

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
CALLED BY THE CLERK AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRWOMAN
FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2018 BUDGET
HELD IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Thursday October 26, 2017 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Chairwoman Nacerino who requested Legislator Sullivan lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and 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 - Pre-filed Resolutions

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
(All Members)**

**Item #4a – Parks & Recreation – Maintenance & Repairs – Subcontingency.
Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following:**

RESOLUTION #218

Parks & Recreation

	FROM:	TO:
Maintenance & Repairs 10711000 54710	15,000	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54985	0	15,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4b - Planning Department – Heating Oil. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #219

Planning Department

	FROM:	TO:
Heating Oil 10802000 54354	50,000	0
Heating Oil 95630000 54354	0	50,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Item #4c – Office for Senior Resources – Confidential Secretary – Salary Adjustment.
Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following:**

RESOLUTION #220

Office for Senior Resources

	FROM:	TO:
Confidential Secretary 10677200 51000 (677210903)	1,627	2,127
FICA 10677200 58002	0	38

A DIFFERENCE OF: 538

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

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

**Item #4d – Highways & Facilities – Deputy Commissioner – Salary Adjustment.
Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following:**

Legislator LoBue stated that this is a 5.29% increase. She questioned the rationale for this increase.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that the rationale brought forward in Committee to increase the Deputy Commissioner’s salary was due to a realignment of the Highway Department and an increase in responsibilities moving forward.

Legislator LoBue questioned what the new responsibilities were.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that it was her understanding that there will be new responsibilities and restructuring of the Department as addressed by Commissioner Pena. She stated that in looking at the salaries the staff that work in the Highway Department incur overtime which exceeds the Deputy Commissioner's salary. She stated that he is well educated and does a great job. She believed that it was well deserved.

Legislator LoBue stated that during the Public Hearing last night the public spoke and questioned the matrix by which we determine the increases. She explained that it was her understanding the Asset Manager in the Highway Department was now taking the position of Director of Office for Senior Resources and additional duties would now fall onto the Deputy Commissioner of Highways and Facilities and it was not that we were comparing the overtime of CSEA workers with management. She explained that the Asset Manager was a created position a few years ago which the County never had before. She explained that since this person is now accepting a new position in another department, she believed it implied that the Asset Manager position was not a necessary position in the Highway Department.

Legislator Albano believed the increase was justified and was discussed in depth during the Personnel Committee Budget meeting.

RESOLUTION #221

Highways & Facilities

	FROM:	TO:
Deputy Commissioner 10149000 51000 (149010111)	96,818	99,572
FICA 10149000 58002	0	211

A DIFFERENCE OF: 2,965

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

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

Item #4e – Planning Department – Transportation Program Manager – Salary Adjustment. Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to move the following:

Legislator LoBue stated that the total increase is \$3,000 which is a 3.81% increase. She addressed the "Fares Part Bus" revenue in the Transportation budget, page 228. She explained that when the Transportation Manager took over the revenue was \$344,000. She stated that last year the revenue dropped to \$283,000 and the actuals this year, as of the end of October, were \$191,000. She stated that the advertising on the buses has also plummeted. She couldn't support rewarding this individual with an increase of \$3,000.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that the increase is \$3,000 in lieu of the 2.3% increase. The differential under consideration is \$1,214.

RESOLUTION # 222

Planning Department

	FROM:	TO:
Transportation Program Manager 10802000 51000 (802010106)	80,682	81,810
FICA 10802000 58002	0	86

A DIFFERENCE OF: 1,214

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

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

Item #4f – Legislature – Contract Line. Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to move the following:

RESOLUTION #223

Legislature

	FROM:	TO:
Contract Line 10101001 54646	60,000	65,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,000

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5 – Other Business

Item #5a – Retiree Medicare Supplement Program Option Administered by Benistar was next. Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

Chairwoman Nacerino explained that this is an option for a retiree medicare supplement program.

RESOLUTION #224

RETIREE MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM OPTION ADMINISTERED BY BENISTAR

WHEREAS, the cost of providing retiree health insurance continues to rise at high single-to-low double digit percentages every year; and

WHEREAS, the County has been reviewing and analyzing retiree Medicare Supplement health insurance plan options for our Medicare eligible retirees, which would offer quality coverage at affordable prices for both the County and our retirees; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer, our Health Benefits Administrator, and Senior Deputy County Attorney for Risk and Compliance have recommended, with the support of the County Executive, alternative retiree Medicare Supplement plans, administered by Benistar, to be offered to our retirees; and

WHEREAS, the plans administered by Benistar will be offered as alternatives to the current retiree health insurance plan, or to any alternative health plan which may be provided in the future, for our Medicare-eligible retirees and their spouses (where applicable), which alternatives will offer potential savings to our retirees and Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, Medicare Part B reimbursement that currently exists under the current retiree plan, or any alternative plan which may be provided in the future, will be continued for those retirees (and spouses) who select the plan administered by Benistar so long as it continues to be required by our current retiree health insurance plan; and

WHEREAS, the County, along with Benistar representatives, will be conducting three presentations on the Benistar Plan during the month of November, along with a webcast on the County website [www.putnamcountyny.com] to allow our retirees ample opportunity to access this information, so they may properly consider this alternative plan option; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature supports the offering of these alternative retiree Medicare Supplement plans, as outlined above, as options to the current retiree health insurance plan, as well as to any other alternative plan which may be provided in the future for our County retirees.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

At 7:18 P.M. Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to recess the meeting in order to get the adjusted amounts from the County Auditor; seconded by Legislators Jonke and Sullivan. All in favor.

At 7:20 P.M. Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to reconvene; seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Item #6 – Offset Changes to Budget was next.

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislators Albano and Sullivan.

RESOLUTION #225

Offset Changes to Budget

	FROM:	TO:
Contingency		
10199000 54980	1,750,000	1,740,283

Or such adjusted amount as required to offset changes to the Tentative Budget by the County Legislature, including County Executive's Vetoes not overridden by the County Legislature and including final adjustment for Health Insurance rates, to comply with the Tax Cap requirements of the State of New York. It being the intent of the Legislature to comply with Real Property Tax Law and Levy of \$42,365,491.00.

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCE OF: (9,717)

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

Item #7a – Approval of the Budget Resolutions was next. Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislators Albano and Sullivan.

RESOLUTION #226

APPROVAL OF THE 2018 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the 2018 budget resolutions as pre-filed by the Budget & Finance Committee and amended by the Legislature on October 26, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the individual votes on each budget resolution be made a part of this resolution.

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

Item #7b - Approval/Resolution Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 Commencing January 1, 2018 Making Appropriations for the Operation of the County Government and Establishing Rates of Compensation for Officers and Employees for the Fiscal Year 2018

was next. Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislators Albano and Jonke.

At this time, Legislator LoBue made the following proposals for Other Business.

Item #5b – Legislature – Amend \$5,000 Salary Increase for Legislators.

Legislator LoBue made a motion to remove the \$5,000 increase in salary for the Legislators.

There was no second. Motion fails.

Item #5c – County Executive – Remove Chief of Staff Increase of \$4,620.

Legislator LoBue made a motion to remove the \$4,620 increase in salary for the Chief of Staff in the County Executive's office.

There was no second. Motion fails.

Item #5d – County Executive – Remove Confidential Secretary Increase of \$8,230.

Legislator LoBue made a motion to remove the 19.70% increase in salary of \$8,230 for the Confidential Secretary in the County Executive's office.

There was no second. Motion fails.

Item #5e - Law Department – Remove County Attorney Increase of \$3,889.

Legislator LoBue made a motion to remove the County Attorney's salary increase of \$3,889.

There was no second. Motion fails.

Item #5f - Law Department – Remove First Deputy County Attorney Increase of \$4,881.

Legislator LoBue made a motion to remove the First Deputy County Attorney's salary increase of \$4,881.

There was no second. Motion fails.

Item #5g - Board of Elections – Remove Commissioners Increase of \$6,964.

Legislator LoBue made a motion to remove the Board of Election Commissioners' 8.24% salary increase of \$6,964.

There was no second. Motion fails.

Item #5h - Planning Department – Remove Transportation Manager Increase of \$3,000

Legislator LoBue made a motion to remove the \$3,000 salary increase for the Transportation Manager.

There was no second. Motion fails.

Since there were no further proposals, Chairwoman Nacerino called for a Roll Call on the resolution adopting the Budget.

RESOLUTION #227

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has met and considered the Tentative Budget as submitted by the County Executive and has held a Public Hearing thereon pursuant to both Article 7.04(b)(4) of the Putnam County Charter and Section 359 of the County Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature has made certain adjustments to the Tentative Budget as submitted by the County Executive which are included as part of this budget adoption; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby adopts the Tentative Budget, as amended by this Legislature which sets forth the appropriations for the objects and purposes as specified, and further establishes the rates of compensation to be paid provided that said tentative budget as amended does not exceed the tax cap as provided for by state law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this act takes effect on January 1, 2018.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS GOULDMAN, LOBUE AND SCUCCIMARRA. MOTION CARRIES.

There being no further business, at 7:30 P.M., Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.