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AGEND/

RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN ROOM #318 PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING CARMEL. NEW YORK 10512

Members: Chairwoman Addonizio and Legislators Ellner & Gouldman

Thursday November 16, 2023

(Immediately following Physical Mtg. beginning at 6:30)

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Acceptance of Minutes August 16, 2023 & Budget Meeting October 11, 2023
- 4. Approval/ Resolution Requesting Governor Hochul to Sign A250A/S01466, Authorizing Payments to Nonparticipating or Nonpreferred Providers of Ambulance Services Licensed Under Article 30 of the Public Health Law/ Legislator Montgomery
- 5. Approval/ Re-Appointments/ Plumbing Board/ Bleakly & Sleight
- 6. Approval/ Re-Appointments/ Electrical Board/ Morrison & Williams
- 7. Approval/ Re-Appointments/ Home Improvement Board/ Hull, Lyons, Cusanelli, & Harnish
- 8. Approval/ Appointment/ Home Improvement Board/ Beers
- 9. Approval/ Litigation Settlement/ Haughey v. County of Putnam
- 10. Approval/ Litigation Settlement/ TD Auto Finance LLC v. County of Putnam
- 11. Approval/ Resolution to Protect the Hudson River

- 12.FYI/ Litigation Report
- 13. Other Business
- 14. Adjournment

#3(1)

RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE HELD IN ROOM #318 PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Members: Chairwoman Addonizio and Legislators Ellner & Gouldman

Wednesday

6:00pm

August 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Chairwoman Addonizio who requested Legislator Gouldman lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators Ellner, Gouldman and Chairwoman Addonizio were present.

Item #3 - Acceptance of Minutes - June 21, 2023

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #4 - Approval/ Litigation Settlement/ Orlando v. County of Putnam

Personnel Director Paul Eldridge stated this litigation settlement pertains to an individual who worked with the County for many years and opted to retire. He stated during their employment and at the time of retirement, October 2016, this individual was not enrolled in the County's health insurance plan. He stated the CSEA Union agreement states that if a person is eligible for retiree health insurance they can apply for and obtain a buyout. He stated the buyout would be half the value of the individual coverage of the plan with the most employees in it, which would be the NYSHIP plan. He stated when this individual retired, they did not first discuss their plans to retire with Personnel, but simply provided notification of retirement. He stated at the time of his retirement, the individual applied for the buyout, although he was not enrolled in the health insurance plan at the time. He stated the contract states an employee is eligible for the buyout if they are eligible for retiree health insurance. He stated because this employee was not enrolled in a health insurance plan at the time of retirement, the County deemed them ineligible to receive a buyout. He stated at the time, the County believed this was a straightforward situation. He stated the employee then filed a suit against the County and went through the Supreme Court Appellate Division and they ruled against the County. He stated the Court basically ignored the requirement that an employee must be enrolled in a health insurance plan at the time of retirement. He stated this is a requirement of the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) and the County must abide by the rules of the program. He stated this is a State program for state employees and participating agencies. He stated with the information he submitted today is the manual for NYSHIP participating agencies, specifically the section that speaks to "Eligibility for NYSHIP Benefits at Retirement." He read the eligibility: "An employee of a NYSHIP Participating Agency will be eligible to continue coverage in retirement if they meet ALL of the following minimum requirements:

1. The employee must be in a class or category of employee that is eligible for coverage in retirement.

- 2. The employee must have completed the agency's minimum service requirement.
- 3. The employee must satisfy requirements for retiring as a member of a retirement system.
- 4. Be enrolled in coverage through an employer that participates in NYSHIP. Employees who otherwise meet all other eligibility requirements for coverage in retirement and are not enrolled as an enrollee or dependent at the time of retirement, are not eligible for retiree coverage through NYSHIP and may not enroll at a later date." He stated this individual was not enrolled in coverage as stated in item #4 on the above list. He stated the final sentence makes it clear that this employee was not eligible for retiree health insurance. He stated this employee was not enrolled in the health insurance plan with the County, rather they were enrolled through their spouse's plan (they worked outside of Putnam County Government and did not have NYSHIP insurance). He stated this employee was ineligible to enroll in a County health insurance plan at retirement, therefore it was clear to the County that this individual was not eligible to receive the buyout. He stated the Court ruled against the County after looking only at the Union contract. He stated it was appealed but the Court of Appeals refused to take it on. He stated this could have statewide implications if municipalities are told that the Court focuses only on what is written in the contract. He stated he has been doing this work for a long time and this is the first time he has seen this happen. He stated he does not understand how this conclusion was reached, but the County has no choice at this point. He stated he will be taking steps to reserve the County's rights moving forward.

Chairwoman Addonizio questioned if this has happened anywhere else in the State.

Personnel Director Eldridge stated he is not aware of it happening anywhere else.

Legislator Ellner stated this individual was part of the plan for several years in the past. He questioned if the individual being part of the plan previously had any impact on the decision.

Personnel Director Eldridge stated it did not; employees have to be part of the plan at the time of their retirement.

Legislator Ellner stated his concern was the possibility of them setting a precedent where retired employees receive buyouts even if they do not qualify for them.

Personnel Director Eldridge stated his belief that this would set a precedent, and requested going into Executive Session to explain what actions he would take from this point forward.

First Deputy County Attorney John Cherico stated Personnel Director Eldridge explained the issue perfectly, and stated his belief that Executive Session was warranted. He stated it was unfortunate that the lower and appellate courts came to their decisions, and that there was nowhere else the County could go from here. He

stated maintaining the position that the County is correct would not help now, but that if the issue is addressed, it will provide some insurance and protection in the future.

At 6:14pm Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

At 6:25pm Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to come out of Executive Session; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

No action was taken.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the revised resolution; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

Item #5 – Approval/ Fund Transfer 23T201/ Board of Elections/ Election Management Server

Chairwoman Addonizio stated this motion involved the transfer of \$37,710, with \$28,433 going toward computer equipment, and \$9,277 going toward contracts and other equipment.

Legislator Ellner questioned why other equipment was distinguished from computer equipment, since all equipment relating to a server should be computer equipment.

Legislative Counsel Robert Firriolo stated if the County Auditor was present, he believes she would say that because this is a fund transfer from "computer equipment and contracts" into "other equipment," the particular server in question is categorized by Munis as "other equipment," and so it might have been in the wrong line because of the Munis category.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor

Item #6 – FYI/ Litigation Report

Chairwoman Addonizio stated last month, the litigation report contained 20 cases, whereas this report had only 6. She questioned why this was the case.

First Deputy County Attorney Cherico stated his belief that the list was being streamlined and updated, leading to the omission of older cases which had already been settled or otherwise resolved from the report.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated this was not the case. He stated there are cases which were just noticed – there was a notice of claim, there were still pending cases that disappeared from the list.

First Deputy County Attorney Cherico stated the issue would be looked into.

Item #7 - Other Business - None

Item #8 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 6:29pm, Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Beth Robinson.

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RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETING HELD IN ROOM #318 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Members: Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Ellner & Gouldman

<u>Wednesday</u> <u>October 11, 2023</u> (Immediately following the Protective Budget Mtg. beginning at 6:30pm)

The meeting was called to order at 8:14pm by Chairwoman Addonizio who requested Legislator Ellner lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators Ellner, Gouldman and Chairwoman Addonizio were present.

Item #3 – 2024 Budget Review

County Executive – Account 1230 (pages 13-14)

Legislator Nacerino questioned line 52610, Furniture & Furnishings, which had not been funded in the past but includes \$11,000 for 2024. She stated at the Protective Services Budget Meeting held prior to this meeting, it was discussed how a furniture line in another department had been decreased from their requested amount.

Deputy County Executive James Burpoe stated this budget line is to purchase two (2) plaques and will not be used for furniture.

Legislator Nacerino questioned if the plaques being purchased are the County Executive plaques that hang in the Historic Courthouse.

Deputy County Executive Burpoe stated that is correct.

Legislator Montgomery questioned line 54210, Vehicle Leasing/ Rental which was budgeted in 2023 for \$6,264 and in 2024 there is \$10,958. She questioned if a new vehicle was being leased.

Deputy County Executive Burpoe stated the budgeted amount is to cover the cost of the vehicle currently in use. He stated the original 2023 budgeted amount was for the old vehicle, which went back to the Department of Public Works.

Legislator Sayegh stated in relation to Legislator Nacerino's question earlier, there is another budget line, 52110 also titled Furniture & Furnishings where \$4,000 is budgeted for 2024. She questioned what this budget line was for.

Commissioner of Finance Michael Lewis stated budget line 52110 is for fixed assets under \$5,000. He stated the \$4,000 allocated in this line is for furniture.

Legislator Nacerino questioned what furniture is needed.

Deputy County Executive Burpoe stated they intend to replace a few desks that are in bad shape; some have drawers that are not functional.

Legislator Crowley questioned in reference to line 52610, Furniture & Furnishings, if the price for the plaques was set or if a more affordable price would be looked into.

Deputy County Executive Burpoe stated the number in the budget is an estimate; they will definitely look around. He stated it is important to have similar plaques to those already hanging in the Historic Courthouse.

Legislator Montgomery questioned why line 51095, P.I.L.O.T. Program, was zeroed out for 2024.

Commissioner Lewis stated that budget line was moved into the Personnel Department's budget.

Legislator Sayegh questioned what line 54950, County Contribution is used for.

Deputy County Executive Burpoe stated it is used for the Veterans wreaths.

Legislator Ellner stated he would like to thank Commissioner Lewis and the County Executive staff for reducing overall expenditures in their department by about \$45,000 as compared to 2023.

Legislator Sayegh stated the overall budget is showing a lesser amount for 2024 because the P.I.L.O.T. Program was moved into the Personnel budget and the gasoline budget lines are being moved to Central Services. She stated she is looking at the total budget differently; the 2024 total budget has increased over the 2022 actual budget by over \$300,000, which is staggering.

Commissioner Lewis stated the original budget for 2023 was about \$857,000 which was changed via budgetary amendments in 2023 which brought it to \$977,000. He stated in 2024 the requested budget was about \$899,000, which is about a \$40,000 increase over the 2023 original budget. He stated there were further changes made such as the P.I.L.O.T. Program being moved, the plaques, and a position that was kept as part-time with the remainder of the salary being put into Temporary, line 51094. He stated that will be discussed at the Personnel Budget Meeting.

Legislator Sayegh questioned if the temporary line is to cover another position.

Deputy County Executive Burpoe stated those funds will go toward temporary clerical support.

County Executive Kevin Byrne stated the revised 2023 budget is the result of the restructure that was done earlier this year. He stated those savings are still realized in this budget through other departments. He stated the comparison should really be between the revised 2023 budget and the 2024 tentative budget, where there is a reduction. He stated part of that savings is because the full-time position was underfilled with a part-time position as it was difficult to fill the position as full-time. He stated part of the savings from that went toward their temporary line to support that part-time position.

Audit – Account 1320 (page 22)

Legislator Nacerino requested clarification on line 54560, Equipment Rental Lease, which was zeroed out.

County Auditor Michele Sharkey stated the budget line was moved to Central Services.

County Clerk - Account 1410 (pages 29-30)

Legislator Castellano questioned how the document shredding has been going.

County Clerk Michael Bartolotti stated their two (2) biggest budget items are shredders for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the Records Center. He stated especially in the Records Center, they have digitized so many documents and they are ready to get rid of the paper copies. He stated one of their shredders is on its last legs.

Legislator Castellano stated in Westchester County they have a shredding truck come in once a month and perhaps Putnam County could do something similar.

County Clerk Bartolotti stated it is certainly worth looking into because there will be a great deal of shredding coming up in the next couple of years.

Legislator Castellano questioned why the same amount of revenue was budgeted for 2024 as was budgeted in 2023 in line 412553, Mortgage Tax Fees.

County Clerk Bartolotti stated the budgeted amount is based on a formula the County receives back from the State and is based upon the percentage of time each employee spends processing mortgage tax that comes through.

Legislator Castellano questioned if the budgeted amount would be reached this year, as the actual number to date is less.

County Clerk Bartolotti stated yes, they will reach it.

Motor Vehicles – Account 1411 (pages 31-32)

Chairwoman Addonizio questioned if the Miscellaneous line, 54989, was for EZ Pass.

Deputy County Clerk James McConnell stated that is correct; each year there is a matching revenue (Minor Sales Other, 426551) and expenditure line for EZ Pass.

Chairwoman Addonizio questioned fingerprinting.

County Clerk Bartolotti stated any new employee who will be processing Real ID or Enhanced drivers licenses must be fingerprinted and are subject to a background check.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if line 412552, Motor Vehicle Fees, was revenue from transactions within the DMV office.

County Clerk Bartolotti stated that is correct, those are the day-to-day DMV revenues as well as the revenue share received from the State DMV.

Legislator Sayegh questioned how many employees are in the DMV.

County Clerk Bartolotti stated there are currently 10 employees and there are two (2) vacancies that he hopes to fill in the near future.

Records Management – Account 1460 (pages 41-42)

County Clerk Bartolotti stated as mentioned earlier in the meeting, the biggest change in this budget is for the new shredder which is budgeted for in line 52620, Office Equipment.

Law Department – Account 1420 (page 33)

County Attorney Compton Spain stated money was saved by not filing a position, however that savings will go toward outside counsel expenses coming up.

Legislator Sayegh questioned line 54682, Special Services.

County Attorney Spain stated as he understands it, that line is for appraisals. He explained when property is transferred it needs to be appraised.

Legislator Jonke questioned which budget line outside counsel is paid from.

Commissioner Lewis stated outside counsel is paid out of line 54125, Legal Services.

Legislator Jonke questioned if the \$300,000 budgeted in that line is enough.

County Attorney Spain stated ordinarily it would be plenty, but there are a few cases in the pipeline that will require the use of that line.

Commissioner Lewis stated \$300,000 has been used as level funding in prior years and if additional funding becomes necessary, the Law Department will make a request and come before the Committee.

Board of Ethics - Account 1430 (10200000) (pages 35 - 36)

Commissioner Lewis stated this budget is for a stipend for the Secretary of the Board of Ethics.

Board of Elections – Account 1450 (pages 39-40)

Legislator Gouldman questioned the increase in line 51093, Overtime.

Board of Elections Commissioner Kelly Primavera stated the overtime line was increased because there are three (3) elections next year, including the presidential election.

Board of Elections Commissioner Cathy Croft stated there might be four (4) elections; there may be a congressional election in August.

Legislator Ellner questioned if the increase in line 51094, Temporary is for the same reason.

Commissioner Primavera stated yes. She stated line 54311, Printing and Forms is currently budgeted at \$100,000 for 2024 however it should be increased to \$150,000. She stated this line is used to print ballots and absentee ballots. She stated for the presidential election, they need at least 110% ballots.

Commissioner Croft stated that comes out to about 80,000 ballots.

Legislator Ellner questioned if the increase in line 54313, Postage, is also related to the elections.

Commissioner Croft stated that is correct. She stated in past years they have gotten grants from the State Board of Elections for postage and absentee ballots. She stated they hope to receive those grants again this year, but they will not know until next year.

Legislator Nacerino questioned why \$150,000 was not requested for line 54311, Printing and Forms.

Commissioner Primavera stated they originally planned to have printers at each poll site that would do on demand printing, but it cannot be done.

Legislator Crowley questioned if line 54386, Meals is used for the poll workers.

Commissioner Primavera stated that budget line is for the office staff during elections.

Legislator Crowley questioned if there is a budget line for the food vouchers provided to the poll workers.

Legislator Nacerino stated the party committees usually provide the vouchers.

Legislator Ellner questioned the increase in line 54636, Internet Costs.

Commissioner Primavera stated it is for the hotspots they use at the polling sites for each election. She stated the only thing connected to the hotspots are the poll pads, not the machines.

Legislator Ellner questioned if the \$500 budgeted in line 54710, Building Maintenance and Repairs is sufficient. He stated the building seems to need some work.

Commissioner Primavera stated funding for the repairs on the building are in the Capital Projects budget.

County Auditor Sharkey stated if a request is being made to increase line 54311 Printing and Forms a motion will need to be made.

Legislator Gouldman made a motion to increase line 54311, Printing and Forms from \$100,000 to \$150,000; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

Putnam Recreation Program – Account 6470 (page 179)

Legislator Jonke stated this is a great organization that does great work for our special needs community. He stated he is glad to see them receive the same funding as last year.

Careers People Disability – Account 6480 (page 180)

Legislator Crowley stated at the Economic Development & Energy Budget Meeting last evening, the Committee voted to put the budget for the Putnam County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) into subcontingency because no one was in attendance at the meeting to speak to their budget. She stated these programs being reviewed now are also outside organizations and many of them do not have anyone in attendance this evening. She stated she believes all outside agencies should be held to the same standard.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated these organizations are receiving level funding.

Legislator Jonke stated it was the decision of the Chairman of the Economic Development & Energy Committee to make a motion to put the budget for the Putnam County EDC into subcontingency. He stated he believes following suit for all outside agencies is a bad policy.

Legislator Nacerino clarified the budget for the Putnam County EDC included a change, which could not be advocated for during the meeting.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated the proper name of this organization is Careers Support Solutions and suggested having the budget reflect the new name.

Commissioner Lewis stated he will make that change.

Veterans Service Agency – Account 6510 (pages 181-182)

Legislator Gouldman noted he was glad to see the County has not had to utilize the Burials budget, line 54455, this year.

Deputy Director of the Veterans Service Agency Art Hanley agreed.

Consumer Affairs/Weights & Measures – Account 6610 (pages 184-185)

Legislator Ellner questioned the decrease in revenue in line 419623, Item Pricing.

Inspector of Weights and Measures John Lee stated they work on a two (2) year item pricing waiver and next year is an off year with only three (3) stores renewing next year.

Chairwoman Addonizio questioned the increase in line 54640, Education and Training.

Inspector Lee stated there are weights and measures conferences and trainings that he attends and the County Code Enforcement Officer attends trainings as well.

Legislator Sayegh questioned what Advertising, line 54664, entails.

Inspector Lee stated vacancies on any of the trades boards (Plumbing & Mechanical Trades, Electrical Examiners, & Home Improvement) are advertised in local papers.

Director of Consumer Affairs Michael Budzinski stated there were several vacancies this year.

Legislator Sayegh questioned what line 54682, Special Services, is used for.

Inspector Lee stated the testing equipment used for inspections needs to be recertified every five (5) years by New York State and the cost of that recertification comes from that line.

Libraries – Account 7410 (page 218)

Legislator Gouldman requested a breakdown of the amount being provided to each library in Putnam County.

Commissioner Lewis stated he will send the breakdown.

Putnam Arts Council – Account 4560 (page 221)

Executive Director of the Putnam Arts Council Joyce Picone stated her appreciation for County funding each year.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated arts are so invaluable in the community for residents of all ages.

Executive Director Picone stated as both an Arts Council and Arts Center, they provide services and support other arts organizations throughout the community. She stated they are currently working with local Veterans agencies to provide rehearsal space for them at no cost. She stated they have worked with the Youth Bureau to create an exhibition by children with neurodivergent issues. She stated they are working with CoveCare Center on an event they are holding this fall to encourage children to find healthy outlets. She stated they are also working with Putnam County Tourism. She stated they are a great resource within the community for other art centers and organizations.

Legislator Nacerino thanked Executive Director Picone for the great work done in the community.

Legislator Montgomery stated the impact all of the outside organizations, especially the Putnam Arts Council has on the community is immeasurable. She stated in 2021 the arts made up 4.4% of the Nation's gross domestic product. She stated between 2020 and 2021 the value of the arts grew by 13.7%.

Executive Director Picone stated the County Contribution of \$13,993 is re-grant money that goes right back out to art organizations. She stated there is certainly a need for public money to support these programs.

Legislator Montgomery stated she understands the impact on the community and would like to see more funding provided.

Executive Director Picone stated they are appreciative of the funding they receive and are very happy with their allocation. She stated she is proud to be in the company of the other outside organizations receiving funding; they are not in competition with them.

Legislator Sayegh thanked Executive Director Picone for her work. She stated the Putnam Arts Council is in her Legislative District and she has brought her kids there throughout their childhood. She stated the work done through the Putnam Arts Council impacts Putnam County as a whole. She suggested increasing their budget to \$20,000. She stated the grant applications they receive total about \$80,000 and this would be just a quarter of that amount.

Legislator Nacerino agreed that these outside agencies could use more funding, however she does not agree with Legislator Sayegh's request. She stated her concern would be a domino effect with the other outside agencies that receive County funding. She stated she believes if the funding is to be increased it should be done across the board, which can possibly be considered next year.

Executive Director Picone thanked the Legislature.

Constitution Island Association – Account 7563 (page 223)

Chairwoman Addonizio stated Transportation Manager Vincent Tamagna could not be here this evening to speak to this budget.

Legislator Ellner questioned why a request was made for \$50,000 for 2024, which is a large increase over the \$10,350 received in 2023.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated she spoke with Mr. Tamagna and the intention for the funding was to be put toward education and tourism. She stated the request was not granted by the Administration and the amount in the 2024 tentative budget remained flat at \$10,350.

Putnam County SPCA – Account 8513 (page 232)

Chairwoman Addonizio stated the Putnam County SPCA (PCSPCA) requested a higher amount of funding for 2024, but level funding was included in the tentative budget.

Legislator Jonke stated the PCSPCA performs a valuable function in Putnam County. He stated the way they are organized has bothered him since his first day in office. He stated they were formed by a family and since that time there have been multiple members of that family serving on the board, some of whom are compensated through the PCSPCA. He stated this is taxpayer funding going to this organization. He stated he was told the individuals do not vote on their salaries; they instead recuse themselves. He stated when it was first explained to him he was told when the salary for the Chief is voted on, the Chief recuses himself and all other board members, including his family members, vote on the salary. He stated the Chief's son is also compensated and when his salary is to be voted on, he recuses himself. He stated he spoke to the Chief a few years ago and requested that the family members not serve on the board of directors. He stated the board remains unchanged since that time. He stated they claim to respond to 10 calls per day, although he does not know how that is possible. He stated the County provides funding for them and pays their rent. He stated he would like to see this funding put into subcontingency until answers are provided or the board of directors is changed.

Legislator Nacerino stated the PCSPCA are a valuable resource in Putnam County. She stated we do not know how much money they raise outside of the funding provided by the County.

Legislator Jonke stated we have that information.

Legislator Nacerino questioned what their salaries are.

Legislator Jonke stated the Chief is set at \$100,000 annually and the Detective Sergeant is set at \$80,000 annually. He stated the records show that it was agreed upon that the actual compensation would be whatever the agency could pay up to these salaries and the remainder would be held as a book entry and paid whenever possible at a time agreed upon in the future.

Legislator Nacerino questioned if there are any other sources of revenue. She stated we need to see the whole picture.

Legislator Jonke agreed and he began by saying the PCSPCA performs a valuable function. He stated the issue is that there are taxpayer dollars going to funding these salaries voted upon by family members. He stated these individuals can serve in their roles without being board members.

Legislator Nacerino suggested inviting the PCSPCA to the Rules Committee Meeting next month so these questions can be asked at that time. She stated any conflict of interest may be for the Ethics Board to review.

Legislator Jonke stated he is not making an accusation or suggested there is a conflict, but it looks bad.

Legislator Ellner agreed with both Legislator Jonke and Legislator Nacerino. He stated because County funding is going to this agency, we are entitled to all of this paperwork. He stated he believes putting the County Contribution into subcontingency until all information is collected is the proper procedure.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated she does not agree with putting the funding into subcontingency. She stated perhaps they can come in for a special meeting. She spoke to the value of the PCSPCA and how sometimes when there is a case of animal abuse, there is other domestic abuse going on as well.

Legislator Jonke stated they claim to respond to 3,900+ calls per year, which comes out to over 10 a day. He stated he would like to understand what the calls are about.

Legislator Ellner made a motion to put these funds into subcontingency.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated the motion needs to be clarified if both the building rental and county contribution was being moved into subcontingency or just the county contribution.

Legislator Montgomery stated their 990 form can be found online.

Commissioner Lewis stated he could provide the most current 990 form for the PCSPCA.

Legislator Ellner made a motion to put line 54950, County Contribution into subcontingency. There was no second. Motion fails.

Item #4 - Other Business - None

Item #5 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 9:19pm, Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Beth Robinson.

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- 4. Other Business
- 5. Adjournment

RESOLUTION #___

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APPROVAL / REQUEST TO GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO SIGN A250A/S01466, AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS TO NONPARTICIPATING OR NONPREFERRED PROVIDERS OF AMBULANCE SERVICES LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE 30 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam recognizes that the constant and quick availability of ambulance response is something that all of our citizens have grown accustomed to, and it is essential to the survivability of all New Yorkers when there is a medical crisis; and

WHEREAS, in New York State, ambulance companies are mandated responders. As such, most ambulance providers have no knowledge of the patient's ability to pay, or if or by whom they are insured, when a medical emergency or accidental event occurs. Ambulance service is one of the few medical services where payment is not expected at the time of service; and

WHEREAS, fair and direct reimbursement for those services is paramount to the financial stability and continued availability of ambulances to respond; and

WHEREAS, current law permits insurance companies to pay for ambulance service charges direct to the patient until and unless the ambulance company becomes a preferred provider of that specific insurance company; and

WHEREAS, it is not practical to expect ambulance services to have a preferred provider relationship with every insurance company, and it is the responsibility of the ambulance service to try to recoup payment for service from that patient; and

WHEREAS, all types of EMS providers routinely are not paid by the patient for ambulance services even though the patient receives payment from the insurance company. Especially as the financial crisis we are currently facing deepens, more and more patients are pocketing these funds; and

WHEREAS, the insurance company is not obligated to advise the ambulance company that they in fact paid the ambulance transport bill direct to the patient. This disconnect of information leads to confusion and furthers the lack of proper payment issue; and

WHEREAS, in June 2023, the New York State Legislature passed bills A250A and S01466, which are designed to assure that responding ambulance services will receive direct payment for all ambulance service transports upon submission of an invoice to the insurance company without the need for the responding ambulance company to be a preferred provider; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature and the Putnam County Executive respectfully call upon Governor Hochul to sign A250A/S01466 to help our invaluable ambulance services receive the fair and direct reimbursement for their services from insurance companies to which they are entitled without having to become a preferred provider; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Hochul and to Putnam County's representatives in the New York State Senate and Assembly.

501466 Summary:

BILL NO

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ADDABBO, BROUK, COONEY, GALLIVAN, GRIFFO, HELMING, MANNION, MAY, O'MARA, RIVERA, SANDERS, SEPULVEDA, SKOUFIS, WALCZYK, WEBB

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Amd 3224-a, 3216, 3221 & 4303, Ins L

Authorizes payments to nonparticipating or nonpreferred providers of ambulance services licensed under article 30 of the public health law.

S01466 Text:

STATE OF NEW YORK

1466

2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 12, 2023

Introduced by Sens. BRESLIN, ADDABBO, COONEY, GALLIVAN, HELMING, MANN-ION, RIVERA, SANDERS, SEPULVEDA, SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Insur-

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to payments to prehospital emergency medical services providers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Section 3224-a of the insurance law is amended by adding a
- 2 new subsection (1) to read as follows:
- 3 (1) Payments to nonparticipating or nonpreferred providers of ambu-
- 4 lance services licensed under article thirty of the public health law.
- 5 (1) Whenever an insurer or an organization, or corporation licensed or
- 6 certified pursuant to article forty-three or forty-seven of this chapter
- 7 or article forty-four of the public health law provides that any health
- 8 care claims submitted under contracts or agreements issued or entered 9 into pursuant to this article or article forty-two, forty-three or
- 10 forty-seven of this chapter and article forty-four of the public health
- 11 law are payable to a participating or preferred provider of ambulance
- 12 <u>services</u> for <u>services</u> <u>rendered</u>, <u>the insurer</u>, <u>organization</u>, <u>or corpo-</u>
- 13 ration licensed or certified pursuant to article forty-three or forty-
- 14 seven of this chapter or article forty-four of the public health law
- 15 shall be required to pay such benefits either directly to any similarly
 16 licensed nonparticipating or nonpreferred provider at the usual and
- 10 litensed nonparticipating or nonpreserved provider at the usual and
- 17 customary charge, which shall not be excessive or unreasonable, when the 18 provider has rendered such services, has on file a duly executed assign-
- 10 ment of henefits and has caused notice of such assignment to be give

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20 to the insurer, organization, or corporation licensed or certified
21 pursuant to article forty-three or forty-seven of this chapter or arti-
22 cle forty-four of the public health law or jointly to such nonpartic-
23 ipating or nonpreferred provider and to the insured, subscriber, or
    EXPLANATION -- Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
                        [-] is old law to be omitted.
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 1 other covered person; provided, however, that in either case the insur-
 2 er, organization, or corporation licensed or certified pursuant to arti-
   cle forty-three or forty-seven of this chapter or article forty-four of
 4 the public health law shall be required to send such benefit payments
 5 directly to the provider who has the assignment on file. When payment is
 6 made directly to a provider of ambulance services as authorized by this
 7 <u>section</u>, the insurer, organization, or corporation licensed or certified
 8 pursuant to article forty-three or forty-seven of this chapter or arti-
   cle forty-four of the public health law shall give written notice of
10 such payment to the insured, subscriber, or other covered person.
    (2) An insurer shall provide reimbursement for those services
12 prescribed by this section at rates negotiated between the insurer and
13 the provider of such services. In the absence of agreed upon rates, an
14 insurer shall pay for such services at the usual and customary charge,
15 which shall not be excessive or unreasonable.
    (3) Nothing contained in this section shall be deemed to prohibit the
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17 payment of different levels of benefits or from having differences in
18 coinsurance percentages applicable to benefit levels for services
19 provided by participating or preferred providers and nonparticipating or
20 nonpreferred providers.
     The provisions of this section shall not apply to policies that do not
22 include coverage for ambulance services.
   § 2. Subparagraphs (C) and (D) of paragraph 24 of subsection (i) of
24 section 3216 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 506 of the laws
25 of 2001, are amended to read as follows:
     (C) An insurer shall provide reimbursement for those services
   prescribed by this section at rates negotiated between the insurer and
28 the provider of such services. In the absence of agreed upon rates, an
29 insurer shall pay for such services at the usual and customary charge,
30 which shall not be excessive or unreasonable. The insurer shall send
31 such payments directly to the provider of such ambulance services, if
32 the ambulance service has on file an executed assignment of benefits
33 form with the claim.
    (D) The provisions of this paragraph shall have no application to
35 transfers of patients between hospitals or health care facilities by an
36 ambulance service as described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph
37 <u>unless such services are covered under the policy</u>.
   § 3. Subparagraphs (C) and (D) of paragraph 15 of subsection (1) of
39 section 3221 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 506 of the laws
40 of 2001, are amended to read as follows:
41 (C) An insurer shall provide reimbursement for those services
42 prescribed by this section at rates negotiated between the insurer and
43 the provider of such services. In the absence of agreed upon rates, an
44 insurer shall pay for such services at the usual and customary charge,
45 which shall not be excessive or unreasonable. The insurer shall send
46 such payments directly to the provider of such ambulance services, if
47 the ambulance service has on file an executed assignment of benefits
48 form with the claim.
     (D) The provisions of this paragraph shall have no application to
50 transfers of patients between hospitals or health care facilities by an
51 ambulance service as described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph
52 unless such services are covered under the policy.
    § 4. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of subsection (aa) of section 4303 of the
54 insurance law, as added by chapter 506 of the laws of 2001, are amended
55 to read as follows:
    S. 1466
 1 (3) An insurer shall provide reimbursement for those services
 2 prescribed by this section at rates negotiated between the insurer and
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the provider of such services. In the absence of agreed upon rates, an insurer shall pay for such services at the usual and customary charge, which shall not be excessive or unreasonable. The insurer shall send such payments directly to the provider of such ambulance services, if the ambulance service has on file an executed assignment of benefits

8 form with the claim.

- 9 (4) The provisions of this subsection shall have no application to transfers of patients between hospitals or health care facilities by an
- 11 ambulance service as described in paragraph one of this subsection
- 12 unless such services are covered under the policy.
 13 § 5. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025 and shall apply to
- 14 health care claims submitted for payment after such date.

THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

October 31, 2023

TO:

Toni Addonizio

Chairwoman, Rules, Enactments, & Intergovernmental Realtions Committee

FROM:

Nancy Montgomery

Legislator, District #1

RE:

Resolution in Support of NYS Senate Bill S01466/ Assembly Bill A250A

Respectfully, I request the attached draft resolution be included on the November 16, 2023 Rules, Enactments, & Intergovernmental Relations Committee for approval. The resolution requests Governor Hochul's support of Senate Bill S01466 and Assembly Bill A250A, which pertain to helping volunteer ambulance organizations with their billing. Attached to the resolution is the New York State Senate Bill S01466. I believe these bills will go a long way in assisting these volunteer organizations.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Attachment

Michael Budzinski, PE Director/Consumer Affairs

Extension 46111



Ellen Sorrento, Secretary Consumer Affairs

Extension 46026



PUTNAM COUNTY CONSUMER AFFAIRS Weights & Measures/Trades Licensing & Registration (845) 808-1617

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Diane Schonfeld, Clerk

Legislature

FROM:

Ellen Sorrento, Secretary

Plumbing and Mechanical Trades Board

DATE:

October 11, 2023

RE:

Re-Appointment of Board Members

The following recommendations have been made by the Plumbing and Mechanical Trades Board at the September 14, 2023 meeting:

Russell Bleakley – Plumber – Three (3) year term expiring 12/31/2026 By Poll Vote – all ayes. Carried

Robert Sleight – LP Gas Installer – Three (3) year term expiring 12/31/2026 By Poll Vote – all ayes. Carried

Please be advised that Richard Fossati has chosen not to seek a new term. The Board is actively recruiting for this open position.



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I Robert Sleight enjoy and do accept renomination to be the LP Gas Master on the Putnam County Board.

Robert Sleight October 11, 2023



Russell B. Bleakley Plumbing & Heating, Inc. 441 Route 202 Somers, NY 10589 www.bleakleyplumbing.com Master Plumber Lic# Putnam#20 / West#399 / Dec#10673

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Somers 914-276-3756
Mahopac 845-628-5924
Mt Kisco 914-666-RUSS (7877)
Text Ofc line 914-598-3070
Email- info@bleakleyplumbing.com
Licensed - Bonded - Insured

October 5, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to continue serving the community and remain on the Plumbing Board. I have been A member for several years and enjoy being a contributor.

Thank you very much.

Regards,

Russell B. Bleakley

Russell B. Bleakley

Michael Budzinski, P.E. Director

William Rossiter Chairman

Andrew Pidala Vice Chairman



Robert Counihan
Carlos Daeira
Charles Gorges
Ronald Massaro
John Morrison
Carmine Ricci
Randy Taggart
Ronald Williams

PUTNAM COUNTY ELECTRICAL BOARD

Department of Consumer Affairs
Weights & Measures
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Athena Arvan, Conf.Secretary (845) 808-1617, x 46025

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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

October 27, 2023

TO:

Diane Schonfeld

Clerk + Putnam County Legislature

FROM:

Athena Arvan

Confidential Secretary, Electrical Board

RE:

Re-appointments to Electrical Board

The following nominations for re-appointments to the Putnam County Electrical Board were made at the October 17, 2023 Electrical Board meeting.

Mr. John Morrison - Re-appointment as Master Electrician

Term: 3 years - 2024 through 2026

Vote: ALL AYES - Carried Unanimously

Mr. Ronald Williams - Re-appointment as Master Electrician

Term: 3 years – 2024 through 2026

Vote: ALL AYES - Carried Unanimously

We are asking that the Rules Committee place this item on their next meeting agenda.

Attached please find letter of intent from Mr. Morrison and resume from Mr. Williams.

Thank you for your consideration.

cc:

Michael Budzinski - Director

Consumer Affairs, Weights & Measurers

Donald B. Smith County Government Campus
110 Old Route Six

■ Building No. Three

■ Carmel, New York 10512



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October 20, 2023

Office of Consumer Affairs Electrical Board 110 Old Route 6, Building 3 Carmel, NY 10512

RE: Letter of Intent

To the Putnam County Legislature:

I would like to continue as a member of the Electrical Board for the 2024 – 2026 term.

I Have been a member as of 2002 as a master electrician. As a member of the board I have had an opportunity to give back to the community by:

- Contributing to establishing laws to protect our county's residence.
- Providing guidelines to ensure standards are maintained for our licensed electricians / low voltage technicians.
- Encourage the next generation of future master electricians / low voltage technicians through engagement with the Local BOCES programs.

By my continuing as a member of the board, I am confident that I will continue to make a difference in our county.

I would like to thank you for your consideration and look forward to your approval of my nomination.

Sincerely,

John Morrison

Ronald Williams

(845)

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Owner

R & R Electric LLC

November, 2016 — Present

- Bid and schedule work
- Payroll
- Order material

Owner

Williams Electric

October, 2011 - November, 2016

- Bid, order material, preform work
- Payroll and accounting

Electrical Superintendent

August, 2007 - October, 2011

Skanska

• Supervise electrical contractors on the Trade Center PATH Train Station Project

Electrical Superintendent

Thalle Industries

September, 1999 — August, 2007

- Supervise and schedule crews for DEP, DOT, Metro North, and airport projects.
- Order material.
- Liaison between owners and other contractors.

Owner

May, 1993 — September, 1999

Williams Electric

• Day to day operation of the business.

Plant Electrician

Schein Pharmaceutical

September, 1989 - May, 1993

• Maintain electrical systems in the manufacturing plant.

Owner

June, 1984 - September, 1989

Williams Electric

• Day to day operation of business.

Electrician

Gale Electric

• Journeyman Electrician.

September, 1981 - June, 1984

Construction Electrician Second Class

U.S. Navy - Sea Bees

July, 1976 — July, 1981

	SKILLS		
• Fluent in Spanish	Corrdinate work schedules it owners and contractors.		
 Proficiant with industrial control installation shooting. 	n and trouble		
	EDUCATION		
Mahopac High School BOCES Construction Electricity	June, 197		
VO	DLUNTEER EXPERIENCE		
Knights of Columbus Various fund raisers. Past Grand Knight			

- NFPA Member

PCECA Member

Michael Budzinski, P.E. Director, Consumer Affairs

Charles Hull Chairman

Christopher Lyons Vice Chairman



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Christopher Cusanelli Peter Domin Paul Harnish Lawrence Koffer John Morrison Michael Porcelli

Linda DiBella, Secretary Home Improvement Board

PUTNAM COUNTY HOME IMPROVEMENT BOARD

Department of Consumer Affairs Weights & Measures Trades Licensing & Registration

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

October 24, 2023

TO:

Toni Addonizio, Chair

Rules Committee

FROM:

Athena Arvan (sitting in for Linda DiBella

Secretary, Home Improvement Board)

RE:

Recommendation to Re-Appoint Charles Hull, Christopher Lyons,

Christopher Cusanelli, Paul Harnish

The Putnam County Home Improvement Board makes a recommendation to the Legislature requesting the re-appointment of Charles Hull, Christopher Lyons, Christopher Cusanelli, Paul Harnish pursuant to Section 135-6 of the Putnam County Code.

The Board met on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. There were six members present and vote was unanimous to recommend these board members to fill the two -year term beginning January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025.

Attached please find their letter of intent and/or their resume.

Thank you for your consideration.

CC:

Michael Budzinski, P.E.

Director, Consumer Affairs

Diane Schonfeld Legislative Clerk

Donald B. Smith County Government Campus
110 Old Route Six ▼ Building No. Three ▼ Carmel, New York 10512

Charles R. Hull

Mahopac NY 10541

October 15, 2023

To the Putnam County Legislature:

I would like to continue as a member of the Home Improvement Board for the 2024-2025 term.

I have been a member since 2011 as a Homeowner, Citizen and the current Chairman.

As a member of the Home Improvement Board, I have had an opportunity to give back to the Community by:

- . Contributing to the establishment of laws to protect its residents.
- . Provide guidelines to help ensure standards for the registration of home improvement contractors are maintained.

By continuing as a member of the Home Improvement Board, I am confident that I can continue to make a difference in our community.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your endorsement.

Respectfully yours,

Charles R Hull

Charles R. Hull Homeowner, Citizen, Chairman Putnam County Home Improvement Boar

Linda DiBella

From:

Athena Arvan

Sent:

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 12:48 PM

To:

Linda DiBella

Subject:

Home Improvement Board Re-Appointment - Letter of interest, resume or qualifications

- HARNISH

From: P Harnish <pharnish@perfectpainting.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 11:32 AM

To: Athena Arvan < Athena. Arvan@putnamcountyny.gov>

Subject: Re: Home Improvement Board Re-Appointment - Reminder to submit letter of interest, resume or qualifications

- HARNISH

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To the Putnam County Legislature:

I would like to continue as a member of the Home Improvement Board for the 2024-2025 term.

I have been a member since 2006 as a contractor/tradesman.

As a member of the Home Improvement Board I have had an opportunity to give back to the Community by:

- . Contributing to the establishment of laws to protect its residents
- . Provide guidelines to ensure standards for licensed home improvement contractors are maintained

By continuing as a member of the Home Improvement Board, I am confident that I can continue to make a difference in our Community.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your endorsement.

Paul Harnish

October 9, 2023

Putnam County Consumer Affairs 110 Old Route 6, Building 3 Carmel, NY 10512

RE:

Christopher Lyon's Letter of Intent

To Whom It May Concern,

I have been a member volunteering my time for the Home Improvement Board for the past several years. Being part of the Home Improvement Board as a board member, it gives me an opportunity to give back to the community that gives so much to me.

I would like to remain on the board going forward as I feel I can make a difference in the community that is fair and just.

Thank you,

Christopher Lyons

Christopher Cusanelli, PE

Brewster NY 10509

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To the Putnam County Legislature:

I would like to continue as a member of the Home Improvement Board for the 2024-2025 term. I have been a member since 2002 as an Engineer and served as Chairmen for several years as well. With 40 years' work experience and over 20 years on the board I have a vast knowledge of construction management, design, codes and working with municipalities and contractors.

I have enjoy being a member of the Home Improvement in giving back to the community I have lived in over the past 27 years. We have done great work resolving issues between homeowners and contractors.

By continuing as a member of the Home Improvement Board, I am confident that I can continue to make a difference in our Community.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your endorsement.

Signature,

Christopher Cusanelli, PE

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Chris Cusanelli, PE

Project Manager (Backup)

Chris is a seasoned construction management professional bringing extensive construction management experience exclusively working with DEP. He has delivered your JOC CM program, and oversaw more than \$200M of completed construction projects for DEP. His experience working on DEP projects encompasses both large-scale construction management and design projects with BWS, BEDC, and BWT. Recently, Chris worked on more than 17 Task orders at the Bowery Bay WRRF under the PW-112 JOCs program, giving him a deep understanding of the DEP's operations standards. Chris' 38 years of experience include consulting on various aspects of building design, construction management, HVAC design and building inspection related to safety, structures, facilities and systems in projects of all sizes. Chris knows NYC Standard Construction Practices and will bring innovative solutions to mitigate any costly change orders. Chris is qualified in state courts as an expert in various aspects of buildings design, construction, engineering and accident investigation.

EDUCATION

BS. Mechanical Engineering, Manhattan College, 1986

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS

Professional Engineer: NY, CT

Construction Documents Technologist

TRAININGS & CERTIFICATIONS

OSHA 30

OSHA 10

Electrical Safety Awareness Training IAW 29 CFR 1910.269 (a)(2)(i)

Chemical Awareness Training

Lockout/Tagout Training 1910.147

Fall Protection Training

NYC DOB 4-Hr Supported Scaffold User Certificate

Confined Space

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Chairmen of the Putnam County Home Improvement Board

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY HDR: 2021 - Present

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

DEP-BWS, Croton WTP Instrumentation and Controls Start-up and Commissioning, Bronx, NY

Start-up Engineer. Chris performed daily rounds inspecting equipment and taking readings. Performed daily and monthly chemical bulk storage CBS inspections, chemical fill building inspections and petroleum bulk storage PBS inspections. Served shifts in the Main Control Room. On the 312P plumbing contract, worked on Article 16 punch lists and witnessed equipment testing. On the 312H HVAC contract, served as inspector, witnessed equipment start-up and testing.

DEP-BWS, Construction Management Field Services for Catskill/Delaware Ultraviolet Facility, Valhalla, NY

Deputy Resident Engineer for the MEP contracts with combined value of \$80 Million. Duties included approving payments, assisting with change order negotiations, equipment start up, testing and acceptance, coordination of work between MEP and civil/ process mechanical contractors, writing nonconformance reports & requests for clarification. Worked with the Authorities having Jurisdiction and obtained approvals for installation of boilers, equipment use permits, fire sprinkler systems, stand pipe systems. FM-200 clean agent fire suppression systems, and Westchester County Department of Health air pollution certificates for boiler stacks, NY State Department of Labor for boiler operating permit, fire alarm control panel approval, final plumbing sign off, and temporary certificate of occupancy. Signed off on plumbing and HVAC tests, Supervised a staff of 6 assigned to the 210H and 210P contracts.

DEP, Construction Management Services During Construction of Miscellaneous Projects at Various BWT Locations - JOCs North, New York, NY

Project Manager. Providing on-call CM and inspection services for a variety of projects issued by DEP BWT under their Job Order Contracting (JOC) Program. Provided services on a Task Order basis on a project by project basis as requested by the DEP.

17 Task orders at Bowery Bay WRRF including:

- BB-237 Reconstruction of the Cross-Collector Screw Conveyor System and Suction Piping in Primary Settling Tank Nos. 10-15
- WI-311(R) Reconstruction of Digester Tanks at Wards Island WWTP
- 1538-PS Removal of Residuals from Flushing Bay CSO
- HP-247 Upgrade of Fire Alarm System at Hunts Point WWTP
- HP-252 Installation of 2 Motor Control Centers (MCCs) at Hunts Point WWTP

DEP-BWS, Croton Water Treatment Plant, Bronx, NY

Assistant Resident Engineer for project closeout. He performed daily plant equipment rounds, daily-monthly chemical bulk storage and petroleum bulk storage inspections, and served shifts in the main control room, developed punch lists, processed field memos, requests for information and witnessed equipment testing for the plumbing and HVAC work. Assisted on City of New York Fire Department inspections of all fire protection sprinkler/suppression and alarm equipment and systems, fire sprinkler systems.

CHRIS CUSANELLI, PE (CONTINUED)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (CONTINUED)

Arcadis: 2007 - 2021

Heimer Engineering: 1995 - 2020

Ralph's Air Conditioning and Refrigeration: 1995 - 1996

City of New York Department of General Services: 1984 - 1995

DEP, Construction Management Services During Construction of Miscellaneous Projects at Various BWT Locations - JOCS South, New York, NY

Resident Engineer. Providing on-call CM and inspection services for a variety of projects issued by DEP BWT under their Job Order Contracting (JOC) Program. Provided services on a Task Order basis on a project by project basis as requested by the DEP.

- NR-131 Replacement of Main Hydraulic System at North River WWTP
- NR-134 Reconstruction of the UPS Systems for Emergency Lighting at North River WWTP
- NR-135 Reconstruction of the Access Control System at North River WWTP
- NR-136 Installation of Conveyor Belt & Skip Hoist at North River WWTP

DEP-BWS, Reconstruction of the Delaware Aqueduct - Shafts 9, 10 and 17, NY

Assisted the construction management staff with submittals, RFIs and change orders.

DEP-BWS, Reactivation of the Chelsea Pump Station, Chelsea, NY

The project reactivated the 100-mgd pump station as a drinking water source for New York City. The superstructure encloses a 12-ft-diam shaft (Shaft 6) that rises 650 ft from the Delaware Aqueduct. Working for the HVAC contractor on the project was responsible for providing submittals for the heating and ventilating system for a superstructure connected with the city's water supply network

DEP-BWT, Wards Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Task 106 Treatment, New York, NY

Redesigned supply and return air systems for the generator rooms in the Manhattan and . Bronx Grit Chambers to accommodate revised 550 kW generators. Assisted in drawing revisions and change orders.

DEP-BWT, Wards Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Task 901 Generator Upgrades, New York, NY

Redesigned supply and return air systems for the generator rooms in the Manhattan and Bronx Grit Chambers to accommodate revised 550 kW generators. Assisted in drawing revisions and change orders.

DEP-BWT, Wards Island-78 Task 108-DSDC, New York, NY

Performed heating, ventilation, and air conditioning HVAC study and cost estimate for proposed additional 250-kW generator for grit chamber. Performed duct pressure loss calculations for the odor control system.

DEP-BWT, Flushing Bay CM-3 Field, Flushing, NY

Senior Project Engineer. Oversaw the CM team at closeout of the project. Filed and obtained approvals for installation of boilers, equipment use permits, emergency lighting certification, Public Assembly PA-1, elevator permit, fire alarm control panel approval, Fire Protection Plan, fire sprinkler systems, stand pipe systems, FM-200 fire suppression systems, electrical inspection, DEP water and sewer connections, DEP air pollution certificates for boiler stacks, builders pavement plan, final site survey, emergency action plan, final plumbing sign off, temporary Certificate of Occupancy and finally the Certificate of Occupancy. Sent out a daily update tracking status of all permits, change orders, union issue resolutions, OSHA 1910 issue resolutions, testing, spare parts turnover, training. Assisted Construction Manager with tracking the filing for Certificate of Occupancy with the New York City Department of Buildings for the Flushing Bay Combined Sewer Overflow facility. Kept a daily report and spread sheet of progress of filing as well as progress of change orders and various punch lists developed by Construction Manager and DEP design and operations personnel.

New York City Department of General Services, Manhattan Municipal Building HVAC Plant, New York, NY

DGS Team member for the design of central HVAC plant to serve the Manhattan Municipal Building, Surrogates Court House, Tweed Court House and City Hall.

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Reconstruction of Gantry State Park, Long Island City, NY Served as resident engineer for reconstruction

Served as resident engineer for reconstruction of revetment and park.

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Four Freedoms FDR State Park, Roosevelt Island, NY

Served as resident engineer for adding handicap access additions and general renovations.

Michael Budzinski, P.E. Director

Charles Hull Chairman

Christopher Lyons Vice Chairman



or please

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Peter Domin Christopher Cusanelli Paul Harnish Lawrence Koffer John Morrison Michael Porcelli

Linda DiBella, Secretary Home Improvement Board (845) 808-1617 x46024

PUTNAM COUNTY HOME IMPROVEMENT BOARD

Department of Consumer Affairs Weights & Measures Trades Licensing & Registration

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

October 25, 2023

TO:

Hon. Toni Addonizio

Putnam County Legislature

FROM:

Linda DiBella

Secretary, Home Improvement Board

RE:

Recommendation to Appoint Steven Beers to the

Home Improvement Board

LEGISLATURE PUTNAM COUNTY CARMEL, NY

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The Putnam County Home Improvement Board makes a recommendation to the legislature requesting the appointment of Steven Beers to fill a vacant position pursuant to Section 135-6 of the Putnam County Code.

The Board met on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. The six (6) members present voted unanimously to recommend Steven Beers to fill the vacated position of Steven Korin whose term was from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

We are asking that the Rules Committee place this item on the agenda for the November 16, 2023 meeting.

Attached please find Steven Beers' letter of intent as well as his resume.

Thank you for your consideration.

CC:

Michael Budzinski

Consumer Affairs, Weights & Measurers

Diane Schonfeld Legislative Clerk STEVEN BEERS

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July 27, 2023

Putnam County Home Improvement Board Carmel, NY 10512

RE: Home Improvement Board Member

Dear Search Committee,

As an experienced Fire Lieutenant, the advertisement for Home Improvement Board Member with Putnam County sparked my interest. When reviewing the position, I was excited to find that my qualifications and personal strengths align with your needs and mission.

I bring a comprehensive set of skills that I believe will be valuable to the Home Improvement Board. In my Fire Lieutenant role, I honed my abilities in Building inspection and identifying potential areas of concern, providing a firm foundation for the Home improvement Board member position. My collaboration, people-centric nature, and compassion have afforded me excellent decision-making skills.

I am excited to contribute my talents and proficiency in organization toward your team efforts. As an engaging communicator with a proven track record in Building construction, my focus on building strong professional relationships has been a beneficial asset throughout my career.

Please review my enclosed resume for a more in-depth illustration of my work history and accomplishments. I would appreciate the opportunity to interview at your earliest convenience. I'm eager to discuss how my personality and background fit the Home Improvement Board member role.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my candidacy.

Sincerely,

Steven Beers

STEVEN BEERS

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Alert Fire Lieutenant successful managing fire and medical emergencies. Hardworking and punctual with outstanding public relations abilities. Talented in performing administrative duties, creating incident reports, ordering supplies, providing strategy training and performing building inspections.

Seasoned Firefighter with 16+ years of experience and extensive training in emergency response operations. Committed to building and leading efforts of talented teams of up to 9+ first responders. Skilled in enforcing municipal fire codes via inspections, covering testing of alarm and protection systems.

SKILLS

- Best Building Practices
- Building Systems and Services
- Building Structure
- Meet Code Requirements
- Sprinkler Systems

- Code Compliance
- Site Inspection
- Knowledgeable in Construction Safety
- Basic Tools

WORK HISTORY

08/2022 to Current

Fire Lieutenant

City Of New York - Division 7 - Bronx, NY

- Inspected buildings to determine fire risk and advise owners on prevention methods.
- Re-inspected commercial and residential constructions which previously failed inspections.
- Completed inspections of current construction, refurbishment and repair projects.
- Reviewed site permits and licenses of operating contractors.
- Investigated complaints, incidents and accidents at work sites.
- Noted violations and issued documentation such as stop work orders to contractors or owners. Prepared reports of fires, equipment and personnel
- Directed work of 9+ firefighters engaged in extinguishing fires.
- Conducted periodic firefighter written performance evaluations and completed written recommendations on probationary firefighters.
- Inspected apparatus, equipment, grounds, and stations for proper order and condition.
- Led team in fighting fires and exercised considerable judgment in deciding best way to extinguish based on type of fuel and environment.
- Responded to emergency medical calls to perform lifesaving procedures and other emergency medical services.
- Compiled and maintained log books, run reports and training records.

 Assessed scenes, coordinated responses and communicated critical details to superiors through two-way radios.

03/2007 to 08/2022 Firefighter

City Of New York - Engine 34 - Manhattan, NY

- Carried out fire inspections to identify fire hazards and recommend corrective measures.
- Responded to emergency medical calls to perform lifesaving procedures and other emergency medical services.
- Drove and operated structural pumpers, tankers, ladders, and service vehicles to aid in rescue operations.
- Operated fire hoses, hydrants and extinguishers to eliminate fire and prevent from spreading.
- Collaborated with other emergency responders on scene to establish adequate fire suppression.
- Oversaw equipment and vehicle upkeep to maintain emergency readiness.
- Trained new firefighters to comply with safety protocols and equipment usage.
- Initiated first aid measures to alleviate further injury and prepared victims for transport to medical facilities.
- Operated hoses, pumps, ladders and other firefighting equipment.
- Responded to emergency calls and provided medical assistance to injured individuals.
- Contributed to fire investigation reports and provided testimony in court.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science: Business Administration

Daemen College - Buffalo, NY

CERTIFICATIONS

- CFR Certified First Responder
- Special Operations Training May 2007
- Major Collapse Support and Cribbing May 2007
- EVOC Emergency Vehicle Operators Course

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Approval/ Litigation Settlement/ Haughey v. County of Putnam

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Approval/ Litigation Settlement/ TD Auto Finance LLC v. County of Putnam

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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

November 9, 2023

TO:

Compton Spain County Attorney

County Attorney

John Cherico

First Deputy County Attorney

FROM:

Toni Addonizio

Chairwoman, Rules, Enactments, & Intergovernmental Relations Committee

RE:

Invitation to November 16, 2023 Rules Meeting - Litigation Settlements

Per your request, the November 16, 2023 Rules, Enactments, & Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting agenda will include approvals for the following two litigation settlements:

- Haughey vs. County of Putnam
- TS Auto Finance LLC v. County of Putnam

Respectfully, I request your attendance at said meeting to participate in the discussion and consideration of these items. Please confirm your availability to attend with the Legislative Office.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

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RESOLUTION # ______
Introduced by Legislator: Nancy Montgomery

APPROVAL/ RESOLUTION OF PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO PROTECT THE HUDSON RIVER

WHEREAS, in 2015 the anchoring prohibition within the "Port of New York" was seen as applicable on the Hudson River from New York Harbor to Albany, NY. At that time, commercial vessel operators anchoring in the "Port of New York" were only permitted to anchor in federally designated anchorage grounds in the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the United States Coast Guard considered establishing new anchorage grounds in the Hudson River from Yonkers, New York to Kingston New York through the expansion and establishment of 43 new berths in 10 new anchorage ground areas, pursuant to its proposed rule 2016-0132; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard issued its proposed rule after receiving requests from the Maritime Association of the Port of NY/NJ Tug and Barge Committee, the Hudson River Port Pilots Association, and the American Waterways Operators to consider establishing new anchorage grounds on the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard received an unprecedented 10,212 comments, overwhelmingly opposed to the proposed rule. In addition, dozens of local resolutions and numerous letters came from state, county and municipal governments, objecting to the proposal, including Resolution #180 from the PUTNAM COUNTY Legislature in 2017. Potential spills of hazardous cargo and threats to endangered sturgeon were among the top concerns; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the comments, the Coast Guard suspended the rulemaking action in 2017 to allow for further study and analysis of the need, impact and appropriateness of the requested anchorage grounds; and

WHEREAS, seven years later, in July of 2023, the Coast Guard withdrew the proposed rulemaking, but simultaneously redefined the boundary of the "Port of New York" to only include the Hudson River as far north as the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge at Tarrytown; and

WHEREAS, as a result, commercial vessels may now anchor virtually anywhere north of the Cuomo Bridge, subject to compliance with the Coast Guard's "Inland Navigation Rules" and any applicable local regulation. Under these rules, any vessel may anchor virtually anywhere for any duration, provided they do not interfere with traffic and have the required nighttime lighting; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these changes, the Hudson River's ecosystem, endangered species, and drinking water sources are again at risk because there are no restrictions on when, where or for how long large commercial vessels can anchor in the Hudson River north of the Cuomo Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard redefined the boundary of the "Port of New York" without addressing the more than 10,000 comments and concerns raised in 2016 related to the establishment of new anchorage ground areas; and

WHEREAS, the environmental and public safety concerns raised in 2016 by the public, local, county, and state elected officials; New York State agencies and

departments; and environmental organizations are just as relevant now as they were 2016; and

WHEREAS, the new anchorage areas will likely result in many significant, negative environmental impacts, including new and dangerous risks from increased petroleum and other hazardous cargo transport, anchor and chain scarring and scouring of the river bottom, air, noise and light pollution, increased barge and vessel traffic and viewshed obstructions; and

WHEREAS, the additional anchoring locations permitted under the Coast Guard's new policy could disturb endangered sturgeon habitat, undermine local revitalization efforts, cause potential impacts to drinking water for more than 100,000 people in the mid-Hudson valley, damage existing and future transmission cables, degrade water quality, increase turbidity, increase sedimentation, and diminish the historic, cultural and scenic value of the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard's new policy will directly impact communities in the Hudson Valley and could have devastating economic and environmental impacts at a time when significant investments have been made to develop the Hudson River waterfront and provide greater economic vitality to the river communities as well as the entire region; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard's new policy is a repudiation of several decades of environmental efforts to restore and revitalize the Hudson River, its habitats and the significant progress investment and sacrifice made by all levels of government, non-government organizations and individual citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson River is an irreplaceable national treasure, a critical spawning ground and nursery for numerous aquatic species, a vital resource for residents and visitors, and a major driver of the Hudson Valley economy that must be protected; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as tourism is the economic driver of PUTNAM COUNTY, rooted in the natural landscape, culture and recreational amenities of the Hudson River, which the integrity of these are threatened by the U.S. Coast Guard's proposal; and be it further

RESOLVED, PUTNAM COUNTY has documented its concerns about anchoring, including disrupting the economic vitality of the waterfront, endangering drinking water supplies, damaging fish habitat and detracting from scenic beauty and quality of life along the river; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PUTNAM COUNTY strongly opposes the Coast Guard's new policy redefining the scope of the "Port of New York" to encompass only the navigable waters of the Hudson River from New York Harbor to the Cuomo Bridge, and allow mariners operating outside the "Port of New York" to anchor virtually anywhere north of the Cuomo Bridge; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to FEDERAL, STATE, and LOCAL OFFICIALS.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

November 9, 2023

TO:

Toni Addonizio

Chairwoman, Rules, Enactments, & Intergovernmental Realtions Committee

FROM:

Nancy Montgomery

Legislator, District #1

RE:

Resolution to Protect the Hudson River

Respectfully, I request the attached time sensitive resolution be included on the November 16, 2023 Rules, Enactments, & Intergovernmental Relations Committee for approval.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Attachment

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FYI/ Litigation Report