

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
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)**

The meeting was called to order at 6:58pm 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 – Acceptance of Minutes – August 16, 2023 & Budget Meeting October 11, 2023**

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #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**

Chairwoman Addonizio stated Legislator Montgomery requested that this resolution be brought forward. She thanked Legislative Counsel Robert Firriolo for drafting this resolution. She read the resolution into the record.

Legislator Jonke questioned if County Executive Byrne is supportive of this resolution.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated the County Executive was not consulted when drafting the resolution, but when it is in front of him to sign he has the option to veto it if he does not agree.

Legislator Jonke stated he understands Legislator Montgomery is unable to be here this evening to speak to this. He stated he would have liked a representative from the Bureau of Emergency Services present to address this.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo clarified that to draft this resolution he reviewed the bill and sponsors' memorandum of explanation and incorporated that into the resolution at the request of Legislator Montgomery. He stated the draft resolution is not an expression of an opinion on the merits of it.

Legislator Sayegh stated she believes this topic was briefly discussed previously. She questioned the legality of the company keeping the payment.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated if the ambulance company is not on the list of preferred providers for the insurance company, they will not be paid by the insurance company.

Legislator Ellner stated when the contracts were being redone with the ambulance providers it was clear there had been a change in the State law to prevent the local ambulance companies from billing direct. He stated he does not see how this addresses that problem. He stated Deputy County Executive James Burpoe is present and is familiar with this process and asked for his input.

Deputy County Executive Burpoe stated Legislator Ellner's statement is correct, the ambulance companies were not allowed to bill.

Legislator Nacerino stated she sits on the Fire Advisory Board and recouping fees and receiving payment is an issue. She stated her support for this resolution. She stated Legislator Ellner's concern may be a separate issue.

Legislator Ellner questioned if the State bills will allow the ambulance companies to bill.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated this resolution is addressing the situation where the ambulance company is not a preferred provider and the insurance company is paying the patient directly. He stated the ambulance company would then have to chase the patient to try to get reimbursed.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated she believes there are two (2) separate issues, this resolution addresses one (1).

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. Legislator Ellner abstained. Motion carries.

#### **Item #5 – Approval/ Re-Appointments/ Plumbing Board/ Bleakly & Sleight**

Chairwoman Addonizio thanked the volunteers on all the boards and stated her appreciation for their time.

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

#### **Item #6 – Approval/ Re-Appointments/ Electrical Board/ Morrison & Williams**

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated another reappointment for the Electrical Board, Ronald Massaro, was sent to the Legislature after the agenda had gone out.

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

**Item #7 – Approval/ Re-Appointments/ Home Improvement Board/ Hull, Lyons, Cusanelli, & Harnish**

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

**Item #8 – Approval/ Appointment/ Home Improvement Board/ Beers**

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

**Item #9 – Approval/ Litigation Settlement/ Haughey v. County of Putnam**

**Item #10 – Approval/ Litigation Settlement/ TD Auto Finance LLC v. County of Putnam**

**Item #12 – FYI/ Litigation Report**

At 7:09pm Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the litigation settlements in items #9 & #10 and the Litigation Report in item #12; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

At 8:14pm Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to come out of executive session; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

No action was taken.

**Item #9 – Approval/ Litigation Settlement/ Haughey v. County of Putnam**

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional revised settlement resolution; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

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

**Item #10 – Approval/ Litigation Settlement/ TD Auto Finance LLC v. County of Putnam**

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to table the Litigation Settlement/ TD Auto Finance LLC v. County of Putnam; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

**Item #11 – Approval/ Resolution to Protect the Hudson River**

Chairwoman Addonizio stated Legislator Montgomery requested that this item be considered by the Rules Committee, however has since requested that it be removed.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional;  
Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to remove this item from the agenda; Seconded  
by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

**Item #12 – FYI/ Litigation Report – Duly Noted**

**Item #13 – Other Business – None**

**Item #14 – Adjournment**

There being no further business at 8:21pm, Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to  
adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Beth Robinson.