

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
CALLED BY THE CLERK AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRMAN
HELD IN ROOM 318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Thursday June 20, 2023
(Immediately Following Protective Services Committee Mtg. starting at 6:00 P.M.)

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 P.M. by Chairman Jonke who requested that Legislator Sayegh lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Crowley lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Addonizio, Nacerino, Castellano, Sayegh, Crowley and Chairman Jonke were present. Legislators Gouldman and Ellner were absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

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

Item # - Approval/ Resolution to Authorize the Application to Obtain a Municipal Ambulance Services Operating Authority for Putnam County was next. (tabled from 6/06/23 Full Mtg. & approved at 6/20/23 Protective Mtg.) **Chairman Jonke moved the following:**

Legislator Nacerino stated that this is a revised resolution for advanced life support (ALS) only and not basic life support (BLS). She believed the bids for BLS would open on June 30th. She stated that, as discussed at the Protective Services Committee meeting, this is to see if we can attract more bidders and give an opportunity to those who do not hold a certificate of need.

Legislator Montgomery clarified that we did the same thing last year but did not use it or need it.

Legislator Nacerino stated that it dissolved.

Legislator Montgomery stated that we went through a very controversial debacle. She believed that it ended up being a total disaster and never should have happened. She stated that she was happy to see this get cleaned up.

RESOLUTION #136

APPROVAL/ RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION TO OBTAIN A MUNICIPAL AMBULANCE SERVICES OPERATING AUTHORITY FOR PUTNAM COUNTY

WHEREAS, providing for the public health and safety is the highest priority for public officials; and

WHEREAS, the timely provision of effective emergency medical assistance is a matter of vital concern affecting the public health, safety and welfare of our residents, visitors and those who work in the County; and

WHEREAS, the assurance of pre-hospital emergency care, providing prompt and effective treatment and transportation of the sick and injured is critical to a successful patient outcome; and

WHEREAS, under its own operating authority, the County would expand its ability to access a much broader range of advanced life support (ALS) commercial providers and therefore assure provision of care to the citizens of Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature recognizes the need for effective ALS and BLS care and transportation, which will be provided by a third-party vendor, and the need for effective EMS service in accordance with the provisions of Public Health Law Section 3008(7a), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature has determined that it is necessary, appropriate and in the best interest of public safety and welfare to obtain operating authority in connection with the provision of ambulance services for the residents of the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby grants permission to the Commissioner of Emergency Services to make application seeking a Certificate of Operating Authority and/or a Municipal Certificate of Need for ALS services on behalf of the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the primary geographic area of this service shall be the County of Putnam as indicated on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Emergency Services is directed to file a copy of this resolution with the New York State Department of Health; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS GOULDMAN & ELLNER WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6 – Other Business

There was no other business submitted to the meeting.

Item #7 - Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

Christopher Muro, from the Town of Carmel stated that regarding the ambulance services, he questioned if anyone considered adding emergency lanes to the roads. He stated that with an increase in traffic in the area, he was concerned how an ambulance would be able to get by traffic on some of the narrow roadways.

Item #8 - Recognition of Legislators

There were no Legislators wishing to comment.

There being no further business; at 6:22 P.M., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Montgomery and Sayegh. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.