

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held In Room #318**  
**PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING**  
**CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

**Members:**  
**Chairman Albano, Legislators Othmer & Scuccimarra**

**Monday**

**April 15, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Chairman Albano. He requested that Legislator Othmer lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators Othmer, Scuccimarra and Chairman Albano were present.

Chair Albano made a motion to accept the addition and waive the rules; seconded by Legislator Oliverio. All in favor.

**Item #9) Other Business:**

**a) Chair Albano/Taconic State Parkway & Pudding Street Intersection/Update**

Chair Albano made a brief announcement regarding the Intersection of the Taconic State Parkway and Pudding Street. He stated that the Putnam County Legislature has been working with the Administration, the Towns, and the States officials to remedy the very dangerous intersection. He stated that February 13, 2013 he sent correspondence, as Chair of the Physical Services Committee, to Senator Gipson on behalf of his committee members and his fellow Legislators. He stated that in his correspondence he addressed the matter and offered the assistance of the Legislature. He stated that he is happy to report that through the efforts of our State Officials and the Department of Transportation a 1 million dollar grant has been secured. That funding will pay for an engineering study to be done at the intersection. Senator Gipson will be attending a Town of Putnam Valley Board Meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> to provide an update to this matter. He asked if Legislator Oliverio would provide an update to this committee in May on that meeting.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he would do that.

**Item #3) Update/Presentation- Transportation Task Force**

Commissioner Ruggiero stated that the goal of the evaluation of the Putnam County Transportation is to streamline the operational side of the business and the bank and auditing side of the County's transportation. He stated that he and Transportation Program Manager Tamagna have been riding the different bus lines.

Transportation Program Manager Tamagna stated that through all of this investigation it has been discovered that approximately 1/3 of the County does not have bus transportation. He

continued with his presentation referring to the bus route maps. He stated that the Task Force is made up of a variety of people representing many different voices of the County. He stated that they have been meeting every Tuesday since January 2013. He stated that the Legislature is represented on the Task Force. He stated that he has provided several updates to Legislator DiCarlo. He stated that Legislator Othmer and Albano have both attended meetings.

County Executive Odell requested that Mr. Tamagna please define the service of the Para Transit bus line.

Transportation Program Manager Tamagna stated that if there is a fixed route being run, you must provide, to people with disabilities within in  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile to each side of the fixed route of public transportation. He stated that if a person requires this service, they need to put an application into the County Planning Department. Currently there are 455 people who receive this service. He stated that application requires that a note from their doctor be sent along with the request for service. Once that step is accomplished the next step is to make sure that they live within the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile radius of a fixed route. He stated once all of those steps are completed and all requirements are met, they then call to request the transportation that they need.

County Executive Odell stated that all of the 455 current riders of the Para Transit bus service have been verified as meeting all of the requirements.

Commissioner Ruggiero stated that is correct. He stated as Commissioner of Planning & Transportation for the County he has to review and sign the application.

Transportation Program Manager Tamagna stated that the list of 455 riders changes almost every day. He stated that Carrie DeMarchi, an employee of the Planning Department has an equivalent of a personnel file on each rider. She does an excellent job of tracking these riders. He stated that the Office for the Aging transportation is not included in the over 4 million dollars that the County spends on transportation. He continued with his report of this service. He stated that the most expensive part of the County's transportation cost is the Pre-K and E/I (Early Intervention). He stated that these are mandated costs. He stated that he had a meeting with the Haldane Superintendent. He stated that he learned that it cost \$22,300 to educate one child in the Haldane School District. It cost \$25,427 to transport one child on the Pre-K and E/I bus service. He stated it costs more to transport a child than to educate the child. The Task Force will work to try to find a solution and recommend a new and creative way to see if that number can be split. The Superintendents have meetings at the BOCES office. The Haldane Superintendent stated that she would work to schedule a meeting where he could come and address all of the Superintendents on this matter. The hope is that there could be a collaborated effort to provide this transportation between the County and the School Districts. He stated that the children are the responsibility of the County from ages 2-4 & then they become the responsibility of the School Districts, in terms of transportation. He stated that there are also a number of regional bus routes in Putnam County. There is the a commuter express service run by the Leprechaun Bus Line that provides transportation to shopping locations in Putnam Valley, for example, and the Heart Line that provides transportation from Danbury to the Village of Brewster. There is also a Short Line that goes into Croton Falls and the Westchester Bee-Line. He stated that regionally, they have

discovered that there is a great deal of duplication with the Putnam County bus lines. He stated that better services could be provided if a line were suspended because there is duplicated service to that area. He stated that there will be recommendations coming out of the Task Force. He continued to provide statistics and some options being looked at. He stated through his experience of riding the bus he found that it is really a family of people: the drivers know all of the riders, the riders, know each other. The drivers are very courteous, the buses are clean, it is a good system. However it needs to be re-routed. He stated one recommendation that has come from the Task Force is to provide transportation to and from the train stations to the park and rides. There is a lot to be looked at and he believes that a lot of good recommendations are going to come out of the Task Force.

Commissioner Ruggiero stated the routes have not been reviewed or adjusted in about thirty (30) years. He stated that they met with representatives from the Transportation Departments from Orange, Ulster and Dutchess Counties. He stated that they are working to gather as much information and input so that the best recommendations will be brought forward for Putnam County. An interesting fact reported is that each of the Counties reported that they tinker with their systems almost daily.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that the 1/3 of the County that is not being serviced by the County transportation is on the western side of the County. She questioned if there are plans in place to address that.

Transportation Program Manager Tamagna stated that the County Executive recognizes that the West and the East are equally as important. He stated that they are looking at everything.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he wanted to thank Transportation Program Manager Tamagna for attending the Council for the Disabled meeting. The feedback that he has received from Steve Unger and other members of the Council is that they were very pleased that you came and shared the same presentation that you gave this evening with them. He stated that it appears that you are really working and looking at this from every aspect. He is confident that the results from the Task Force will be very positive.

Commissioner Ruggiero stated that there is room for improvement on the tracking of the ridership. The current system is rather archaic. The numbers that are tracked have a direct impact on the Federal and State reimbursement. He stated that there is an "On Call" service provided, off of our fixed bus routes. He stated the fixed bus routes include: PART 1, which covers Putnam Lake and Brewster, PART 2, which covers Mahopac and Jefferson Valley Mall, PART 3, which is Patterson and Carmel & PART 5, which is Lake Carmel and the Hamlet of Carmel. He stated a bus driver, of any of these routes, can receive a call from a person off of that direct route, but within a close proximity and the driver must go and pick that person up. He stated that these "On Call" incidents can pile up some time on the route, which that makes it unattractive to riders. He stated that is another program that the Task Force will be researching. He explained all of the handouts that he brought to the meeting. He stated that he will be giving this presentation to the different Town Boards. He stated that there is a general transportation survey that people can take also, it is on the Planning web page of the County website.

Legislator DiCarlo stated that he would like to commend the two gentlemen on the work that they have done. He stated he would like to clarify this process. He stated that he would like to go through the timeline. This same presentation will be given to the different constituency groups. He stated feedback will be gathered from each meeting, then after May you will roll out a plan that you believe best meets the needs of the County as a whole. Then there will be a follow up presentation to the Legislature. Once it is reviewed by the Legislature then it will be rolled out to the community.

Transportation Program Manager Tamagna stated that there is a Transportation Task Force and an Advisory Board. He stated that the Advisory Board is the policy board. He stated that the task force will make a list of recommendations, the Administration and the Advisory Board will review those recommendations. From that review a final list of proposals will be created. He stated that his hope is to have that list by the beginning of June. He stated that he will come back to this committee to present the final proposal. He stated that the goal is to get the RFP published by June or July of 2013.

County Executive Odell stated that there is some dual tracking going on, as mentioned, with the RFP. There is also the topic of advertising. These gentlemen know how important it is to dual track the RFP and the advertising portion of this project. She stated that she would like to compliment Chairman Tamagna and Commissioner Ruggiero for all of the fine work they have done with the Task Force, riding on the bus routes, getting the word out to the towns; while running a Planning Department. This includes the operation of First Transit, which has some interesting developments that have evolved. She stated that they should be doing better for the contract that they have with the County. She stated that she would ask Commissioner Ruggiero to please highlight the things that she believes are of interest about our bus system that he has gleaned as areas that are deficient and have cost the County money.

Commissioner Ruggiero stated that some of those items he touched on already. Such as the hand counting of the quarters from the different bus routes; it took about three (3) hours to do that each day. He stated that he immediately ordered a money counting machine. Now they are down to 45 minutes a day dedicated to the counting of the quarters from the buses. He stated that there was duplication of work being done. He stated that it is a matter of looking at the operations. He stated that it is the matter of reviewing what is being done, eliminating duplication and streamlining the process. He stated that the Planning Department runs a Bus Company. He stated that he is responsible for all that comes with that company. There is a great deal of reporting to the State and Federal Government that is required. He stated that he is working on the creation of spread sheets that will be driven primarily by the number of riders on the buses. He stated that there are still many things to review and evaluate such as the radios that are used. He stated that they will continue to make this a priority and get back to the Legislature with their proposal. He stated that he believes that there is a better way to run this service so that it serves the community.

Legislator Othmer stated that he recently has used public transportation in different cities. He stated that they use a "plastic card" that acts as their form or payment when riders get on the bus. He stated for example you place \$20.00 on your card and then you use that and slide it into a reader on the bus each time you ride the bus. The reader then is tracking the riders and the money.

Commissioner Ruggiero stated that he is aware of that process. He stated that all options are being reviewed.

Rich Ruchala, constituent questioned what would the ridership need to be to break even.

Transportation Program Manager Tamagna stated that it would need to double.

Legislator Nacerino questioned how the general survey will be distributed.

Transportation Program Manager Tamagna stated that they will be on-line, in the Community Centers and there will be some in the lobby of this County Building. There will be a press release going out as well.

Legislator Nacerino stated that it has often been discussed in the Patterson area of using public transportation to serve the Putnam Lake area and transport the kids from that area to the Patterson Recreation Facility. She stated due to the division of Route 22 which divides Patterson and Putnam Lake, providing public transportation may help to address that issue.

Transportation Program Manager Tamagna stated that he will make a note of that. He stated that when he goes to the Patterson Town Board and the Putnam Valley Town Board Meetings he will be sure to bring that up. He stated that they have received the most calls from the Town of Putnam Valley requesting a shuttle service of some sort that would service Putnam Valley. He stated that they are looking at a way to provide that area of the County with transportation.

**Item #4) Approval/Bond Resolution/2013 Road Resurfacing & Reconstruction**

Commissioner Pena stated that there are many parts to the road paving program that is being developed for the County. He stated that there is a Road Signage Program, Road Guardrail Program, Road Paving Program and Road Rehabilitation Program. They are all being developed. He stated that this Bond, being addressed this evening is related to the Road Paving Program. He stated that he has his staff going out and evaluating the County Roads and keeping a report on any issues that they discover on the road. Whether it be missing signs, damaged guardrails or sinking culverts. He stated in 2012 there was a Road Service Management Program which was in place to identify symptoms found that needed to be addressed on the roadway. He stated that those symptoms were entered into software. The purpose was to track the deterioration of the pavement. He stated that program has not been kept up with. He stated that they lost the staff that was doing that data collection. Therefore there is a gap in that data collection. He stated to address that gap, they have partnered with the Cornell University Local Roads to restart the program. He stated that they attended a seminar on this. There was a request for any Counties interested in going through the Road Surface Maintenance System. He stated that they will come in and provide the County with the latest version of that program. Then they will use engineering students to go out this summer and evaluate the condition of the county roads and input their findings into the Road Surface Maintenance System program. In the meantime they are doing their own evaluation of the county roads. He stated that there is approximately 12.84 miles of roadway including Snake Hill Road, Farmers Mills Road, Sodom Road, Stebbins Road, Wood Street, Drewville Road and Deans Corner Road. He stated the type of treatment that will be used on these

roads, has not yet been identified. He stated that this does show them that there is a lot of prep work that needs to be done before going into pave it. He stated that they are finding so many symptoms that the County will need to outsource some of the work. He continued to detail their evaluation process and plan to carry out this process. He stated that part of their working with MS4 requirements is to mark the catch basins on the County Roadways.

Legislator DiCarlo questioned if there was a master plan in place that was created, prior to Commissioner Pena's appointment to Commissioner of Highways & Facilities. He stated that if this is a brand new plan, he would believe that the Legislature needs to see the long range plan. Such as the amount of surface that needs to be covered in the next ten years.

Commissioner Pena stated that previously what wasn't being done was looking at the symptoms on the roadways. He explained why he believes that is critical.

Legislator DiCarlo stated that the reason behind his question, is that prior to his time with the County, this was a major issue at the Town of Carmel level. He stated that they requested that the Highway Commissioner put together a plan. The plan allows for planning for the future and creating the priority list. He questioned if a cost analysis has been done that would show the amount that would need to be out sourced.

Commissioner Pena stated that you want to stay ahead when dealing with pavement management, because otherwise it gets to be a much bigger issue and much more expensive. He stated that question is what you are investing in. He stated for example is the investment going to only be on asphalt overlays? Or do we try to treat the symptoms that are being discovered? He stated that he recommends treating the symptoms because he believes the County will get more miles out the roadway dollars.

Legislator Othmer stated that agrees with Commissioner Pena on the value of treating the symptoms. He questioned on Farmers Mill Road what the next steps would be on Farmers Mill Road in reference to the culvert pipes.

Commissioner Pena stated that there is a "mill process" that will be used on the culvert pipes that will mill them down and then they are replaced. He went into further detail on the actual process. He stated that there is 12.84 miles of County Roadways that have been identified for 2013. He stated that they will not be able to get to them all on a full depth basis. He stated that they will be looking into other techniques.

Legislator Othmer questioned if that means that the money needs to be bonded quickly in order to get to the jobs in 2013.

Commissioner Pena stated that they are looking to do some of the work in 2013. He stated that some of the reconstruction work will be packaged. He stated that last year they tried to do all the work in house, and it did not work out, weather wise they ran out of time. He stated that they would like to get a year ahead of themselves. He stated that the plan is to do the prep work this year and pave next year (2014).

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that in this discussion she heard "Snake Hill Road" referenced. She stated that she believed that it is all FEMA money that will cover that cost.

Commissioner Pena stated that Culverts 1 & 2, which were damaged by Hurricane Irene, they will be repaired with FEMA Funding. He stated that there is a small amount that can be used for paving that was eroded as a result of the running water from the storm. He stated that the County does want to address Culvert 3 which is showing significant deterioration and the retaining wall along the north side of Snake Hill, along the golf course. He stated that the retaining wall is collapsing. He stated that it would not make sense to pave the road without repairing the retaining wall.

Legislator Olivero questioned if this is above and beyond the million dollar Engineering Project that was approved for the Peekskill Hollow Roadway.

Commissioner Pena stated this is just a road maintenance program. He stated the approval item that was referred, they are earmarked for specific projects.

Chair Albano totally supports evaluating what is under a road, before moving forward. It will save the County money in the long run.

Commissioner Pena continued to discuss the issue of the Culverts.

Legislator Othmer made a motion approve the Bond Resolution/2013 Road Resurfacing & Reconstruction; Seconded by Chair Albano. All in favor.

Chair Albano made a motion to accept the additional and waive the rules; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

**Additional #4a. Approval /SEQRA Determination**

Chair Albano stated that the proposed resolution states that due to the fact that the \$2,000,000 Bond for the Reconstruction and/or Resurfacing of Various County Highways has been determined to be a Type II Action it does not require a SEQRA.

Legislator Othmer approved the **SEQRA Determination**; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

**Item #5) Approval/Proposed Resolution to Conclude the Septic Repair Program**

**Item #6) Approval/Use of Water Quality Investment Program (WQIP) Funds To Purchase Equipment/Town of Patterson & Town of Southeast**

Deputy County Executive Walker stated that he will address Agenda Items 5 & 6 because they are in conjunction with each other. He stated that approximately one year ago he and Deputy County Attorney Harris worked together on the WQIP Funds. He stated that the account had originally started with \$30 million dollars, which had interest on it, and there were a number of projects funded through that account. He stated that they worked with the East Of Hudson (EOH) Corporation. He continued to explain the process that was followed to gather a true accounting balance. He stated that today there is 1.437million dollars of unencumbered funds. He stated that, as you can see in agenda item #6, the Administration is looking to spend 1.3million dollars of that 1.437million dollars to purchase 5 vehicles (3 for the County, 1

for Southeast and 1 for Patterson). He stated that would leave a balance in the WQIP Fund of 137 thousand dollars. He continued to explain that there was a certain amount of work, that was agreed to be done with regard to Septic Repair. He stated that the County has met and exceeded that amount which was stated in the MOA (Memorandum of Agreement). He stated that currently the balance in the Septic Repair account is 1.586 million dollars. He stated that the proposal tonight is to take the 1.586 million minus what is encumbered for 2013, minus an administration fee that will continue for the next ten years to carry out the requirements. He stated this action will un-fund the Septic Repair Line.

Legislator Oliverio requested clarification on Deputy County Executive Walker's proposal.

Deputy County Executive Walker went through it again. He stated that the Trucks all could be purchased with just using the WQIP Funds, and leaving a balance of \$137,000. He restated the theory behind taking the money from the Septic Repair Program, leaving a balance to cover ten years of administration costs. The actual balance that is being proposed to move from the Septic Repair Program account is \$1,279,398.35 into the general WQIP Fund account. He clarified that the transferring of funds into the WQIP Fund does not change any of the procedural requirements.

Deputy County Attorney Harris reiterated what was stated by Deputy County Executive Walker.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he was concerned with the usage of the term "County's General Contingency Fund".

Deputy County Executive Walker stated that only applies to the money that will be available after the removal of the "Septic Repair Program Project Coordinator".

Legislator Nacerino stated that she wholeheartedly supports these proposals. She stated that she supports freeing up the encumbered money so that it can be used towards the water quality issues.

Legislator LoBue questioned if the Septic issue at the Tilly Foster Farm could be addressed with the money in the Septic Repair account. She stated that it was reported that the Septic up at the farm was not adequate to support a restaurant business. She stated that when the Septic Repair Program was up and running the specs for the Tilly Foster Farm Septic System were compiled.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated that there has been some discussion about that. He stated that the amount needed could be encumbered.

Legislator LoBue stated that she believes Chris Dellarippa, in the Health Department, may have the specs or know who has them.

County Executive Odell questioned if this is something the Legislature would support doing.

Legislator LoBue stated that she would be in support of it.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated that he will get the correct amount it would cost to address the Septic Matter at the Farm and deduct that amount from the 1,586,000 balance in the account currently and put the balance amount into the WQIP General fund.

Legislator Oliverio requested that it be done in time for the April Audit & Administration meeting.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated that he will get the numbers for the Audit meeting.

Legislator Othmer made a motion to approve Agenda Item #5 **Proposed Resolution to Conclude the Septic Repair Program** and Agenda Item #6 **Use of Water Quality Investment Program (WQIP) Funds To Purchase Equipment/Town of Patterson & Town of Southeast**; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Legislator Oliverio confirmed that Deputy County Executive Walker would get the numbers from Chris Dellarippa pertaining to the cost to address the Tilly Foster Farm Septic issue.

Deputy County Executive Walker stated that he will do that.

Legislator Othmer stated that the Proposed Resolution to “Conclude the Septic Repair Program” has been passed with the need for adjusted numbers.

**Item #7) FYI/Tilly Foster Farm/Fiscal Report for the Year End December 31, 2012**

Legislator LoBue stated that she is looking for the financials from 2011. The Legislature Office does not have a copy on file. She stated that she had sent correspondence to the Law Department requesting that they forward a copy.

Chair Albano stated that he would follow up with a correspondence.

**Item #8) Correspondence:**

**a.) Date: March 20, 2013 From: Legislator Oliverio, Jr. To: County Attorney Bumgarner Re: Peekskill Hollow Road-Weight Restriction/Update**

Legislator Oliverio stated that he has received a response to his correspondence. He stated that Deputy County Attorney Engel researched this matter. He stated after reading the opinion from Deputy County Attorney Engel he understands the law to allow for the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities to enforce a weight restriction on a County Road.

Deputy County Attorney Harris stated that the answer is yes, however it is dependent upon whether the highway material would be injured by these vehicles traveling on the roadway. She stated there has been no documentation stating there has been structural damage to the highway.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he could site several areas along Peekskill Hollow Road that have been negatively impacted.

Deputy County Attorney Harris stated that her legal opinion would be that Commissioner Pena would have to have something which tied the two together: the deterioration of the road structure caused by the weight of the vehicles. She stated that she believes that there needs to be an engineering structural analysis to document and support this. She stated without a professional analysis supporting the fact that heavy trucks are the cause for the deterioration of the road structure, implementing a weight restriction would be improper.

Legislator Othmer stated that this goes back to an earlier discussion of this evening. He stated that if the trucks were damaging a properly constructed and maintained road, then you have a case against the heavy trucks. However if an Engineer goes and finds that there are soft shoulders and no retaining walls, then you cannot blame the deterioration on the weight of the trucks.

Commissioner Pena continued to support his decision not to impose the weight restriction. He stated that the County cannot discriminate against certain particular traffic because it is going to damage the road. He stated that if you say a 40 ton vehicle is going to damage a road, then all 40 ton vehicles need to be restricted. That would include school buses, ambulances, and fire trucks, otherwise the County would be in violation of the Commerce Clause, as referenced in Deputy County Attorney Engel's correspondence.

Legislator Oliverio stated that the Town of Putnam Valley approximately in 1999 or 2000 put a weight restriction on a Town Road. He stated that the restriction was challenged and the Town won because they said the road was not built to handle that type of huge vehicle.

Commissioner Pena questioned if it was due to structural limitation.

Legislator Oliverio stated that the roadway was narrow and twisty.

Commissioner Pena stated narrow and twisty is handled differently; with signage or modifications to the road. He stated that you don't apply weight restrictions to address a narrow and twisty problem.

Legislator Oliverio stated that there has got to be a way to deal with this. He stated that 18 wheelers traveling on that roadway is dangerous.

Legislator LoBue stated that it seems to her, from a cost perspective, that it would be in the best interest of the County to post a weight restriction from the standpoint of the wear and tear on the roads from these large 18 wheelers. She stated that this is a topic of conversation at the Town level as well.

Chair Albano stated that there needs to be evidence that the weight is causing the problem. He stated that you cannot implement a restriction just because there is too much traffic or it is narrow.

Victor Tiship, constituent expressed his interpretation of the opinion from the Law Department. Which he deems it states that the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities does in fact have the authority to enforce a weight restriction on a roadway.

Chair Albano facilitated further discussion on this matter.

Deputy County Attorney Harris stated that she would be available to speak with any of the Legislators if they need further explanation.

Legislative Counsel Ross stated that he would like to clarify that the power is given to the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities not the Legislature.

**b.)Date: March 13, 2013 From: Michael V. Caruso To: County Executive Odell Re: Michael Quis d/b/a One Hundred Twelve Crossroads Corp. 1828 Route 6, Carmel, NY 10512/FYI**

County Executive Odell stated that this correspondence needs some clarification. This is a Senior Housing project. She stated that she had a conversation with Attorney William Shilling, Mr. Caruso's legal representative. She explained to him that she was under the understanding that the Town of Carmel had taken a stand on not having any more Senior Housing built in Carmel, due to the substantial amount of Senior Housing in the Town. However recognizing the fact that there are returning veterans and there is an aging veteran's population that is in need of housing. During her discussion with Mr. Shilling she insisted that no less than 50% of this proposed Senior Housing be dedicated to housing for Veterans. She stated that this is a home rule matter for the Town of Carmel. She stated as a former Legislator who represented District 5, there needs to be attention given to the Senior Housing issue as it impacts the County budget. She stated that in a discussion with Supervisor Schmitt, he also expressed that he agrees with her opinion that Senior Housing has reached saturation in the Town of Carmel.

Chair Albano stated that he believes this is the end of Senior Housing. He stated it is a 25 or 20 unit complex, he does not believe this complex would make or break the community. He stated that he likes the idea of the portion of the rooms being designated to veterans. He stated that he is looking at it favorably.

County Executive Odell stated that she does not want the Veterans Issue to cloud the discussion. She stated she believes that there should absolutely be no less than 50% for the Veterans.

Chair Albano stated that he believes this matter has been on the books for a number of years.

County Executive Odell stated that it is an extension of an application.

Chair Albano stated from a personal standpoint and being a builder himself, he would hate to take away something that has been already approved. He stated that the Legislature has no jurisdiction on this project.

**Item #10) Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 8:45P.M., Legislator Othmer made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature- Diane E. Trabulsy