

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN ROOM 318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512
(Chairman Albano, Legislators Castellano & Scuccimarra)**

Monday

May 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chairman Albano who requested that Legislator Scuccimarra lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Chairman Albano and Legislators Castellano and Scuccimarra were present.

Item #3 - Approval/Physical Services Committee Meeting Minutes: February 21, March 20 & April 18, 2017

Chairman Albano accepted the minutes as submitted.

Item #4 - Approval/Revised Fee Schedule/Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park/ Day Pass Rate/Highways & Facilities Department (Reso#27/2009 attached)

Chairman Albano stated this is a proposal for an increase to the Day Pass Rate only at the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park. He stated the rate has been at \$5.00 for approximately 20 years. He stated that the County is now allowing the use of debit cards for Payment for the Park Fee. He stated this modest increase from \$5.00 to \$8.00 would help to offset the debit card user fee.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve the Revised Fee Schedule/Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park/Day Pass Rate/Highways and Facilities Department; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Item #5 - Correspondence/Updates/County Projects/Highways & Facilities Department

- a) Update/Lake Gleneida Beautification Project**
- b) Update/Butterfield – Senior Center**
- c) Accounting of Labor at Tilly Foster Farm**
- d) Update/LED Project – Jail Facility/Comprehensive Study**
- e) The Plans for Kern Building New Entrance along with Projected Cost**

Item #5a. Commissioner Pena began his updates with agenda the Lake Gleneida Beautification Project. He stated there has been removal of approximately 600 linear feet of invasive species, which were replaced with native species that will hopefully maintain a lower height allowing for more visibility of the Lake while remaining compliant to the agreement the County has with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). He stated in the Fall another section of the lakeshore will be addressed. He stated the County is working with the DEP to identify a location

for a boat stanchion. He stated that would add to the beautification of the shoreline. He stated there was a location selected and submitted for the installation of a stanchion, however the location was not fully supported by the DEP. He stated the County is revisiting that matter.

Chairman Albano stated that in addition to the benefits of beautification of the shoreline when the boats are moved to a stanchion it will have a positive impact in the efforts of the maintenance of the Shoreline. He questioned if there has been progress with the pruning of the existing vegetation. He stated keeping them pruned, will ultimately make them that much easier to remove when the approval is given.

Commissioner Pena stated the pruning is done in accordance with the agreement the County has with the DEP.

Chairman Albano stated that he understands that. He questioned if the DEP were contacted and asked if the pruning of the next 100 feet to be cleared in the Fall, could it be trimmed now. He stated it would essentially be prepping the area that will be removed in the Fall.

Commissioner Pena stated he believes the County's Parks Department has already begun pruning. He stated that is done on a regular basis. He stated that he knows that they have removed some invasive species that attempted to grow back in the area that was already cleared.

Jennifer Stengle, Resource Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension- Putnam County, stated some plants that are native, but maintain a low height, or are easily maintained at a low height, while still looking good would create a nice buffer. She stated that she also believes the employees of the County's Parks Department have been trimming and cleaning up the area.

Chairman Albano questioned if they could go and do another trimming session; in anticipation and preparation of the next step.

Legislator Sullivan questioned how much of the area does the County plan on clearing in total.

Commissioner Pena stated he believes the total is 1,200 or 3,000 feet distance total that has been identified for beautification.

Chairman Albano stated that they have approval to clear from the intersection of Rout 52 and Route 301 to the big white house, (George Whipple's House). He stated that he finds it interesting that area from the white house all the way down to the water is cleared of all brush right to the water's edge.

Legislator Sullivan requested if Commissioner Pena could verify if it is 1,200 or 3,000 feet.

Commissioner Pena stated that he will verify that. He stated that they will do a specific designation of dead trees and remove them. He stated they are allowed to do over the rail mowing (it is a mower with an arm that extends).

Chairman Albano stated that the members of the Carmel Civic Association are always asking him for a status on this matter. He stated that there was a drowning along the shoreline of Lake Gleneida. He stated it is his personal opinion that if the shoreline was clear the person may have been saved.

Commissioner Pena stated that is a good point. He stated the importance of the visibility and the beautification of the lake to all of the members of the community should be mentioned to the DEP.

Legislator Sullivan stated that area of Carmel is potentially one of the prettiest and most scenic Towns around. Unfortunately, the growth blocks the view.

Jennifer Stengle, Resource Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension- Putnam County, stated she worked with the County to select and design the blocks that the County was approved to work on.

Commissioner Pena stated The Cornell Cooperative was very involved in the negotiations with the DEP in selecting the native species that would be low growing and easy to maintain.

Legislator Sullivan questioned if Cornell Cooperative Extension has enough resources to get this work done.

Jennifer Stengle, Resource Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension- Putnam County, stated once the approval is given to begin work on another section, there will be volunteers who will survey the area and identify where the plants are. She stated then she will make the final selection, evaluation and plant placement. She stated so the timing of this has a lot of impact on the resources available. She stated in the fall, there are more volunteers available. She stated the spring time is tough because there are so many things going on. However she is aware of how important this project is. She stated that she grew up in Carmel and she also enjoys the beauty of the lake. She stated right now the plants, labor and maintenance will cost a lot. She stated that will be approximately 10 hours of her time doing the design work. She stated the DEP will have to approve the final design that is proposed by Cornell Cooperative.

Commissioner Pena stated that is correct.

Chairman Albano stated that he would like to get approval to do some pruning and get a proposal with a newly identified location for the location of the boat stanchion, so when the fall arrives, the County will be ready to move forward.

Item #5b. Update/Butterfield – Senior Center

Commissioner Pena stated they are reviewing the punch list of items, related to the area that the County will be leasing. He stated that the current occupants are moving out of the space. He stated that there are some issues that may need to be addressed. He stated there are some issues above the ceiling and the fire barrier. He stated the County will be addressing that matter tomorrow with the Architect. He stated that the County is aiming for approximately four (4) weeks with something to advertise.

Legislator LoBue requested clarification on the following if the Lahey Building is now empty.

Commissioner Pena stated they are in the process of moving out today.

Legislator LoBue questioned the condition of the Lahey Building roof.

Commissioner Pena stated he did not do a condition survey. He stated the developer stated that he was considering a roof replacement. He stated he thinks the developer may be thinking with the new HVAC equipment, now might be the time to do a roof replacement.

Legislator LoBue stated she thought that the County should be aware of the condition of the roof, since the County will be spending and investing so much money into the County's section of the building.

Commissioner Pena stated that is an advantage of leasing. He stated if there is a problem with the roof, the County calls the Landlord and the Landlord takes care of it.

Legislator LoBue stated that it should be done prior to the County investing into putting new material inside the building.

Commissioner Pena stated he believed that is what the developer is weighing right now. He stated all of the HVAC equipment will be placed on the roof, it may be decided, by the developer, that it would be safer to do it now versus in the future. He stated that is a decision for the developer.

Legislator LoBue stated that she is not hearing that Commissioner Pena is confident in his knowledge of the condition of the Lahey building roof.

Commissioner Pena stated he has not done an assessment himself.

Chairman Albano stated the developer is responsible to make sure the roof is in a condition acceptable to the County. He stated if the developer decides to replace the roof, it may be an advantage. He stated that would be a time to insulate in a different way.

Legislator LoBue stated she understands that. She stated if that is the case the County will have to be doing interior work that is added cost to the County if that insulation is going to come down.

Commissioner Pena stated the insulation is a different question than the roof. He stated the architect should have known there was insulation in the ceiling and had to replace it in kind. He stated he will be meeting with the architect regarding this matter.

Lithgow Osborne, Garrison Resident, questioned clarification of a previous statement of something will happen in four (4) weeks.

Commissioner Pena stated the bid package the County plans to advertise for the work at Butterfield is expected to be completed in four (4) weeks.

Item #5c. Accounting of Labor at Tilly Foster Farm

Commissioner Pena stated that Deputy Commissioner of Highways and Facilities John Tully has been working on this. He stated in a correspondence to Chairman Albano dated May 9, 2017 Deputy Commissioner Tully provided some information. Commissioner Pena provided his update with the information provided in the May 9th correspondence. He stated the County did hire Union Carpenters as outside labor at a cost of \$125,000 to work on the framing at the farm. He stated that was pretty much the only outside labor force that was hired to do work at the farm. He stated the rest of the work was done by County employees. He stated that is included in the main operating budget of the County. He stated the County also utilized the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) program to supplement work that needed to be done. He stated that is the practice of the County to utilize the ATI program when and where it is appropriate.

Legislator LoBue stated there was excavation done at the farm. She stated that was done by an outside agency.

Commissioner Pena stated that is true.

Legislator LoBue questioned what County budget line was the excavation work paid from.

Commissioner Pena stated that he would have to get back to her with that information. He stated the excavation work was done during the water supply installation.

Legislator LoBue stated so it was not just the union carpenters involved there were other workers, outside of the County employees, on the site of the farm project. She stated that she would like a copy of the full financial breakdown of the costs, from the beginning of the project to present.

Chairman Albano stated the County bonded for this project, it is within the budget.

Legislator LoBue stated that is not what she is asking. She stated she is requesting to see all of the cost associated with the construction of Tilly Foster Farm and the County's Labor cost, which is supposed to be charged back to the project.

Commissioner Pena stated that Deputy Commissioner Tully is working to find a software package that would allow better tracking of those types of items. He stated that his department has been able to balance all of the work that needs to get done throughout the County facilities in addition to the special projects. He stated that is a key and practice that has been always spoken to in terms of saving dollars. He stated it was agreed to make the most of the County Staff and utilize them not only for maintenance work but for some of the capital projects.

Legislator LoBue stated in the past, on larger projects, the County labor has always been accounted for. She stated that she has noticed quite a few dumpsters at the farm. She questioned how they are paid for.

Commissioner Pena stated that is being paid for from the bonding funds.

Legislator LoBue stated that is why she is asking for a breakdown of all the costs. She stated her intent is not to put Commission Pena on the spot, knowing Commissioner Pena does not have all of his financial records with him at this meeting. She stated however she does want to see a breakdown of the construction cost with this project, and have it provided to the Legislature.

Chairman Albano stated as long as the costs of the project remains within the budget, he is satisfied.

Legislator LoBue stated that she is not satisfied. She stated that she would like to show the costs to the public, it is their money.

Chairman Albano stated that he wanted to compliment Commissioner Pena on his management of his workforce. He stated that the employees of the Highways & Facilities Department are getting a lot done, doing a great job while saving the County a lot of money. He stated if the work done by the in-house employees had been done by outside contractors it would have cost a lot more money.

Commissioner Pena stated that he is developing a workforce to conduct the routine maintenance that needs to be done at all of the County Buildings. He stated using that workforce to work on some of the capital projects has been extremely valuable and cost effective in getting the major

projects done. He stated it is all imbedded costs already within the County's Operating Budget. He stated utilizing the County employees has not only been good for the Staff, but the County is effectively using their workforce.

Legislator LoBue stated to that point, she does not understand the reluctance to show the number of labor hours and such. She stated if it is the case and money has been saved, why wouldn't the County be showing that to the public. She stated as a Legislator she and her colleagues are all responsible for the money and how it is spent from the County's budget. She stated there seems to be reluctance when she requests to have costs documented on paper and she does not understand that.

Chairman Albano stated possibly part of Legislator LoBue's confusion may be that she does not understand construction. He stated he is in the business of construction. He stated when he is working on a job, he plans to do outside work, but it rains the crew is shifted on the spot to do inside work. He stated the project is about efficiency and putting the workers in the right place at the particular time. He stated to track hourly where a person is working, in his opinion, it would require another employee dedicated to doing just that tracking of the workers or buy a software package. He stated there is a budget for this project of anticipated costs. He stated as long as the job is progressing within the set budget, he believes the job is getting done. He stated to track every hour of each employee at all of the County facilities, in his opinion it would require an entirely new layer of government and controls. He stated his main concern is that the projects stay within the budget that was planned.

Legislator LoBue stated she believes it would not require the implementation of another level of government; the Legislature is the control of the finances. She stated the former Commissioner of Highways and Facilities was not an Engineer. She stated that it was decided that an Engineer was needed. She stated it was thought that hiring a person with an Engineering degree would equip the County with all of the documentation associated with a large project, including accounting.

Chairman Albano stated that the County does have that.

Legislator LoBue stated there has been the additional position added, the Asset Manager to the Commissioner of Highways and Facilities department. She stated that there are a lot more people involved. She stated the idea that the County does not have documents that can be reviewed and referenced in a discussion related to the project, she does not understand.

Chairman Albano stated that the County has those documents. He stated all of that was laid out to the Legislature.

Legislator LoBue stated that information should be here every month. She stated that she will put her request in writing.

Chairman Albano stated he does not see how a person could document every hour when there is a crew working full time. He stated the workers will shift from place to place.

Legislator LoBue stated that the County Employees fill out a timesheet which includes where they are going to work. She stated that the Commissioner of the Highways and Facilities Department is in charge of that. She stated that it is all accounted for. She stated, again she does not understand the difficulty in providing this information.

Legislator Nacerino stated the fact remains there is not specific documentation in front of the Legislature right now, but there is an Operating Budget, which upon approval of the bond was presented in great detail. She stated the County is doing the work within the framework of the budget. She stated it is expected, with any project, to have change orders and obstacles along the way. She stated that she believes the County is being efficient and effective by utilizing the County's Highway Department employees for in-house projects and work. She stated to outsource can be cost prohibited or certainly exceed what is currently being paid now. She stated the members of the Highways and Facilities Department are not restricted to the role of custodians. She stated that they are using their energy, time and talents to work efficiently within the County. She stated it is her understanding that there is no formal way to charge back. She stated it is the job of the Commissioner of the Highways and Facilities Department to manage and facilitate the time and talents of his crew to get the jobs done. She stated she does not support the need to have tons of paper to see where each employee worked every day for the last year.

Legislator Sullivan requested that Commissioner Pena continue his report on the water project at the farm.

Commissioner Pena stated the facility was rather dilapidated when this project began approximately three (3) years ago. He stated there have been a lot of hours spent on that facility in order to bring it back to a useful safe condition. He stated that all of the major components: water supply, power supply and septic had to be addressed. He stated the work does not end at this point. He stated the farm still has quite a bit of work that needs to be done throughout the facility if it is going to remain functional and usable by the County. He stated that the County is utilizing the employees to do work when possible to save money. He stated currently he has a team of County employees working on Turk Hill Road. He stated that this will save money by doing as much of the work as possible in house versus out sourcing the entire project. He stated that a construction crew is being developed in the highway division to do as much of the work in house as possible. He stated it will result in a cost savings to the County. He stated that all of

the County's assets need to be maintained and addressed. He stated by doing as much of the work as possible with in house employees it will be cost effective.

Chairman Albano stated that he believes Commissioner Pena has a good team. He stated as long as the work is being done within the budget he leaves it up to Commissioner Pena to coordinate his staff.

Commissioner Pena stated that the Supervising Crew Chief Norm Hill also will make daily corrections to employees' assignments and project locations. He stated the engineering department does not track by work order, they track by projects assigned.

Item #5d. Update/LED Project-Jail Facility/Comprehensive Study

Commissioner Pena stated the contractor who stated they could do the work without going through the procurement process was not accurate. He stated the County is now looking at other mechanisms to do energy efficient capital projects throughout the County. He stated Asset Manager Michael Cunningham is looking into Article 9. He stated that it is at the Federal level and has been established for municipalities, states and local governments to allow them to do design builds for energy efficient changes. He stated that the details are still coming. He stated also, all of this needs to still be reviewed with the County Law Department and the Director of Purchasing Alex Mazzotta.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if fixtures and electrical boxes would need to be changed.

Commissioner Pena stated all of the ballasts would need to be changed to fit the LED light bulbs. He stated that they are working to secure grant funding. He stated under the original proposal there was grant money that was anticipated would be available. However again that would take research. He stated they would love to secure grant funding to move forward with.

Chairman Albano stated that switching to the energy efficient lighting, he believes, the original investment would be paid back in approximately three (3) years. He stated his concern is that there has been at least six (6) months spent on this project. He stated that he would like to continue forward.

Legislator Sullivan stated that he did change over to the energy efficient lighting at his office. He stated that the cost has been recuperated in the electrical savings. He stated in addition to saving energy it is cost effective in the long term.

Nancy Montgomery, from Congressman Maloney's Office, stated that the Congressman sent out a Needs Assessment Survey to each department of every municipality. She stated the County Executive and the Putnam County Sheriff was sent a survey as well. She stated if the survey

were to be sent back to Congressman Maloney, his staff member will contact the sender and state that their project is on their radar, and they will look for Grant opportunities to meet the needs. She stated that she believes there are some opportunities for Grants and Article 9 that the Congressman's Office staff can assist with.

Commissioner Pena stated that would be great.

Nancy Montgomery, from Congressman Maloney's Office, stated she is not exactly sure what is available. She stated however the benefit of filling out the Needs Assessment Survey is that the Congressman's staff would have the project needs from the districts on their radar and would look to see if there is appropriate grant funding available. She stated that survey is an important one to fill out and send in. She stated regardless of that, she has this project on her radar and she would be happy to get in touch with Commissioner Pena to work on this. She stated that she has an energy guide book that documents the list of all of the energy programs that are available. She stated she cannot say that she will necessarily find one that meets the needs for this project.

Commissioner Pena stated that would be ideal to have someone who has some visibility of the grants in the energy area.

Nancy Montgomery, from Congressman Maloney's Office, stated there is a gentleman who works in the Congressman's office Joe Donat, who is well versed in federal funding, so he would work on this as well.

Commissioner Pena stated that the County is going through a series of replacement of boilers, air conditioning, windows.

Nancy Montgomery, from Congressman Maloney's Office, stated that the Consolidated Funding Application Grants (CFA) and the Department of State (DOS) may have efficiency grants that would apply. She stated that she would contact Commissioner Pena's Office.

Chairman Albano stated at this point for a small fee, he believes the County should consider at least getting the updated real estimate of needs to be done in terms of the lighting project at the Jail. He stated the company that was going to do the lighting is glad to bid with the others for this project.

Commissioner Pena stated that it has been discussed to include in the bid package the opportunity of any contractor to include a grant the County could apply for. He stated this inclusion would need to be approved by the County's Purchasing Department.

Nancy Montgomery, from Congressman Maloney's Office, stated some Solar Companies do that.

Item #5e -The Plans for Kern Building New Entrance along with Projected Cost

Commissioner Pena stated Milan Road is a private road and the County was told they cannot enter onto that private road until further notice. He stated the County is reconfiguring the entrance to improve the entrance and exit and also provide other features, such as seating. He stated that should be done shortly.

Item #6 - Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A027) Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS)/Resolution required amending the 2017 CHIPS County Capital Project Budget to equal the adopted NYS Budget

Commissioner Pena stated for clarification that the County has no control in the distribution of the CHIPS Funding. He stated that it is a formulated funding equation that determines the distribution of the CHIPS funding.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment (17A027) Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS)/Resolution required amending the 2017 CHIPS County Capital Project Budget to equal the adopted NYS Budget to the Audit and Administration Committee Meeting; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #7 - FYI/Monthly Capital Projects Report

Chairman Albano requested that a better copy of the Capital Projects Report be provided to the Legislature. He stated the print is so small.

Commissioner Pena stated that the will have a larger printed copy provided to the Legislature.

Legislator Gouldman requested the status of Peekskill Hollow Road.

Commissioner Pena stated that it is moving along. He stated currently there is a right of way acquisition. He stated that there is an upcoming meeting to discuss all of the County's Federal Projects. He stated that through the successful effort of the County, many federally funded projects which had stalled have been able to obtain funding for. He stated that he could provide an update to the Legislature, regarding those projects, if the Legislators wish. He stated Peekskill Hollow Road, Morningthorpe Bridge and Sodom Road are three (3) Federal projects that are of immediate cutoff. He stated Peekskill Hollow Road does have a long list of very minor right of way acquisitions that have to be done in order to do the shoulder work. He stated neither Morningthorpe Bridge nor Sodom Road have right of way acquisitions to be addressed.

Legislator Gouldman questioned when the right of ways will be completed and the work begun.

Commissioner Pena stated the County is looking to award a construction project in early 2018.

Legislator Gouldman stated that currently there are some matters that need to be addressed along Peekskill Hollow Road. He requested being able to discuss them in further detail with Commissioner Pena.

Commissioner Pena stated he would be happy to speak with Legislator Gouldman. He stated there is some resistance when it comes to doing work on Peekskill Hollow Road. He stated that he believes that the constituents of that area should be brought in on the discussion.

Chairman Albano requested the status of the Fair Street Project.

Commissioner Pena stated that the Fair Street Road project has been scoped, budgeted and financed through all of the available funding sources. He stated the initial design is being kicked off. He stated that the projection for the construction portion of the project is 2019.

Legislator Castellano requested an update on Turk Hill.

Commissioner Pena stated the work on Turk Hill will be begin this summer. He stated the plan is to do the work with internal employees. He stated meetings have begun. He stated the belief is the work will be done with County Employees and it will result in a great cost savings. He stated that the County employees did do repair work in 2016 to some culverts that worked out very well. He stated now the County employees will do a full replacement of a culvert.

Legislator Castellano requested an update on Morningthorpe Bridge.

Commissioner Pena stated the Morningthorpe Bridge project has been moved forward for detail design development, he stated once approval is received on that they will move forward with it.

Legislator Sullivan questioned the status of bringing water to Putnam Valley.

Commissioner Pena stated that there is some drainage included in the Peekskill Hollow Road project, and they are widening the shoulders. He stated that they met with the Putnam Valley Town Engineering, Folchetti. He stated the discussion included whether there should be a water line put in at the time of the work on Peekskill Hollow Road. He stated the cost was very high. He stated it was decided by Folchetti Engineering that it was inappropriate to spend that kind of money without a true water supply plant in place. He stated to place a section of waterline just in the business district would have cost over a half million dollars. He stated that it was recommended by Folchetti Engineering that a placement outside the roadway itself, the white

line, so a waterline could be placed at a future time if it is wanted. He stated this would allow at a future date, to dig up the shoulder to input waterlines, and not have to dig up the roadway again. He stated that he agreed with the recommendation not to do it now.

Legislator Sullivan stated for clarification that no water pipes will be laid because there is no plan to bring water to the site, not even in the 5 year capital projects plan.

Chairman Albano made a motion to waive the rules and accept the Other Business; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Item #7 - Other Business

a) Discussion/ Town of Philipstown – Manitou Station Road Project/Councilwoman Montgomery

Chairman Albano requested that Commissioner Pena provide an update on the Manitou Station Road Project.

Commissioner Pena stated he has been reviewing his files on this matter. He stated dating back to 2013 the County was seriously looking at the project. He stated the Legislator Scuccimarra and the prior Town of Philipstown Highway Superintendent, Roger Chirico, were instrumental in bringing the County's attention to that area and the flooding issue. He stated Manitou Station Road has been around a very long time. He stated that it serves a peninsula on the other side of the Metro North train tracks. He stated often the homes on the peninsula experience flooding on their roads and sometimes do not even have access back to the main land. He stated after researching the matter extensively it was found the only solution to fix this problem would be to raise Manitou Station Road. He stated the cost to do that would be extensive. He stated the County has applied for grants, from wetlands restoration grants to environmental grants, unfortunately no funding was awarded. He stated the County would certainly work with the Town to do what the County could to assist to rectify the problem. He stated Manitou Station Road is a Town Road.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated the County did pay for the borings which cost \$7,000.

Commissioner Pena stated that is correct. He stated that they were used in the engineering solution. He stated ultimately the road must be elevated above the flood line. He stated that the representatives from the County have met with members of Metro North to discuss a solution. He stated that they have not come forward with any offer of financial assistance.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated the response from the representatives of Metro North was if they were to help at all with this project they would need to help in all of the other projects along the railway. She stated that they did not want to set that precedent. She stated that in 2013 a grant application was sent in to try to get funding from the (Department of Environmental

Conservation) DEC Water Quality Improvement Program. In 2014 a grant application was sent to the National Fish and Wildlife Association, in 2015 a DEC Estuary grant application was sent in. The County offered assistance in the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) and three weeks ago she sent more grant information to the Town of Philipstown.

Legislator Nacerino stated that Manitou Station Road is a town roadway. She stated that the responsibility is the Town's as well.

Commissioner Pena stated that is true, however the County always works to help the local municipalities in any way that we can.

Nancy Montgomery, Philipstown Councilwoman, stated that the Town of Philipstown (Town) is looking to partner with the County on a problem which is being caused by County owned property. She stated that it has been discussed for years. She stated the goal is to keep the residents who live on Manitou Station Road safe. She stated it has been determined that the solution is to raise the Road. She stated the Town has engineered plans to do that. She stated they are ready to start the project and they need money, and that is why she is here.

Legislator Sullivan questioned how many people are affected by this.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that there are 18 homes there.

Chairman Albano stated Manitou Station Road is on the Hudson River. He stated to say that the flooding is caused by County property, which is wetland, is not accurate.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that there is another privately owned wetland in the area. She stated this situation is as a result of years and years of neglect. She stated research was done with previous Highway Superintendent Chirico and the DEC to determine if the flooding is being caused by the County's wetland area. She stated it was determined the flooding is not caused by the County property.

Commissioner Pena stated the river rises and it overcomes the elevation of the road. He stated the solution is to raise the road 6-7 feet.

Nancy Montgomery, Philipstown Councilwoman, stated that the Town has determined the solution and the plans are in place. She stated she has come before the County, who represent the residents Manitou Station Road, to ask for help. She stated that she is hearing the answer is no.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that she has exhausted every avenue she is aware of in attempts to bring a solution to this problem. She stated the County has filled out and applied for numerous grants. She questioned if Councilwoman Montgomery has done any research to find and apply for Federal funds, since she does work in Congressman Maloney's office. She stated also there was discussion that the Town was going forward with a Bond and that the Town was going to perform preliminary work. She stated as far as she knows there has been no action on the part of the Town to progress this project.

Chairman Albano stated the County helps the municipalities when it is possible with time and energy to come up with solutions. He stated the Towns take care of their Roads, the County takes care of their Roads and somewhere in-between they all work together as a team and help each other. He stated which with the Manitou Station Road project that has been done. He stated it is unfortunate that years ago they allowed building in a flood plain area. He stated that is why today the consideration of wetlands are studied and taken into consideration with any building projects.

Nancy Montgomery, Philipstown Councilwoman, stated there are many areas in our County where there was building allowed, that should not have been allowed. She stated that we need to all work together to mitigate those issues. She spoke on action that the Town is considering in terms of restrictions that will impose on Metro North. She stated that Metro North did offer some services when the project does begin. She stated however she is not hearing that there is any offer on the table from the County.

Commissioner Pena stated the County is still very much engaged in this project. He stated the County has worked with the Village of Cold Spring and Philipstown on several projects, including the 9D Parking Lot. He stated the County also did the drainage on Route 9D. He stated that was another project that Philipstown did not have the financial resources to accomplish. He stated the County continuously shares its resources and makes projects happen. He stated the County is aware that the Manitou Station Road project is important to Philipstown and Cold Spring. He stated the County continues to look for a solution, but there needs to be discussion on what that translates to be.

Nancy Montgomery, Philipstown Councilwoman, stated the engineering plans are done and the budget is in place, it is all there.

Chairman Albano stated the budget is in place in terms of finding available grants or bonding. He stated that will be the Town's final solution. He stated once that is finalized, then if the County can assist in some way to make it more cost effective by sharing the County resources that will be done. He stated the County has helped other Towns in that way.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated the County is always willing to assist in terms of equipment or professional advice.

Nancy Montgomery, Philipstown Councilwoman, stated she is aware of that. She stated the Town works very closely with Commissioner Pena. She stated the Town is looking for money.

Legislator Castellano questioned what the estimated cost of the project is.

Commissioner Pena stated he believes it has been estimated at \$1.2 million.

Nancy Montgomery, Philipstown Councilwoman, stated if there could be discussion regarding the County helping with material, such as item 4, etc.

Legislator Nacerino stated with all due respect, she is not familiar with this particular project and what has been done by the Town, but the County must remain cognizant of the fact that each Town has a unique set of circumstance and would love some sort of funding some sort of help. She stated the entire scope of the County needs to be taken into consideration when these decisions are being made.

Nancy Montgomery, Philipstown Councilwoman, stated that she would like to get on the Full Legislature meeting agenda for July.

Chairman Albano explained the process and procedure of the Legislature. The purpose of the Full Legislature meeting is to vote, as a Full Legislature Board, on resolutions that are passed out of the Committee Meetings. He stated Nancy Montgomery, Philipstown Councilwoman did not bring a resolution proposal forward to the Committee to consider. He stated once the Town has moved forward in securing funding, via a bond possibly, then that would be the time for the Town elected officials to request additional assistance from the County.

Nancy Montgomery, Philipstown Councilwoman, stated then could the County commit to make an offer of what they can contribute to the project by next week.

Chairman Albano stated no, the Town needs to approach the County with a plan and make a request to the County regarding what the Town would request assistance with to help reduce their cost. He stated when there is a proposed budget and a bond considered, that is the time to approach the County. He stated ultimately this is a Town project, the County would assist if feasible. He stated that Legislator Scuccimarra has been focused on this project, since she joined the Legislature and she continues to be.

Legislator LoBue questioned if the County has the plans for this project.

Chairman Albano stated yes, the County has the plans, they are not the County's plans.

Commissioner Pena stated that the design seems complete to a fairly good extent. He stated it is a work plan; the question now is what the proposal is. He stated he did not see on the design drawings where some of the environmental impacts of the proposed project. He stated the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) are overlaying a tremendous amount of cost, not only to the initial project, but due to the fact that the road will need to be built up the profile will grow and they are sensitive to that. He stated there will need to be mitigation and replacement of the wetlands that will be taken out. He stated if the Army Corps of Engineers or the DEC can take care of the wetland mitigation perhaps that should be discussed. He stated then the focus can be put on the construction aspect of raising the road.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she cautions that Commissioner Pena not make promises that the County cannot keep.

Commissioner Pena stated he is not making any promises on behalf of the County.

Nancy Montgomery, Philipstown Councilwoman, stated she would like Commissioner Pena to continue to help the Town out when he can.

Legislator Nacerino stated the County is receptive to helping out. She stated however the request for assistance from the Town needs to be documented and specific before the consideration of the ability of the County to assist would begin. She stated as you work as a representative for Congressman Maloney, you have a resource that can be explored to see if there are Federal funds that would assist with this project.

Commissioner Pena stated Lauri Taylor an employee of the Planning Department of Putnam County is a very good grant writer. He stated she has been writing the grants, applying and searching for funding to assist with this project. He stated it was surprising that there was not an approval for the Wetlands Grant. He stated that may be an application that should be revisited.

Nancy Montgomery, Philipstown Councilwoman, stated maybe the County should contact their State Representatives.

Legislator Nacerino stated the Town could be contacting their State Representatives. She stated she does not understand why these overtures are not being done at the Town level.

Legislator Sullivan stated that he has constituents who live on Peekskill Hollow Road who contacted him looking for assistance with a bridge that leads to their private road. He stated it is

interesting in the difference of philosophy. He stated when he spoke to Commissioner Pena and asked what can the County do to help them. Commissioner Pena and his staff went to the location and reported back that there is nothing that the County can do because it is a private road, not a County road. He stated listening to the discussion tonight it sounds as though Legislator Scuccimarra has done a tremendous amount of work for the Town, when the fact is that Manitou Station Road is not a County road. He stated to try to make it sound as though the County has not done anything and trying to put the responsibility on Legislator Scuccimarra is not accurate. He stated when he contacted his constituents and reported that he was sorry, however members of the County highway department did go out to the site and it was determined this it is a private road, not a County road therefor there is nothing the County can do, and that was the end of it.

Nancy Montgomery, Philipstown Councilwoman, stated the message she is getting is it is a Town Road the County cannot help.

Chairman Albano stated that is not what has been said tonight. He stated the County is concerned and willing to help.

Chairman Albano facilitated further general discussion on this matter.

Item #8 - Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:10pm, Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

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