

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

Tuesday

August 1, 2017

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairwoman Nacerino who requested Legislator LoBue lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairwoman Nacerino requested Legislator Addonizio lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Gouldman, Addonizio, Albano, Jonke, Castellano, LoBue, Sullivan and Chairwoman Nacerino were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Item #4 – Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting – July 5, 2017
Public Hearing – July 5, 2017
Public Hearing – July 11, 2017

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #5 – Correspondence
a) County Auditor

There was a report which listed the individuals that would be receiving a refund of taxes. Items #6n and #6o on the agenda approved the refunds.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Gouldman & Sullivan)**

Item #6a – Approval/Designation/Putnam County Visitors Bureau Inc./Tourist Promotion Agency was next. Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Addonizio, Chairwoman of the Economic Development & Energy Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sullivan, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #161

APPROVAL/DESIGNATION/PUTNAM COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU INC./ TOURIST PROMOTION AGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 162 and 163 of the Economic Development Law, the Putnam County Legislature may designate any not-for-profit corporation or other non-profit organizations, associations or agencies as the Tourist Promotion Agency of the County of Putnam and authorize such agency to make application for and receive grants for the purposes specified in the New York State Tourism Promotion Act; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Visitors Bureau, Inc., which has been a lead agency in the promoting of Putnam County, is qualified to be designated as the Tourist Promotion Agency of Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby designates the Putnam County Visitors Bureau, Inc. as the Tourist Promotion Agency of the County of Putnam

and further authorizes the Putnam County Visitors Bureau, Inc. to make application for and receive grants for the purpose specified in the New York State Tourism Promotion Act.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. MOTION CARRIES.

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to accept the additional amended Item #6b(2); seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #6b(1) – Approval/Putnam County Tourist Promotion Agency “I Love New York” Matching Funds Program (Version approved out of Committee) was next. On behalf of the members of the Economic Development & Energy Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sullivan, Legislator Addonizio moved the amended Resolution; Item #6b(2).

**APPROVAL/PUTNAM COUNTY TOURIST PROMOTION AGENCY “I LOVE NEW YORK”
MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Putnam County is centrally located in the Hudson River Valley region and has an abundance of beauty and natural and historical resources, lending itself as a County to the industry of Travel and Tourism; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County is situated in the midst of a major tourism area close to major urban centers and can bring visitors to its borders by excellent road and rail transportation; and

WHEREAS, tourism growth will produce increased sales tax revenue from visitors’ purchases of gasoline, food and lodging in local establishments and dollars spent at local retail stores and will help reduce reliance on real property tax; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County businesses will be assisted and employment increased through the well-known “multiplier effect” of tourist dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, believing that the economic development of Putnam County can be stimulated by tourism promotion, designated Putnam County Visitors Bureau Inc. as their Tourist Promotion Agency by Resolution #xxx of 2017; and

WHEREAS, the “I Love New York” program of the State of New York offers matching dollars to counties and regions that fund a tourism promotion agency; and

WHEREAS, in order to participate in the County and Regional program, Putnam County must submit a proposal for 2018 as part of its 2018 “I Love New York” matching funds application, which will be prior to Putnam County’s budget adoption process; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive Putnam County’s maximum entitlement of State matching money, it must propose a tourism commitment not to exceed an amount equal to the actual State award; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam will provide to its tourist promotion agency funds equal to the actual State award for the “I Love New York” matching funds program for the Year 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County enter into a contract with the Putnam County Visitors Bureau Inc. (Putnam Tourism Promotion Agency) in which the agency commits to raise funds privately to augment the County and State funding in order to carry out the promotion plan embodied in the 2018 tourism budget and to make this program a three-way County, State and private partnership.

Item #6b(2) - Approval/Putnam County Tourist Promotion Agency "I Love New York" Matching Funds Program (AMENDED Version) was next. On behalf of the members of the Economic Development & Energy Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sullivan, Legislator Addonizio moved the following amended version.

RESOLUTION #162

APPROVAL/PUTNAM COUNTY TOURIST PROMOTION AGENCY "I LOVE NEW YORK" MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Putnam County is centrally located in the Hudson River Valley region and has an abundance of beauty and natural and historical resources, lending itself as a County to the industry of Travel and Tourism; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County is situated in the midst of a major tourism area close to major urban centers and can bring visitors to its borders by excellent road and rail transportation; and

WHEREAS, tourism growth will produce increased sales tax revenue from visitors' purchases of gasoline, food and lodging in local establishments and dollars spent at local retail stores and will help reduce reliance on real property tax; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County businesses will be assisted and employment increased through the well-known "multiplier effect" of tourist dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, believing that the economic development of Putnam County can be stimulated by tourism promotion, designated Putnam County Visitors Bureau Inc. as their Tourist Promotion Agency by Resolution #161 of 2017; and

WHEREAS, the "I Love New York" program of the State of New York offers matching dollars to counties and regions that fund a tourism promotion agency; and

WHEREAS, in order to participate in the County and Regional program, Putnam County must submit a proposal for 2018 as part of its 2018 "I Love New York" matching funds application, which will be prior to Putnam County's budget adoption process; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive Putnam County's maximum entitlement of State matching money, it must propose a tourism commitment ~~not to exceed~~ in an amount at least equal to the actual State award; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam will provide to its tourist promotion agency funds equal to the actual State award for the "I Love New York" matching funds program for the Year 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County enter into a contract with the Putnam County Visitors Bureau Inc. (Putnam Tourism Promotion Agency) in which the agency commits to raise funds privately to augment the County and State funding in order to carry out the promotion plan embodied in the 2018 tourism budget and to make this program a three-way County, State and private partnership.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. MOTION CARRIES.

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Albano, Legislators Castellano & Scuccimarra)

Item #6c – Approval/Budgetary Transfer (17A037)/County Executive/ Preliminary Engineering & Legal Work/ Creation of Two Sewer Districts was next. Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Albano, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee.

On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator LoBue explained that the towns are the entities that create a sewer district. They have never been created on a County level. She stated that in speaking with some of the business owners in Mahopac, they voiced their concerns about the cost of this to the taxpayers and wanted to know the details; of which she stated that she did not have any. She stated that according to the CFA application approved last month by the Legislature, this is a \$16 million project. She believed that New York City was not paying their fair share. She could not image the County taking on this large project, especially without any business plan or explanation to the public on how we will be able to make this money back in order to justify this \$16 million project.

Legislator Albano concurred that New York City should be paying more of their fair share. He stated that we have identified two (2) areas that have potential for growth and that there are already two (2) existing sewer treatment plants that have the capacity to include these areas. He explained that the project had tremendous potential and it was a good opportunity to determine the feasibility of this project. He stated that as far as the costs are concerned, he believed that when projects are bonded over many years they become very cost effective and the benefits of the project outweigh the costs.

Legislator Jonke believed that this was an opportunity for Putnam County to open up these corridors. He explained that the reason the County is involved is because these plants are outside of the County. That is why the towns cannot create a district and build these new sewer lines. He explained that we are looking at \$16 million, however, he believed that until we have a feasibility study we can't answer questions and we don't know what the amount will be. He stated that there was a sewer plant upgrade approximately 20 years ago in the Hamlet of Carmel with a \$30 million cost which was bonded over a lengthy period of time. He believed that this was an opportunity that we should not say no to.

Legislator LoBue stated that one of the sewer plants is located in Somers which is Westchester County and the other is in Danbury, Connecticut. She stated that she was told that the sewer district that runs from McAlpin Avenue in the Town of Carmel to the K-Mart Shopping Center on Route 6 costs \$1,800 per property not including the usage costs. She stated that it is her understanding that the cost associated with the proposed project, which will run from McAlpin Avenue to Heritage Hills, will be very expensive because of the distance. She explained that because of the distance it will be necessary to have substations as well as with the Danbury project. She did not believe that many of the business or property owners along Route 6 were aware that if this project moves forward that they will be paying for it.

Legislator Scuccimarra believed that projects like these were important and will not get any less expensive as time goes on. She believed that we needed to start thinking about the future. She believed that with the growing population, septic fields were creating a negative impact on the environment. She explained that this would provide for a feasibility study for the project.

Legislator Albano explained that he is a business owner in the sewer district in Mahopac and finds it very beneficial. He stated that, of course there are increased taxes and expenses, however he believes it works well for a commercial property. He explained that pump stations were also part of all sewer systems.

Legislator Sullivan concurred with Legislator Albano. He stated that he has a business located along Route 6 in the proposed sewer district area. He stated that he has spoken of this project to many of his neighbors in that area and to individuals in the Mahopac Chamber of Commerce; of which he is a member. He has received positive feedback. He explained that at this point it is just a feasibility study to explore our options.

Legislator Castellano stated that we were only at the feasibility study stage of the proposed project. He believed that it could be a great opportunity for Putnam County and that we needed to look at all aspects. He stated that last month it was discussed that if a property owner wanted to “opt out” of the system, they could do so.

Legislator LoBue stated that it was not quite accurate. She stated that if the pipe runs in front of your property you would have to pay the capital charges.

Legislators Jonke and Albano stated that was not true.

Legislator Jonke explained that before any of this moves forward, the majority of the property owners affected by the proposed sewer district could petition for a referendum.

Legislator Addonizio believed this was an important project, especially in Lake Carmel. She stated that it would definitely have a positive environmental impact because of the failing septic that are currently affecting the lake.

Legislator Albano stated that there are also failing septic systems in some of the condominium complexes. He believed sewer systems were a positive option in that situation.

Legislator Gouldman explained that there are costs associated with supporting infrastructure throughout the County and bringing our community into the 21st century. He stated that this is just support for the feasibility study.

Legislator LoBue stated that in reading the CFA agreement, one of the requirements for the County to qualify and potentially be awarded funding, we would have to invest money in the project to show that we are serious.

Chairwoman Nacerino echoed on some of the comments made. She believed that we need to be proactive in taking steps to revitalize and maximize what we can in Putnam County for our future from both an economic and environmental standpoint. She explained that the vote this evening will give us the opportunity to see if the proposed projects are feasible.

RESOLUTION #163

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /COUNTY EXECUTIVE/ PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING & LEGAL WORK/ CREATION OF TWO SEWER DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, at the 2017 State of the County Address the County Executive announced the formation of a task force committee which would explore the feasibility of an inter-governmental partnership between the County and the City of Danbury; and

WHEREAS, the partnership would enable the creation of a sewer district in the Route 6 corridor from the Danbury, Connecticut State line to the Village of Brewster; and

WHEREAS, the sewer district would connect to Danbury's sewer system and utilize its excess capacity; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is also seeking to create a similar sewer district on Route 6 in the Town of Carmel in the area of Union Valley Road towards Buckshollow Road; and

WHEREAS, this district would connect to and utilize the excess capacity in the Heritage Hills sewer system in Somers; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has requested a budgetary amendment (17A037) to provide funding for the preliminary engineering and legal work required toward the creation of these two (2) Sewer Districts in Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, each project has been allocated \$50,000 for preliminary engineering work and \$25,000 for outside legal work; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has requested an additional allocation of \$10,000 in the budgetary amendment for a feasibility study for a proposed Lake Carmel Sewer Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, the subject funding will be utilized to develop a Facilities Plan in connection with each project to confirm the feasibility of the projects and will be utilized to advance the projects to the districting stage; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10990100 59020	Transfer to Capital Fund	160,000
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Decrease:

10199000 54980	Contingency	160,000
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CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

58989000 53000 51713	Sewer Districts	160,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

58989000 428601 51713	Interfund Transfers – Sewer Districts	160,000
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2017 Fiscal Impact \$160,000

2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6d – Approval/ 2017 Consolidated Funding Applications (CFA) for Grant Funding for Projects Aimed to Increase Local Economic Development and Encourage Growth in Putnam County through Capital Infrastructure Projects was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #164

APPROVAL 2017 CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATIONS (CFA) FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AIMED TO INCREASE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AND ENCOURAGE GROWTH IN PUTNAM COUNTY THROUGH CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (Manitou Station Road and Trailway Connection/Tilly Foster Farm)

WHEREAS, the County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature agree that through economic development efforts that generate, retain and/or create jobs; prevent, reduce and/or eliminate unemployment and underemployment; and increase business and economic activity in Putnam County (the “County”), employment opportunities will develop and jobs will be created, property values will improve and increased sales tax revenues realized, all of the foregoing positively impacting the County’s economic competitiveness, which is in the best interests of County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, competitive funding opportunities are being offered through New York State, more particularly, the New York Regional Economic Development Council (NYREDC), as set forth in the recently published New York State Regional Economic Development Councils’ 2017 Available CFA Resources Manual¹ (the “Manual”), for which submission of applications is due to the State on or before July 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, funding opportunities exist in connection with, among other things, projects that focus on public infrastructure and economic growth investments, community development, environmental and water quality improvements and sustainability planning and implementation, which, if effectuated in the County, can positively impact the County’s economic and social viability and vitality and are wholly in the best interests of County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature agree that the County should submit its competitive funding applications in connection with projects as aforesaid for grant funding, the foregoing expected to positively impact the County’s economic competitiveness, which is in the best interests of County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, is desirous to competitively seek grant funds through the 2017 CFA competitive grant application process as outlined in the Manual; and

WHEREAS, if grant funding is awarded to the County by the NYREDC, depending on the award and grant category, maximum contributions by NYREDC, with required local matched contributions for specific projects/programs exist, *to wit*:

<u>Proposed Project Application</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Estimated Construction Costs</u>	<u>CFA</u>
WQIP (Water Quality Improvement Program) Aquatic Habitat Restoration	Manitou Station Road (Philipstown)	\$600,000	\$250,000
OPRHP (Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation) Recreational Trails Program	Trail Network Connection Putnam Trailway and Tilly Foster Farm (Southeast)	\$500,000 ²	\$200,000

¹ See, <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2017ResourcesAvailable.pdf>

² Includes costs to purchase equipment to maintain the trailway

and

WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, has/continues efforts to seek and make application for supplemental grant funding for the aforesaid Proposed Projects; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the County Legislature, support the County's applications for CFA grant funding for submission on or before July 28, 2017 and approves the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation's request to apply for 2017 CFA grant competitive funding; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6e – Approval/ Putnam County Veterans' Residence/ Lease Agreement Renewals was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #165

APPROVAL/PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS' RESIDENCE/LEASE AGREEMENT RENEWALS

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is the owner of certain real property, including the building situated thereon, located at 9 Drew Lane, Carmel, New York 10512, which is known as the Putnam County Veterans' Residence; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Veterans' Residence is operated as a communal residence for veterans who meet the established eligibility criteria; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam previously entered into separate lease agreements with the veterans listed in the attached Schedule "A", for single-residence rooms in the Putnam County Veterans' Residence; and

WHEREAS, said lease agreements expired on July 31, 2017 and the County of Putnam is desirous of renewing same for a period of one (1) year; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam approves the renewal of the leases between the County and the veterans listed in the attached Schedule "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute renewal lease agreements with the veterans listed in the attached Schedule "A", for said single-residence rooms in the Putnam County Veterans' Residence at the rental amounts listed in the attached Schedule "A", which renewal leases shall be in the form attached hereto as Schedule "B"; and be it further

RESOLVED that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate said renewal lease agreements in the manner approved herein and as written.

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

(Chairman Sullivan, Legislators Addonizio & Albano)

Item #6f – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A038)/ County Clerk /Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Grant Award was next. Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Sullivan, Chairman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Albano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:

Legislator Albano explained that this was a great example of working together with our Towns.

Chairwoman Nacerino concurred. It also eliminates the need to save paper.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated the Town of Philipstown has also been working on this. She explained that it is quite an undertaking, but a great way to get rid of old files.

Legislator Castellano commended the County Clerk’s office in taking on this initiative. He knows firsthand that electronic filing makes it more efficient when storing and retrieving documents.

RESOLUTION #166

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / COUNTY CLERK /LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT FUND (LGRMIF) GRANT AWARD

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has requested a budgetary amendment (17A038) to account for a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Grant awarded in the amount of \$147,725; and

WHEREAS, the grant is a shared services grant in conjunction with the Town of Carmel and will add to the existing electronic document management system created under the previous 2016/2017 grant, (Resolution #199 of 2016), and address the problems that are prevalent with the storing and access of paper records; and

WHEREAS, this grant runs from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, there are no matching County funds required and therefore no approval resolution was needed to apply for said grant; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Audit & Administrative Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10146000 54646 10135	Contracts	147,725
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10146000 430601 10135	State Aid – Records Mgmt	147,725
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2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Castellano & Jonke)**

Item #6g – Approval/Fund Transfer (17T131)/Sheriff’s Department/Uniforms was next. Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Gouldman, Chairman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Jonke, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

Chairwoman Nacerino explained that, per the request of Legislator LoBue, we received the breakdown of the items being purchased.

Legislator Jonke stated that the Legislature was informed that this clothing will last for a long time.

Legislator Sullivan concurred that we were informed that the clothing will last for quite a while. He stated that it will include all year round attire.

RESOLUTION #167

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/UNIFORMS

**WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department has requested a fund transfer (17T131) to cover the costs of buying replacement Emergency Response Team (ERT) uniforms; and
WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department has indicated that these funds were provided by 2016 State Homeland Security funding; and
WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said fund transfer; now therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:**

Decrease:		
10364501 52180 10131	Homeland Security Equip.	35,000
Increase:		
10364501 54385 10131	Homeland Security Uniform	35,000
2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 –		
2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –		

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6h – Approval/ Support for Creation / Bureau of Emergency Services Technical Rescue Team was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Jonke, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

Legislator Scuccimarra thanked the Bureau of Emergency Services for working on this grant. She explained that it will benefit the Village of Cold Spring and the local Fire Department in their rescue efforts at Breakneck Ridge Mountain. She stated the it will be beneficial to the entire County.

RESOLUTION #168

**APPROVAL/ SUPPORT FOR CREATION / BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM**

WHEREAS, there exists in Putnam County a need for a Technical Rescue Team in order to support local fire departments and communities when sophisticated resources and specially trained personnel are required to assist residents or visitors needing rescue; and

WHEREAS, the County has procured a Department of Homeland Security grant to fund the acquisition of equipment and training of a Technical Rescue Team in the specialty of rope rescue; and

WHEREAS, rope rescue is just one role and capability of a technical rescue team that can include specialized training in wilderness search, confined space, swift water and ice rescue skills; and

WHEREAS, the County Bureau of Emergency Services has assembled a cadre of volunteers from the County's Fire Departments and Ambulance Corps expressing interest to be on such a team; and

WHEREAS, the County will obtain authorization from the volunteer fire departments, communities and ambulance corps for these personnel to participate on a County sponsored Technical Rescue Team while being covered under the home departments insurance; and

WHEREAS, calls for technical rescue are increasing in Putnam; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature does hereby authorize the Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services to create a Technical Rescue Team and oversee the training, equipping, and operations of the team.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6i – Approval/Support for Creation / Hazardous Materials Response Team and Fire Investigation Team / Bureau of Emergency Services was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Jonke, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #169

**APPROVAL/SUPPORT FOR CREATION / HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM
AND FIRE INVESTIGATION TEAM / BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services has for many years sponsored a Hazardous Materials Response Team and a Fire Investigation Team. The teams were developed to support local fire departments and communities when sophisticated resources and specially trained personnel are required to assist at HAZMAT events and Fire Investigations; and

WHEREAS, these Teams are staffed by groups of dedicated volunteers from the County's Fire Departments and Ambulance Corps many of whom have served selflessly for years; and

WHEREAS, the County has obtained authorization from the volunteer fire departments, communities and ambulance corps for these personnel to participate on a County sponsored Hazmat and/or Fire Investigation Team while being covered under the home department's insurance; and

WHEREAS, the need to mitigate the effects of a Hazardous Materials incident and the need to determine the cause and origin of a fire require more sophisticated equipment and technical ability than local Departments could afford to develop and maintain; and

WHEREAS, no single Department has the volume of HAZMAT or Fire Investigation calls to justify a Department based Team, collectively a County Team that responds to calls for all of Putnam will have the activity and experience from the combined responses to better protect and serve the residents of our great County; and

WHEREAS, both the Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Fire Investigation Team have heretofore not been officially established in the County Code, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature does hereby authorize the Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services to formally create The Hazardous Materials Response Team and The Fire Investigation Team, and oversee the training, equipping, and operations of the teams.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING
(Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Albano & Jonke)**

Item #6j – Approval/Fund Transfer (17T135)/Legislature/Legislative Attorney/Per Diem Services was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Albano and Jonke, Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #170

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /LEGISLATURE/LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY/PER DIEM SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Legislature has requested a fund transfer (17T135) to provide for the per diem services of Deputy County Attorneys attending Legislative Committee Meetings at a rate of \$49.00 per hour until the vacancy of Legislative Counsel was filled; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10101001 51000 (10112)	Personnel	777.00
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Increase:

10101001 51089	Per Diem Services	777.00
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2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6k – Approval/Local Law to Amend Section 2.04 of the Putnam County Charter Entitled “Powers and Duties” by Adding a New Subsection Pertaining to Collective Bargaining Labor Disputes and Reorganizing Existing Subsections was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Albano and Jonke, Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #171

LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 2.04 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED “POWERS AND DUTIES” BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION PERTAINING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LABOR DISPUTES AND REORGANIZING EXISTING SUBSECTIONS

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

Section 1.

Section 2.04q of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

(q) To appoint, as deemed necessary and proper, by resolution duly adopted, outside counsel on a per case basis;

Section 2.

Section 2.04 of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (r) and renumbering the existing subsection (r) to subsection (s) to read as follows:

(r) To appoint, or consent to be appointed, by resolution duly adopted, a mediator or arbitrator in any collective bargaining labor dispute or negotiation involving the County as an employer.

(s) Publication requirements.

(1) The notice hearing to be held by the County Executive for the adoption of a local law as provided for in § 3.04-B of the Charter shall contain an abstract of the provisions thereof and shall include the location and availability of a copy of the actual text of each local law.

(2) Upon adoption of each local law of the County of Putnam the Clerk of the Legislature shall cause the publication once in the official newspapers of the County of the Notice of Adoption of said local law and an abstract of the provision thereof. Said notice shall include the location and availability of a copy of the actual text of each local law. This publication shall be in lieu of that required by County Law 214(2), which is hereby expressly superseded by this local law.

Section 3.

This local law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its adoption, subject to referendum on petition in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Chairman Castellano, Legislators Jonke & Sullivan)**

Item #6L – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A040)/ Planning Department/ ADA Transit Accessibility II Project Grant Award was next. Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Jonke & Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator LoBue detailed the four (4) projects. 1) Peaceable Hill Road in Brewster, will connect the existing sidewalk at the corner of Route 6 and Peaceable Hill Road further up Peaceable Hill Road to meet the staircase (previously constructed) from the bikeway to the roadside and also drainage improvements. 2) North Main Street in Brewster, will connect the existing sidewalk on North Main Street to the bikeway ramp (previously constructed) on the north side of Kobacker’s grocery store. 3) Old Route 6 in Carmel, will connect the existing sidewalk on Old Route 6 northward to Route 6 and across Route 6 to the existing sidewalk on the other side. 4) Route 6 in Brewster, will extend the existing sidewalk, that now terminates in front of the former Brewster Honda, further east on Route 6 to serve the two (2) shopping centers along that section of Route 6.

Chairwoman Nacerino explained that these projects provide accessibility for people with disabilities to passive recreation.

Legislator Castellano stated that once the two (2) bridges are completed in that area the whole bikepath will be connected. He explained that when all these projects are completed the bikepath will be more accessible for everyone.

RESOLUTION #172

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / PLANNING DEPARTMENT/ ADA TRANSIT ACCESSIBILITY II PROJECT GRANT AWARD

WHEREAS, by Resolution #383 of 2011 the Putnam County Legislature approved and authorized the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation to apply for a grant from the Federal Transit Administration’s New Freedom Program in the amount of \$728,000; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #193 of 2012 budgetary amendment (12A063) allocated funding for the New Freedom Grant for the County’s share of the construction and reconstruction of sidewalks to provide access to the bikeways; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this ADA Transit Accessibility II Project #51218 has increased; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has received notification from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) that its application for funding the ADA Transit Accessibility II Project has been approved under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) in the amount of \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, TAP-CMAQ programs will provide funding reimbursement for up to 80% of eligible expenses up to the award amount; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Commissioner of Planning has requested a budgetary amendment (17A040) to provide the necessary funding for the ADA Transit Accessibility II Project; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10990100 59020	Transfer to Capital Fund	100,000
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Decrease:

10199000 54980	Contingency	100,000
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CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55997000 53000 51218	ADA Transit Accessibility II	500,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55997000 428601 51218	Interfund Transfer – ADA Transit	100,000
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55997000 445971 51218	State Aid – ADA Transit Accessibility II	400,000
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2017 Fiscal Impact \$100,000

2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6m – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A043)/Legislature/Historic Courthouse Audio System Upgrade was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #173

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /LEGISLATURE/HISTORIC COURTHOUSE AUDIO SYSTEM UPGRADE

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (17A043) to amend the 2017 Courthouse budget to replace the existing Audio System in the main courtroom in the Historic Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, this request has been approved as Tenant Work by the NYS Unified Court System as 100% reimbursable to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration has reviewed and approved said request; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10116200 430211	St Aid Court Facilities	22,542
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Increase Appropriations:

10116200	Judicial Expense	
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52640

Audio Visual Equip >\$5,000

22,542

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6n – Approval/Refund of Taxes/ Christine Lovett/ Town of Kent/ Tax Map #32.6-1-1 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Jonke stated that he would abstain from voting because he is the assessor in the Town of Kent.

RESOLUTION #174

APPROVAL/REFUND OF TAXES/ CHRISTINE LOVETT/ TOWN OF KENT/ TAX MAP #32.6-1-1

WHEREAS, Christine Lovett has requested a tax refund of \$11,417.66 for Tax Map #32.6-1-1 in the Town of Kent; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services, the Commissioner of Finance, the Department of Law, the County Executive and the County Auditor have reviewed and approve said tax refund; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approves said tax refund; now therefore be it

RESOVLED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the application for a refund of taxes by Christine Lovett for Tax Map #32.6-1-1 in the Town of Kent in the amount of \$11,417.66.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR JONKE. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6o – Approval/Refund of Taxes/ Roberta Perry-Mapp/ Town of Kent/ Tax Map #11.13-1-37 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Jonke stated that he would abstain from voting because he is the assessor in the Town of Kent.

RESOLUTION #175

APPROVAL/REFUND OF TAXES/ ROBERTA PERRY-MAPP/ TOWN OF KENT/ TAX MAP #11.13-1-37

WHEREAS, Roberta Perry-Mapp has requested a tax refund of \$4,204.56 for Tax Map #11.13-1-37 in the Town of Kent; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services, the Commissioner of Finance, the Department of Law, the County Executive and the County Auditor have reviewed and approve said tax refund; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approves said tax refund; now therefore be it

RESOVLED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the application for a refund of taxes by Roberta Perry-Mapp for Tax Map #11.13-1-37 in the Town of Kent in the amount of \$4,204.56.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR JONKE. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7 – Other Business

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to accept the other business as Item #7a; seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Item #7a – Approval / Sales Tax Adjustment was next. Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislators Albano and Sullivan.

Chairwoman Nacerino explained that this resolution extends the additional 1% sales tax as approved by the Governor for a period to expire November 30, 2020.

RESOLUTION #176

APPROVAL/SALES TAX ADJUSTMENT

County Legislature of the County of Putnam imposing taxes on sales and uses of tangible personal property and of certain services, on occupancy of hotel rooms and on amusement charges, pursuant to Article 29 of the Tax Law of the State of New York.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4-A of Resolution #85 of 1977, adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam on February 10, 1977, imposing sales and compensating use taxes, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 4-A. Imposition of additional rate of sales and compensating use taxes.

Pursuant to the authority of section 1210 of the Tax Law, in addition to the sales and compensating use taxes imposed by sections 2 and 4 of this resolution, there is hereby imposed and there shall be paid an additional one percent rate of such sales and compensating use taxes, for the period beginning September 1, 2007, and ending November 30, 2020. Such additional taxes shall be identical to the taxes imposed by such sections 2 and 4 and shall be administered and collected in the same manner as such taxes. All of the provisions of this resolution relating or applicable to the administration and collection of the taxes imposed by such section 2 and 4 shall apply to the additional taxes imposed by this section, including the applicable transitional provisions, limitations, special provisions, exemptions, exclusions, refunds and credits as are set forth in this resolution, with the same force and effect as if those provisions had been incorporated in full into this section and had expressly referred to the additional taxes imposed by this section.

SECTION 2. Paragraph (g) of subdivision (1) of section 11 of Resolution #85 of 1977, adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam on February 10, 1977, imposing sales and compensating use taxes, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

(g) With respect to the additional one percent rate of taxes imposed for the period beginning September 1, 2007, and ending November 30, 2020, in respect to the use of property used by the purchaser in this county prior to September 1, 2007.

SECTION 3. This enactment shall take effect December 1, 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #8 – Recognition of Public

Lynne Eckardt speaking as a resident of Southeast and not as Town of Southeast Council read a letter into the record which pertained to Item #6c – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A037)/County Executive/Preliminary Engineering & Legal Work/ Creation of Two Sewer Districts. Ms. Eckardt addressed the proposed sewer district for the Town of Southeast which she explained that the project entails piping sewage along Route 6 from the Village of Brewster to the Danbury, Connecticut plant. She stated that she was surprised that all of Putnam’s taxpayers would be financially responsible for the \$75,000 engineering and legal expenditures for this project. She wanted everyone to be aware of the \$102 million mandated upgrade at the Danbury Sewer Plant. She explained that, of that \$102 million, \$52 million would be paid from federal funds while the remaining \$50 million would be paid for by sewer users, including the properties in the Southeast district. She questioned if the sewers were necessary or needed to develop this corridor. She questioned if tax dollars were being spent wisely. She explained that the 185,000 square foot Stateline Retail Center was approved over six (6) years ago. It already has approved septic fields, yet remains a bucolic field as no business is interested in building brick and mortar retail. She did not understand why all Putnam residents were funding a project that would benefit only 40 properties.

Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Gouldman announced the passing of Emily Rose Oliverio, who was the loving mother of Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio, Jr. He explained the number of ways in which Ms. Oliverio served the community she loved and he stated that she will truly be missed.

Legislator Castellano stated that there will be an event taking place in the Village of Brewster on Sunday afternoon; it is the Brewster Chamber of Commerce’s 60th Anniversary celebration. It will be held at Wells Park, August 6th from 1:00 – 6:00 pm.

Chairwoman Nacerino closed with a Public Announcement that the NYS Department of Transportation will begin construction to replace the Sprain Brook Parkway in the southbound bridge over Payne Street, located in the Town of Greenburgh and the Village of Elmsford, Westchester County. The traffic impact is anticipated to last 90 days and begins on August 21, 2017.

There being no further business, at 7:41 P.M., Legislator Albano made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.