

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

Tuesday January 3, 2017 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by County Clerk Michael Bartolotti who requested that Board of Election Commissioner, Anthony Scannapieco lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. County Clerk Bartolotti then requested Legislator Sullivan to lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Albano, Jonke, Castellano, LoBue and Sullivan were present.

Item #4 – Appointment/Chair/Putnam County Legislature was called first. County Clerk Bartolotti requested nominations from the floor for Chair of the Legislature.

Legislator Castellano made a motion to nominate Legislator Nacerino as Chairwoman; seconded by Legislator Gouldman.

Legislator Castellano stated that Legislator Nacerino has a distinguished career in the Town of Patterson serving seven (7) years on the Patterson Town Board and six (6) years on the Patterson Zoning Board of Appeals. He stated that Legislator Nacerino was elected to the Putnam County Legislature in 2012 and re-elected in 2015. She has served as Chairwoman of the Rules and Personnel Committees and last year served as Chairwoman of the Legislature. She has helped to lead and guide the Legislature through some difficult and trying Legislative sessions and has always put the people of Putnam County first.

Legislator Gouldman stated that it was his honor to second the nomination. He explained that Legislator Nacerino has the character traits and the qualities to be a true leader. Her knowledge of the operations of County government is vast as shown from her position as Chairwoman this past year and as Deputy Chairwoman two (2) years prior. Legislator Nacerino has been a homeowner in the Town of Patterson since 1988. As a public figure she has been a trusted and steady presence with having the voice of moderation and the voice of reason which he believed were the real qualities needed for this position.

County Clerk Bartolotti requested a roll call vote on the nomination.

RESOLUTION #1

APPOINTMENT/CHAIR/PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that Ginny Nacerino be appointed to the position of Chair of the Putnam County Legislature, with all the rights, privileges and duties of the office as set forth in the Putnam County Charter as permitted by law for a period ending December 31, 2017.

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

Item #5 – Appointment/Deputy Chair/Putnam County Legislature was next.

Legislator Albano made a motion to nominate Legislator Castellano as Deputy Chair; seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra.

Legislator Albano stated that Legislator Castellano has a wealth of knowledge in the process of County government. He votes with common sense and fairness. He has also done an excellent job as the Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that it has been her great pleasure in getting to know Legislator Castellano over the years. His quiet and sensitive demeanor is very settling when we are in the midst of our arguments. She believed he was a great asset to this Legislature.

Chairwoman Nacerino called for a roll call vote on the nomination.

RESOLUTION #2

APPOINTMENT/DEPUTY CHAIR/PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that Joseph Castellano be appointed to the position of Deputy Chair of the Putnam County Legislature, with all the rights privileges and duties of the office as set forth in the Putnam County Charter, as permitted by law for a period ending December 31, 2017.

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

Item #6 – Appointment/Legislative Clerk was called next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislator LoBue.

RESOLUTION #3

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE CLERK

RESOLVED, that Diane Schonfeld be appointed to the position of Legislative Clerk, with all the rights, privileges and duties of the Office as set forth in the Putnam County Charter, as permitted by law for a three-year term period ending December 31, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this appointment comply with any requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7 – Adoption of Legislative Manual was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislator Albano.

RESOLUTION #4

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE MANUAL

WHEREAS, Section 2, Sub-division B(e) of the Legislative Manual requires that the Legislature adopt annually its Legislative Manual, including any amendments incorporated therein; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature adopts the annexed Legislative Manual for the year 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #8 – Adoption of Legislative Calendar was next. Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator LoBue.

RESOLUTION #5

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

WHEREAS, the Legislative Manual for the Legislature of the County of Putnam provides that annually the Legislative Calendar shall be adopted and promulgated by the Clerk of the Legislature, that the Legislature meets on the first Tuesday of each and every month thereof, except where noted; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following schedule be adopted as to Regular Meeting dates of the Putnam County Legislature for the year 2017:

Tuesday	January 3, 2017
Tuesday	February 7, 2017
Tuesday	March 7, 2017
Tuesday	April 4, 2017
Tuesday	May 2, 2017
Tuesday	June 6, 2017
Wednesday	July 5, 2017
Tuesday	August 1, 2017
Tuesday	September 5, 2017
Tuesday	October 3, 2017
Wednesday	November 8, 2017
Tuesday	December 5, 2017

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #9 – Designation of Official Newspaper was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislators LoBue and Addonizio.

RESOLUTION #6

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 2.04 (k) of the Putnam County Charter, the following newspaper, to wit:

Putnam County Press

is hereby designated as an official newspaper of the County of Putnam for the publication of all concurrent resolutions, election notices, official canvasses, enactments and other matters required by law to be published for the year 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #10 – Designation of Official Newspaper was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

RESOLUTION #7

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 2.04 (k) of the Putnam County Charter, the following newspaper, to wit:

Putnam County Courier

is hereby designated as an official newspaper of the County of Putnam for the publication of all concurrent resolutions, election notices, official canvasses, enactments and other matters required by law to be published for the year 2017.

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

Item #11 – Designation of Official Newspaper was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra.

RESOLUTION #8

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 2.04 (k) of the Putnam County Charter, the following newspaper, to wit:

Putnam County News & Recorder

is hereby designated as an official newspaper of the County of Putnam for the publication of all concurrent resolutions, election notices, official canvasses, enactments and other matters required by law to be published for the year 2017.

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

Item #12 – Permission for Legislature to Attend Conferences, Seminars & Official Business for the County was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislator Albano.

RESOLUTION #9

PERMISSION FOR LEGISLATURE TO ATTEND CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE COUNTY

RESOLVED, that Legislators and Legislative Staff be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while attending conferences, seminars and official business of the County for the year 2017 for any such event costing under \$200.00. Any such event costing over \$200.00 will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Legislature.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #13 – Authorization for County Auditor to Approve Erroneous Assessments Under \$2,500 was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

RESOLUTION #10

AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY AUDITOR TO APPROVE ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS UNDER \$2,500

WHEREAS, Chapter 515 of the Laws of 1997 authorizes a tax levying body, by resolution, to delegate to an official who is empowered to authorize the payment of bills without prior audit by such board, the authority to perform the duties of the tax levying body as specified in Section 556(8) of the Real Property Tax Law; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby delegates to the County Auditor the authority to review and approve applications for refunds of taxes due to erroneous assessments, whether by clerical error or unlawful entry, and where the recommended refund is \$2,500 or less; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to statute, this authority shall expire on December 31, 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #14 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Cooperative Extension Board was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislator LoBue.

RESOLUTION #11

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BOARD

RESOLVED, that Neal L. Sullivan be appointed as the Legislative Representative to the Cooperative Extension Board for a period of one year, said term to expire on December 31, 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #15 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Jury Board was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislator Albano.

RESOLUTION #12

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/JURY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Dini LoBue be appointed Legislative Representative to the Putnam County Jury Board for a period of one year, said term to expire on December 31, 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #16 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Region 3 Forest Practice Board was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislators LoBue and Addonizio.

RESOLUTION #13

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/REGION 3 FOREST PRACTICE BOARD

RESOLVED, that Barbara Scuccimarra be appointed Legislative Representative to the Region 3 Forest Practice Board for a period of one year, said term to expire on December 31, 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #17 – Appointment/Legislative Representatives/Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislator Albano.

RESOLUTION #14

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES/PUTNAM COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD

RESOLVED, that Barbara Scuccimarra and Neal Sullivan be appointed Legislative Representatives to the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board for a one year term, said term to expire December 31, 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #18 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Records Management Board was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislator LoBue.

RESOLUTION #15

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/RECORDS MANAGEMENT BOARD

RESOLVED, that Paul E. Jonke be appointed Legislative Representative to the Records Management Board for a one year period, said term to expire December 31, 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #19 – Appointment/Legislative Representatives/Putnam County Board of Health was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislator LoBue.

RESOLUTION #16

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES/PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

RESOLVED, that Barbara Scuccimarra be appointed as Legislative Representative to the Putnam County Board of Health for a period of one year, said term to expire December 31, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Carl L. Albano will serve as an Alternate to the Putnam County Board of Health for a period of one year, said term to expire December 31, 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #20 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra.

RESOLUTION #17

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

RESOLVED, that Dini LoBue be appointed as the Legislative Representative to the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board for a period of one year, said term to expire on December 31, 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #21 – Appointment/Putnam County Representative/Catskill Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation Board was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislators Castellano and Albano.

RESOLUTION #18

APPOINTMENT/PUTNAM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE/CATSKILL REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION BOARD

RESOLVED, that Vincent Tamagna be appointed as the Putnam County representative to the Catskill Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation Board, for a one year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this appointment comply with any requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #22 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Fish & Wildlife Management Board was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislators Albano and Scuccimarra.

RESOLUTION #19

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

RESOLVED, that William Gouldman be appointed as Legislative Representative on the Fish and Wildlife Management Board, for a one- year term to expire on December 31, 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #23 – Appointment/Law Library Board was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislators Albano and Addonizio.

RESOLUTION #20

APPOINTMENT/LAW LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Paul E. Jonke be appointed to the Law Library Board for a one (1) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Ginny Nacerino shall serve as an Alternate to the Law Library Board for a one (1) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #24 - Appointment/Legislative Liaison/Veterans Affairs was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislators LoBue and Albano.

RESOLUTION #21

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE LIAISON/VETERANS AFFAIRS

RESOLVED, that Ginny Nacerino be appointed Legislative Liaison for Veterans Affairs for a period of one year, said term to expire December 31, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Toni Addonizio shall serve as an Alternate as Legislative Liaison for Veterans Affairs for a period of one year, said term to expire December 31, 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #25 – Appointment/Jail Physician was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislators Jonke and LoBue.

RESOLUTION #22

APPOINTMENT/JAIL PHYSICIAN

RESOLVED, that Michael Nesheiwat be appointed Jail Physician for a period of one year, said term to expire December 31, 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #26 – Appointment/Legislative Representatives/Putnam County Fire Advisory Board was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra.

RESOLUTION #23

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES/PUTNAM COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Dini LoBue be appointed as Legislative Representative to the Putnam County Fire Advisory Board, for a one (1) year term to expire on December 31, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Carl L. Albano will serve as an Alternate to the Putnam County Fire Advisory Board, for a one (1) year term to expire on December 31, 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #27 – Approval/Authorization/Legislators to Attend January New York State Association of Counties Conference was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislator Addonizio.

RESOLUTION #24

APPROVAL/AUTHORIZATION/LEGISLATORS TO ATTEND JANUARY NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, nine Legislators have requested permission to attend the New York State Association of Counties Conference to be held in Albany, New York in January 2017 for registration and lodging total expenditure of approximately \$731 per person; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approves their requests; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that nine Legislators are authorized to attend the New York State Association of Counties Conference to be held in Albany, New York in January 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #28 – Approval/Purchasing Department/Identifying Individuals Responsible for Purchasing was next. Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Albano.

RESOLUTION #25

APPROVAL/PURCHASING DEPARTMENT/IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING

WHEREAS, Section 140-1.5 of the Putnam County Code (Procurement Policy) requires the Legislature to annually identify the individuals responsible for purchasing and their respective titles; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature re-affirms the County's Procurement Policy as contained in Chapter 140 of the Putnam County Code and identifies the following individuals and their respective titles as the individuals responsible for purchasing:

- a. Alessandro Mazzotta, Director of Purchasing
- b. Cynthia Ann Jaffre, Principal Account Clerk
- c. Elizabeth Duffy-Rau, Project Coordinator
- d. Michele Pinto, Account Clerk

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #29 - Approval/Budgetary Transfer (17T001)/Director of Personnel/Reallocation of Personnel Lines was next (approved at November Personnel Mtg and December Audit Mtg). Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Addonizio.

RESOLUTION #26

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY TRANSFER /DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL/REALLOCATION OF PERSONNEL LINES

WHEREAS, the Director of Personnel, at the November Personnel Committee meeting, requested a budgetary transfer (17T001) to reallocate Personnel Lines to allow for an employee, who was working 25 hours per week due to an illness, to return back to 30 hours per week effective 01/01/17; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said budgetary transfer; now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10143000 51000 (10108)	Personnel Services	8,856
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10143000 51000 (10110)	Personnel Services	8,856
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2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #30 – Approval/Putnam County’s Request to Extend the 1% Increased County Sales Tax for an Additional Two Years was next (approved at December Audit Mtg).

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Albano.

Legislator LoBue stated that she would be voting in favor of this. She stated that for the record she has always discussed the high sales tax rate and would like to see it reduced by one quarter percent which would equate to approximately \$3.585 million. However, she explained that in order to do so, there would need to be a plan that would require strict cost controls. She stated that with Putnam County having such a high sales tax rate, we were not competitive with the surrounding States which she believed was an impediment to economic development. She stated that it needed to be passed this evening because it has already been built into the budget. However, she believed that this was something that needed to be looked at.

RESOLUTION #27

APPROVAL/PUTNAM COUNTY’S REQUEST TO EXTEND THE 1% INCREASED COUNTY SALES TAX FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS

WHEREAS, in light of the current and ongoing fiscal challenges facing Putnam County government, it is appropriate to maintain revenues by renewing the previously authorized one (1%) percent County sales tax increase; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 113 of the Laws of 2011 and pursuant to Resolution #41 of 2011, Resolution #88 of 2013 and Resolution #38 of 2015 the Putnam County Legislature approved the introduction and passage of legislation for the continued authorization of Putnam County’s sales tax to be increased from three (3%) percent to four (4%) percent for period September 1, 2007 through November 30, 2017, which authorization is about to expire and needs to be renewed; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Executive and Putnam County Legislature further determine that as an alternative to dramatically raising real property taxes in Putnam

County it is necessary to renew the expiring one (1%) percent County sales tax increase; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and Putnam County Legislature hereby support and request the introduction and passage of legislation authorizing the renewal of the expiring one (1%) percent County sales tax increase for an additional two (2) years, that is, for period December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to our State representatives in the State Legislature as well as the Governor and leadership of our State Legislature.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #31 - Executive Session/ Personnel Matter was next.

At 7:22 P.M., Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to go into executive session for a personnel matter; seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

At 7:48 P.M., Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to come out of executive session; seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that she would like to move forward with Item #31, the Approval to Rescind Appointment of Resolution #3 of 2015; seconded by Legislator Castellano.

RESOLUTION #28

APPROVAL/RESCIND APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION #3 OF 2015

WHEREAS, Resolution #3 of 2015 was adopted appointing Clement Van Ross to the position of Legislative Counsel “with all of the rights, privileges and duties of the Office as set forth in the Putnam County Charter as permitted by law for a three year term period ending December 31, 2017”; and

WHEREAS, despite the terms of said Resolution, no language exists in the Putnam County Charter with respect to the privileges and duties of the position of Legislative Counsel; and

WHEREAS, despite the terms of said Resolution, no language exists in the Putnam County Charter, the Putnam County Code, the Legislative Manual or any other applicable law outlining the term for the appointment of the position of Legislative Counsel; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution #3 of 2015 is hereby rescinded; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the position of Legislative Counsel shall be deemed immediately vacant until such time as a new Resolution shall be adopted to fill said position.

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

Item #32 – Other Business.

Item #32a - Approval/Fund Transfer (16T408)/District Attorney/Special Prosecutor Services was next. Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Albano.

RESOLUTION #29

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /DISTRICT ATTORNEY/SPECIAL PROSECUTOR SERVICES

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has requested a fund transfer (16T408) to cover costs for Special Prosecutor Services; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approves said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10116500 54612	Stenographic Services	9,000
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Increase:

10116500 54682	Special Services	9,000
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2016 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #33 – Recognition of Public

Lynne Eckardt, Town of Southeast Councilwoman congratulated the new Legislators. Ms. Eckardt stated that with the adoption of the Legislative Calendar, she recommended that Committee meetings, if possible, be held on specific times during the month. Ms. Eckardt stated that she would submit her questions; she wanted to know what the budget was for Item #27 regarding authorization and approval for the Legislators to attend the NYSAC conference and how many Legislators were attending. She also wanted to know what the budget was, which she knew she could get, on attending the conferences.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that she looked forward to Ms. Eckardt submitting her questions to the Legislature.

Item #34 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Albano wished everyone a great 2017.

Chairwoman Nacerino thanked County Clerk Bartolotti for opening the meeting and Legislators Castellano and Gouldman for their nomination of her as Chairwoman. She also thanked her colleagues for their faith and confidence in her to lead the Legislature again in 2017 and that it was her honor and privilege to do so. She also welcomed new Legislators Paul Jonke and Neal Sullivan, along with our returning Legislator Carl Albano. She explained that there were many challenging issues addressed by the Legislature in 2016 and she offered accolades to the entire Legislative Board, including

former Legislators Gross and Wright, for their professionalism. She stated that she was very proud of the accomplishments that were realized in 2016 and she looked forward to working with her colleagues for a productive 2017.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that she was hoping that 2017 is a little easier than 2016. She also welcomed the new Legislators and looked forward to working with everyone.

There being no further business, at 7:54 P.M., Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.