addonizio said, “yes.”

Chairman Jonke requested Legislative Counsel Firriolo to explain the process of dividing this proposed resolution.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated that under the Legislative Manual for the procedure for the dividing of a question is that if any question contains more than one (1) distinct proposition it shall be divided by the Chair at the request of any one (1) member. He explained that it is a nondiscretionary act that the Chair must do when those two (2) conditions are met. He stated that it does not need a second.

Chairman Jonke requested if there was discussion on the first bullet point for the increase in salary for the Deputy County Executive.

Legislator Addonizio believed it was difficult to justify this increase to her constituents at this time. She believed it would have a rippling effect on our Putnam County employees. She stated that it begs the question that when our employees decline health insurance that they would ask for a raise. She stated that her position not to support this request had nothing to do with the qualifications or expertise of the individual in said position.

Legislator Sayegh explained that during the 2023 budget, the Legislature approved the Deputy County Executive salary to include a 3.5% COLA increase bring the position to \$129,375. She stated that the County Executive is proposing an additional increase of \$24,625 which would bring this salary to \$154,000. She stated that this increase puts the Deputy County Executive's salary in line with department heads, making more than many who have decades of service to Putnam County. She stated that this is an unprecedented increase for one (1) candidate. She understands that the candidate is well qualified and is a talented administrator. She also understood that he had a salary greater than this amount at his previous employment. However, this is a budgeted salary line that was open to the public and was understood at the time of his excepting employment here in Putnam County. She stated that it was not the responsibility of the Putnam County taxpayer to make any candidate whole for any position previously held at another job. She explained that it could be revisited during the budget process. She stated that at this time she cannot hand over \$24,000 of taxpayer monies to justify the expense of one (1) employee. She stated that she has repeatedly heard that the justification for the increase is that this candidate would not be accepting health insurance benefits. However, this should not be used to increase or offset proposed salaries. She explained that Putnam County employees receive \$700.00 if they opt out of health benefits. She stated that offering a \$24,625 salary increase for the Deputy County Executive is unheard of and should not be used for justification for the increase. She believed that saying the restructuring is saving County money was misleading since two (2) subcontingency budget lines were being used in the amount of \$68,825. She explained that subcontingency is an account the Legislature uses to put money aside that we choose not to put into a specific line item. She stated that if we do not use the funds for the specific line item, then the amount would go back into the general fund. She stated that if we had to use these subcontingency funds for the intended purpose, the balance of \$68,825 would have gone into contingency and the County Executive's proposed restructuring would have a \$4,101 shortfall. She stated that as Legislator Nacerino stated, "this is nothing more than creative financing." She explained that while she supports the County Executive's plan to restructure his Administration to serve the people of Putnam County as he sees fit, it is her job as a Legislator to review and make informed decisions. She stated that the Legislature is a separate and equal branch of government and it is her job to review the facts and make a decision based on those facts on behalf of the taxpayers of Putnam County. She stated that she supported the County Executive's hiring and restructuring, eliminating positions, appointments and purchasing plans. She looked forward to working with the new Administration and she

believed there would be exciting things to come with this Administration. However, at this time she could not support an increase in salary after increasing this salary account line a few months ago.

Legislator Gouldman explained that the Legislature was voting on a budgetary transfer for the reorganization and reclassification of staffing for the new Putnam County Executive. He explained that when there is a new County Executive in Putnam County, or when any other New York State County Executive takes office, that new CEO has their own ideas and ways in which they want to run their county. He explained that he would like to see County Executive Byrne succeed in moving Putnam County forward in a positive way and allow him to structure his office to obtain that goal. He explained that Personnel Director Paul Eldridge wrote a memorandum to the Legislature which supported the proposed reorganization. Legislator Gouldman proceeded to read an excerpt from said memorandum. He stated that Director Eldridge believed that County Executive Byrne submitted the most comprehensive restructuring to date. Legislator Gouldman believed that the new Administration was being fiscally responsible and is saving the County \$64,000 with this proposal. He expressed his support for this proposal.

Legislator Castellano believed that the County Executive has presented a good proposal and he has an experienced employee that he would like to hire. He stated that he would support the County Executive's decision to hire this person at the proposed salary. He explained that the proposal creates a \$64,724 savings for the taxpayers. He stated that he would support the salary increase.

Legislator Montgomery explained that as the Legislature was discussing the rationale of this proposal, it was mentioned that we do not make people whole because of where they came from. She stated that statement was not true because we have done it. She believed we did it for the Sheriff's Department during the budget season when we gave the Sheriff's command staff a 19% increase to make them whole.

Chairman Jonke stated that we have a new County Executive who has a different vision than the previous County Executive. He believed he was entitled to staff his office as he deems appropriate. He stated that the County Executive presented a package that saves the taxpayers \$64,000. He stated that he supported the County Executive's vision.

Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote on the salary increase of \$24,000.

By Roll Call Vote: Six Ayes – Legislators Castellano, Crowley, Ellner, Gouldman, Montgomery and Chairman Jonke. Two Nays – Legislators Addonizio & Sayegh. Legislator Nacerino was absent. Motion Carries.

Chairman Jonke moved for discussion on the last bullet for the new \$40,000 for licensing software.

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

Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote on the motion to table.

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

Chairman Jonke called for a discussion on the remaining items on the resolution.

Legislator Sayegh stated that she supported the rest of the County Executive’s reorganization plan. She stated that it was exciting to see new leadership here in Putnam County.

RESOLUTION #30

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY TRANSFER (23T002)/ COUNTY EXECUTIVE/
REORGANIZATION – RECLASSIFICATION/ STAFF & DEPARTMENT SALARIES**

WHEREAS, the County Executive has requested a budgetary transfer (23T002) to reallocate existing 2023 County Funding to streamline the structure and staffing of the County Executive’s Office; and

WHEREAS, these personnel changes include:

- Increase in the Deputy County Executive salary.
- Creation of two (2) new positions in the County Executive’s Office. (Communications Director and Director of Compliance & Intergovernmental Relations)
- Elimination of the Director of Constituent Services position in County Executive’s Office.
- Elimination of the newly created unfilled Purchaser position.
- Three (3) Temporary Stipends to compensate individuals filling additional roles – Acting Administrator of Highways & Facilities, Acting Deputy Administrator of Highways & Facilities and Acting Administrator of Planning Department.
- Decrease of \$68,825 from two (2) Subcontingency accounts in County Executive’s Office and Highways & Facilities.
- Elimination of redundant \$50,000 licensing software line budgeted for Purchasing Department. County can continue to use the BidNet service from the State at no additional cost.
- ~~New \$40,000 licensing software line. Purchase professional Constituent Relationship Management (CRM) System. TABLED~~

WHEREAS, the County Executive’s proposal results in a net savings of over \$64,000 to the County Budget; and

WHEREAS, said staff titles, annual salaries, and stipends will be effective January 1, 2023; 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:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10123000 51000 (102)	Pers Svcs – Deputy County Executive	24,625
10123000 51000 (107)	Pers Svcs - Director of Communications	83,000

10123000 51000 (108)	Pers Svcs - Director of Compliance Int Gov	75,000
10123000 58001	NYS Retirement	9,297
10123000 58002	FICA	10,174
10123000 58003	Disability Insurance	220
10123000 58004	Workers Compensation Insurance	310
10123000 58006	Dental	1,228
10123000 58007	Life Insurance	914
10123000 58009	Vision	107
10123000 58011	Flex	2,165
10149000 51000 (195)	Pers Svcs – Stipend	
	Acting Adm Highways & Facilities	11,903
10144000 51000 (195)	Pers Svcs – Stipend	
	Acting Deputy Adm Highways & Facilities	7,417
10802000 51000 (195)	Pers Svcs – Stipend	
	Acting Administrator of Planning	12,000
10168000 54783	Licensing Software (CRM)	
	Constituent Relationship Management	<u>40,000</u>
		278,360
		238,360

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10123000 51000 (104)	Pers Svcs - Director of Constituent Svcs	46,643
10123000 58008	Health	44,401
10134500 51000 (106)	Pers Svcs – Purchaser	63,611
10134500 58001	NYS Retirement	3,730
10134500 58002	FICA	4,866
10134500 58004	Workers Compensation Insurance	774
10134500 58006	Dental	1,994
10134500 58008	Health	26,677
10134500 58009	Vision	242
10134500 54783	Licensing Software	50,000
10199000 54981	Subcontingency – County Executive	30,000
10199000 54982	Subcontingency – Highway & Facilities	38,825
10149000 51000 (101)	Pers Svcs – Commissioner of Highway	11,903
10802000 51000 (101)	Pers Svcs – Commissioner of Planning	12,000
10144000 51000 (102)	Pers Svcs – Project Mgr Highway Engineer	<u>7,417</u>
		343,083

Increase:

10199000 54980	Contingency	64,724
		104,724

2023 Fiscal Impact – ~~(64,724)~~ (\$104,724)

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

And be it further

RESOLVED, that Resolution #231 of 2022, setting the Salaries of Officers and Employees Paid from County Funds, is hereby amended to reflect the salary change of the Deputy County Executive, the salaries of the two (2) new positions in the County Executives Office (Communications Director and Director of Compliance & Intergovernmental Relations), and the elimination of the position and salary for the

Director of Constituent Services in the County Executive's Office effective January 1, 2023.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE FOR THE DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE SALARY INCREASE OF \$24,625: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO & SAYEGH. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE TO TABLE THE \$40,000 LICENSING SOFTWARE LINE: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS GOULDMAN & MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

BY POLL VOTE ON REMAINING TRANSFER: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6e - Approval/ Fund Transfer (23T011)/ Social Services/ Temporary was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #31

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (23T011)/ SOCIAL SERVICES/ TEMPORARY

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a fund transfer (23T011) to rehire retiree Sr. Public Health Nurse part-time to make home visits for those individuals receiving personal care services through Medicaid; 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:

10105000 51000 (102)	Pers. Services – DSS Medicaid Unit	33,800
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Increase:

10105000 51094	Temporary	33,800
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2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6f - Approval/ Confirmation/ Appointment/ County Attorney was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Chairman Jonke stated that he has known Mr. Spain for many years. He stated that he was happy to welcome him aboard.

RESOLUTION #32

APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ APPOINTMENT/ COUNTY ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, County Executive Kevin M. Byrne has appointed C. Compton Spain, Esq. as County Attorney, pursuant to Article 8, Section 8.01 of the Putnam County Charter; and

WHEREAS, C. Compton Spain is an attorney duly licensed and admitted to practice law in the State of New York and possesses the requisite knowledge, experience, and qualifications to serve as County Attorney for the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee of the Putnam County Legislature considered and approved this appointment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of C. Compton Spain as the County Attorney for the County of Putnam, pursuant to Article 8, Section 8.01 of the Putnam County Charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that C. Compton Spain shall serve as the County Attorney unless and until he is removed from said position in accordance with the terms of Section 8.01 of the Putnam County charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this appointment shall comply with the requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

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

Item #6g - Approval/ Confirmation/ Re-Appointment/ Commissioner of Finance was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery thanked Commissioner Carlin for staying on with the County.

RESOLUTION #33

APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ RE-APPOINTMENT/ COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

WHEREAS, County Executive Kevin M. Byrne has re-appointed William J. Carlin, Jr. as Commissioner of Finance, pursuant to Article 4, Section 4.01 of the Putnam County Charter; and

WHEREAS, William J. Carlin, Jr. possesses the requisite knowledge, experience, and qualifications to serve as the Commissioner of Finance for the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee of the Putnam County Legislature considered and approved this re-appointment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby confirms the re-appointment of William J. Carlin, Jr. as the Commissioner of Finance for the County of Putnam, pursuant to Article 4, Section 4.01 of the Putnam County Charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that William J. Carlin, Jr. shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive in accordance with the terms of Section 4.01 of the Putnam County charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this appointment shall comply with the requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

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

Item #6h - Approval/ Confirmation/ Re-Appointment/ Putnam County Historian was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Castellano stated that Jennifer does a fantastic job as the Historian. He also thanked her for all her efforts working on the Veterans' Medal Ceremony.

Legislator Sayegh thanked Jennifer Cassidy for all she does in Putnam County. She encouraged the citizens to reach out to the Putnam County Historian for the wonderful resources offered about the rich history here in Putnam County.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she follows Jennifer's work closely on social media and tries to attend the events being offered. She thanked Jennifer and was appreciative for all the great work she does on behalf of the citizens of Putnam County.

Legislator Addonizio concurred and that Jennifer too.

Chairman Jonke stated that it was obvious that all the good work Jennifer performs does not go unnoticed.

RESOLUTION #34

APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ RE-APPOINTMENT/ PUTNAM COUNTY HISTORIAN

WHEREAS, County Executive Kevin M. Byrne has re-appointed Jennifer Cassidy as Putnam County Historian, pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.11 of the Putnam County Charter; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Cassidy possesses the requisite knowledge, experience, and qualifications to serve as the Putnam County Historian for the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee of the Putnam County Legislature considered and approved this re-appointment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby confirms the re-appointment of Jennifer Cassidy as the Putnam County Historian for the County of Putnam, pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.11 of the Putnam County Charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Jennifer Cassidy shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive in accordance with the terms of Section 12.11 of the Putnam County charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this appointment shall comply with the requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

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

Item #6i - Approval/ Confirmation/ Appointment/ Director of Purchasing was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUITON #35

APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ APPOINTMENT/ DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING

WHEREAS, County Executive Kevin M. Byrne has appointed John G. Tully as Director of Purchasing, pursuant to Article 5, Section 5.01 of the Putnam County Charter; and

WHEREAS, John G. Tully possesses the requisite knowledge, experience, and qualifications to serve as the Director of Purchasing for the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee of the Putnam County Legislature considered and approved this appointment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of John G. Tully as the Director of Purchasing for the County of Putnam, pursuant to Article 5, Section 5.01 of the Putnam County Charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that John G. Tully shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive in accordance with the terms of Section 5.01 of the Putnam County charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this appointment shall comply with the requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

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

Item #6j - Approval/ Confirmation/ Re-Appointment/ Director of Tourism was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery explained that this was a position she was very critical of in the beginning. She thanked Tracey and stated that she has represented both sides of the County very well.

Legislator Sayegh explained that the County had a big transition approximately five (5) years ago and Tracey has taken the reins of tourism and has brought us to a place where we couldn't be prouder in Putnam County.

RESOLUTION #36

APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ RE-APPOINTMENT/ DIRECTOR OF TOURISM

WHEREAS, County Executive Kevin M. Byrne has re-appointed Tracey L. Walsh as Director of Tourism, pursuant to Article 5, Section 5.03 of the Putnam County Charter; and

WHEREAS, Tracey L. Walsh possesses the requisite knowledge, experience, and qualifications to serve as the Director of Tourism for the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee of the Putnam County Legislature considered and approved this re-appointment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby confirms the re-appointment of Tracey L. Walsh as the Director of Tourism for the County of Putnam, pursuant to Article 5, Section 5.03 of the Putnam County Charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Tracey L. Walsh shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive in accordance with the terms of Section 5.03 of the Putnam County charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this appointment shall comply with the requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

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

Item #6k - Approval/ Confirmation/ Re-Appointment/ Director of the Office For Senior Resources was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery thanked Director Cunningham for staying with the County. She stated that she has a challenging constituent that she is trying to find services for in the Town of Philipstown. She thanked the Office for Senior Resources for their assistance in providing much needed services for this individual.

Legislator Sayegh stated that the County has a lot of great employees and that does not happen unless we have great leadership. She thanked Director Cunningham for all he does for all the seniors in Putnam County.

Legislator Addonizio thanked Director Cunningham for all the times he provided assistance for her senior constituents that reach out to her for help.

Chairman Jonke recognized Director Cunningham for the important services provided to the County's senior population.

RESOLUTION #37

APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ RE-APPOINTMENT/ DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR SENIOR RESOURCES

WHEREAS, County Executive Kevin M. Byrne has re-appointed Michael J. Cunningham as Director of the Office for Senior Resources, pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.04 of the Putnam County Charter; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Cunningham possesses the requisite knowledge, experience, and qualifications to serve as the Director of the Office for Senior Resources for the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee of the Putnam County Legislature considered and approved this re-appointment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby confirms the re-appointment of Michael J. Cunningham as the Director of the Office for Senior Resources for the County of Putnam, pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.04 of the Putnam County Charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Michael J. Cunningham shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive in accordance with the terms of Section 12.04 of the Putnam County charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this re-appointment shall comply with the requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

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

Item #6L - Approval/ Confirmation/ Re-Appointment/ Director of the County Veterans Agency was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Crowley thanked Director Rohde who was the backbone of our Veteran community. She stated that he and Deputy Director Art Hanley provide fantastic programs and services for our veterans.

Legislator Montgomery stated that when she was taking a civil service test right next door to Director Rohde's office, she heard firsthand how hard he works. She thanked him for his service.

Legislator Addonizio stated that Karl does an amazing job here in Putnam County. She also stated that this is also the third year he has been volunteering with her on a food drive every Wednesday. She thanked him for all his hard work.

Legislator Sayegh explained that Director Rohde works hard in advocating for our Veterans in Putnam County. He also attends suicide prevention workshops to learn more about how to help support the Veterans.

RESOLUTION #38

APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ RE-APPOINTMENT/DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY VETERANS AGENCY

WHEREAS, County Executive Kevin M. Byrne has re-appointed Karl Rohde as Director of the County Veterans Agency, pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.09 of the Putnam County Charter and New York State Executive Law, Section 357; and

WHEREAS, Karl Rohde possesses the requisite knowledge, experience, and qualifications to serve as the Director of the County Veterans Agency for the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rohde is a combat war Veteran, who served our Country during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Silver Star medal for his actions during this war; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee of the Putnam County Legislature considered and approved this re-appointment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby confirms the re-appointment of Karl Rohde as the Director of the County Veterans Agency for the County of Putnam, pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.09 of the Putnam County Charter and New York State Executive Law, Section 357; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Karl Rohde shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive in accordance with the terms of Section 12.09 of the Putnam County charter and New York State Executive Law, Section 357; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this appointment shall comply with the requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

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

Item #6m - Approval/ Confirmation/ Appointment/ Interim Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #39

APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ APPOINTMENT/ INTERIM COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, County Executive Kevin M. Byrne has appointed Robert A. Lipton as Interim Commissioner of The Bureau of Emergency Services, pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.20 of the Putnam County Charter; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Lipton possesses the requisite knowledge, experience, and qualifications to serve as the Interim Commissioner of The Bureau of Emergency Services for the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee of the Putnam County Legislature considered and approved this appointment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of Robert A. Lipton as the Interim Commissioner of The Bureau of Emergency Services for the County of Putnam, pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.20 of the Putnam County Charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Robert A. Lipton shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive as Interim Commissioner of The Bureau of Emergency Services until a Commissioner of The Bureau of Emergency Services is appointed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Interim appointment shall comply with the requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

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

Item #6n - Approval/ Confirmation/ Appointment/ Interim Commissioner of Health was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that this was another position which she was very critical of in the past. She stated that she was very happy that Dr. Nesheiwat was going to stay on to see us through this transition. She stated that his appointment of Interim Commissioner was sanctioned by New York State.

RESOLUTION #40

APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ APPOINTMENT/ INTERIM COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, County Executive Kevin M. Byrne has appointed Michael J. Nesheiwat, M.D. as Interim Commissioner of Health, pursuant to Article 10, Section 10.04 of the Putnam County Charter; and

WHEREAS, said appointment has been acknowledged by the New York State Department of Health allowing for such appointment up to the end of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Nesheiwat, M.D. possesses the requisite knowledge, experience, and qualifications to serve as the Interim Commissioner of Health for the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee of the Putnam County Legislature considered and approved this appointment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of Michael J. Nesheiwat, M.D. as the Interim Commissioner of Health for the County of Putnam, pursuant to Article 10, Section 10.04 of the Putnam County Charter for up to the end of 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Michael J. Nesheiwat, M.D. shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive as Interim Commissioner of Health up to the end of 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this appointment shall comply with the requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #60 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A086)/ Commissioner of Finance/ Year End Journal Entry #1 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 #41

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A086)/ COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ YEAR END JOURNAL ENTRY #1

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (22A086) for the first Year End Journal Entry for the year ending December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, further entry(s) will follow as more information becomes available during the year end closing process; 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:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

SEE ATTACHED SHEET	978,778.00
Decrease Estimated Appropriations: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	370,176.00
Increase Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	1,422,215.00
Decrease Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	813,613.00
<u>ROAD PATROL</u>	
Increase Estimated Appropriations: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	113,852.00
Increase Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	113,852.00

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR CROWLEY.
LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6p - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A087)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Deputy Outside Services / County School Districts was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #42

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A087)/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ DEPUTY OUTSIDE SERVICES / COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (22A087) to amend the Overtime budget to include anticipated revenue for services rendered and invoiced to County School Districts; 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:

Increase Revenue:		
16311000 422601	Sheriff Youth & Comm. Svcs – Deputy Outside Svcs	12,900.67
Increase Appropriations:		
16311000 51093	Sheriff Youth & Comm. Svcs – Overtime	11,983.90
16311000 58002	Sheriff Youth & Comm. Svcs – FICA	<u>916.77</u>
		12,900.67

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR CROWLEY.
LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6q - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (22A088)/ Finance/ Capital Project Reserve/
State Aid – Storm Recovery was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit &
Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano
moved the following:

RESOLUTION #43

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (22A088)/ FINANCE/ CAPITAL PROJECT
RESERVE/ STATE AID – STORM RECOVERY

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment
(22A088) to adjust the Capital Budget to include reimbursement for Storm Cleanup costs
ultimately reimbursed to Putnam County; 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:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 53000 51509	Capital Project Reserve	219,900
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 435971 51509	State Aid – Storm Recovery	21,990
55197000 445971 51509	State Aid – Storm Recovery	<u>197,910</u>
		219,900

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6r - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A001)/ Social Services/ Safe Harbor was
next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators
Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio stated that she is happy to see this move forward this evening. She
stated that it was very important. She stated sex trafficking is a serious matter and one
that exists in Putnam County.

RESOLUTION #44

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A001)/ SOCIAL SERVICES/ SAFE HARBOR

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (23A001) to amend the 2023 Department of Social Services' budget to include the Safe Harbor allocation of \$43,350 for the purpose of contracting with a provider to address the needs of trafficked and commercially sexually exploited children and youth in accordance with Putnam's Safe Harbor project plan approved by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS); 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:

Increase Estimated Revenue:

10058000	Safe Harbor	
436101	Admin Social Services	43,350

Increase Appropriations:

10058000	Safe Harbor	
54646	Contracts	43,350

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6s - Approval/ Fund Transfer (22T392)/ Social Services/ Care at Private Institution was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #45

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (22T392)/ SOCIAL SERVICES/ CARE AT PRIVATE INSTITUTION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a fund transfer (22T392) to reclassify/transfer expenses to correct account due to incorrect eligibility coding; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10610900 54436	EAF CW FC JD/PINS (Emergency Assistance to Families, Child Welfare, Foster Care, Juvenile Delinquent/Person in Need of Supervision	241,500
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Increase:

10612300 54414	Care at Private Institution	241,500
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2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6t – Approval/ Putnam County’s Request to Extend the 1% Increased County Sales Tax for an Additional Three Years was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Castellano stated that this is always a difficult subject to discuss. However, he believed it was a good way to collect revenue to take the burden off the homeowners of Putnam County. He explained that the 1% increased sales tax revenue generated would be paid by anyone who shops in the County.

Legislator Addonizio stated that this is important legislation that she fully supports. She believed that the additional 1% sales tax equaled approximately \$20 million in revenue for the County.

Legislator Sayegh stated that without this \$20 million in sales tax revenue, property taxes would need to be increased. She stated that she supported this legislation.

Legislator Ellner stated that this was originally supposed to be a temporary measure which we have now come to rely on. He stated that with the current budget, the only thing we can do is to vote for it. He explained that moving forward, as the Chairman of the Economic Development & Energy Committee, he would like to investigate additional revenue streams so that we can eventually eliminate this.

Legislator Montgomery believed that eliminating it would be to petition the State to make it permanent. She stated that this temporary gesture we take every two (2) years is hard to accept as it is a very difficult thing to consider doing. She believed it was no secret that County services are not shared equitably across towns. She explained that what we once thought we were getting for our tax dollars in District #1, we now have a new proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the Sheriff’s Department which involves a mutual aid plan that will incur costs to the towns for services that we are currently receiving. She explained that it would not be a given that property taxes would be increased without this 1% sales tax revenue. She stated that other counties across the State have decreased property taxes over the past few years, and yet Putnam County has not. She stated that we have continued to increase taxes and decrease services. She stated that the County has one (1) of the highest sales tax rates in New York State and the sales tax revenue is not shared with municipalities on a regular basis. She stated that surrounding counties have created new services while lowering taxes. She stated that she would be voting no on this legislation.

Chairman Jonke stated that during the Committee meeting, the Commissioner of Finance pointed out that this 1% represents approximately \$20 million worth of revenue. He stated that we know there is not \$20 million worth of fat to cut out of our budget, so if this does not get passed, we would have to ask our taxpayers for a 40% increase in

property tax. He stated that he is in favor of the additional 1% sales tax. He believed that at some point this should be made permanent. He stated that there is no way to make up for that 1% loss in revenue other than increasing property tax, which he believed was not an acceptable option.

RESOLUTION #46

APPROVAL/PUTNAM COUNTY'S REQUEST TO EXTEND THE 1% INCREASED COUNTY SALES TAX FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS

WHEREAS, in light of the current and ongoing fiscal challenges facing Putnam County government, it is appropriate to maintain revenues by renewing the previously authorized one percent (1%) County sales tax increase; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 113 of the Laws of 2011 and pursuant to Resolution #41 of 2011, Resolution #88 of 2013 and Resolution #38 of 2015, the Putnam County Legislature approved the introduction and passage of legislation for the continued authorization of Putnam County's sales tax to be increased from three percent (3%) to four percent (4%) for period September 1, 2007, through November 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution #27 of 2017, the Putnam County Legislature approved the introduction and passage of legislation for the continued authorization of Putnam County's sales tax to be increased from three percent (3%) to four percent (4%) for period December 1, 2017, through November 30, 2019, however the State of New York subsequently extended that increase through November 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #68 of 2020, the Putnam County Legislature approved the introduction and passage of legislation for the continued authorization of Putnam County's sales tax to be increased from three percent (3%) to four percent (4%) for period December 1, 2020, through November 30, 2023, which authorization is about to expire and needs to be renewed ; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Executive and Putnam County Legislature further determine that as an alternative to dramatically raising real property taxes in Putnam County, it is necessary to renew the expiring one percent (1%) County sales tax increase; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and Putnam County Legislature hereby support and request the introduction and passage of legislation authorizing the renewal of the expiring one percent (1%) County sales tax increase for an additional three (3) years, that is, for the period December 1, 2023, through November 30, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to our State representatives in the State Legislature as well as the Governor and leadership of our State Legislature.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6u – Approval/ Authorization/ Legislators to Attend February New York State Association of Counties Conference was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Castellano explained that these conferences are very informative for Legislators.

RESOLUTION #47

APPROVAL – AUTHORIZATION – LEGISLATORS TO ATTEND FEBRUARY NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, six (6) Legislators and Legislative Counsel have requested permission to attend the New York State Association of Counties Conference to be held in Albany, New York in February 2023 for registration and lodging total expenditure of approximately \$883 per person; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved their requests; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes six (6) Legislators and Legislative Counsel to attend the New York State Association of Counties Conference to be held in Albany, New York in February 2023.

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

Item #7 – Other Business

Chairman Jonke made a motion to bring forward other business Item #7a; seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #7a – Designation of Jail Chief Medical Officer was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Chairman Jonke explained that at the Legislature's January Organizational meeting, the contractor for the Putnam County Correctional Facility had not yet designated their Jail Physician, therefore this item was tabled. He stated that it just received a few days ago.

RESOLUTION #48

DESIGNATION OF JAIL CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

WHEREAS, due to a change in the Corrections Law, Section 501 in July of 2017, a physician from the medical services provider to the Putnam County Jail shall be designated by the Putnam County Legislature to act as the Chief Medical Officer of the Jail; and

WHEREAS, PrimeCare was awarded the RFP to provide medical services for the Putnam County Corrections Facility initially through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, as stated in Resolution #26 of 2022, Putnam County exercised the contractual option to extend Prime Care's contract under the terms of the RFP response through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has exercised the contractual option to extend Prime Care's contract under the terms of the RFP response through December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, PrimeCare has proposed Dr. Michael Nesheiwat to continue to act as the Chief Medical Officer for the Jail; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby designates Dr. Michael Nesheiwat to act as the Chief Medical Officer for the Putnam County Corrections Facility, for a period of one (1) year, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

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

Item #8 - Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

There were no members of the public wishing to comment.

Item #9 - Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Gouldman stated that he was looking forward to a positive future for Putnam County with the new County Executive and his administration. He stated that it was with great sadness to announce that passing of two (2) great men in the last few weeks, Ronald Cummings and Charlie Milo. He stated that Ron Cummings was always there to assist and guide so many individuals in our community as a member of the Putnam Valley Ambulance Corps., member of the Putnam Valley Fire Department, and many other organizations throughout the County in which he served on. He stated that he was a great example for many, and he will be greatly missed. He stated that Charlie Milo lived in Putnam Valley his whole life and volunteered with many organizations. He was a member of the Putnam Valley Fire Department, Putnam Valley Ambulance Corps., and the Putnam Valley Food Pantry. He stated that Charlie will also be truly missed.

Legislator Montgomery referred to the Legislative prayer that was very meaningful and the work that we did tonight. She stated that she did not love everything that was in the County Executive's package, however, she looked through it and spoke with him several times, along with his deputy. She stated that she appreciated the level of communication. She recalled the Organizational meeting where the new Chairman discussed extending an olive branch to her. She explained how she did not receive Committee assignments which she requested. She also explained that she was denied the opportunity to discuss the option to live stream our Legislative meetings. She believed that we needed to be visible to the public. She explained that some individuals are unable to attend our meetings and she believed that it was important to offer them the opportunity to do so by live streaming our meetings.

There being no further business, at 7:54 P.M., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Crowley and Sayegh. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.