

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
ROOM #318
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512
Members: Chairman Jonke & Legislators Gouldman, Sullivan**

Wednesday 6:00 PM December 12, 2018
(The Personnel Meeting Immediately Followed)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chairman Jonke who requested that Legislator Gouldman lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislator Gouldman and Chairman Jonke were present. Legislator Sullivan was absent. Chairman Jonke stated Legislator Albano would be sitting on the Committee in the absence of Committee Member Sullivan.

Item #3 - Discussion/Two (2) New SPOs and Purchase of Uniforms and Equipment for Each as Requested by the Town of Carmel/ County Attorney Bumgarner

Chairman Jonke stated Senior Deputy County Attorney for Risk & Compliance Susanne Kantor is representing the County Law Department this evening. He explained that there will need to be an Executive Session at some point during the discussion of this agenda item. He stated there was a conference call to discuss the request for two (2) SPOs that came from Town of Carmel Supervisor Kenneth Schmitt. He stated that he, Supervisor Kenneth Schmitt, Town of Carmel Attorney Gregg Folchetti and Legislative Counsel Rob Firriolo were all on the call. He stated during the call discussion the topic of the interpretation of the General Municipal Law was had. He questioned if Attorney Kantor has had an opportunity to review the General Municipal Law in relation to the request from the Town of Carmel.

Senior Deputy County Attorney for Risk & Compliance Susanne Kantor stated that she had. She stated that since legal advice will be part of the discussion, she requested Chairman Jonke call for an Executive Session.

6:05p.m.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the County Attorney Office's Legal Opinion Regarding the SPO; Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

In the Executive Session with Legislators Albano, Jonke, Castellano, Gouldman and Sayegh were Personnel Director Eldridge, Senior Deputy County Attorney For Risk & Compliance Kantor and Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

7:50p.m.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to come out of Executive Session; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor

Chairman Jonke stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

Chairman Jonke stated that there is an employee of the Town of Carmel present who contacted the Legislative office and requested to have an opportunity to speak to this matter.

Lisa Laquidara stated that she is the Clerk to Judge Spofford and works in the Town of Carmel Justice Court Division. She stated that she is very happy to hear that the County Legislature supports this request. She stated that there are incidents in the Justice Court Division that make her feel vulnerable. She provided a brief overview of some of those incidents that she has faced during the Monday - Friday work hours that have made her concerned. She stated that the Town of Carmel Police Department Offices are in the same building, however there is not always a Police Officer in the office. She stated when she heard that this matter was on the agenda for discussion this evening, she wanted to speak to the Legislators so they could hear directly from the stand point of an employee in the Town of Carmel. She wanted it to be completely clear that beyond a shadow of a doubt there is a need for security in the Town of Carmel during the weekday work hours.

Chairman Jonke stated that he worked in that building for almost 20 years. He stated that he has been a proponent of the request of the County since it was received in the Legislative Office. He stated the interpretation of the law needs to be completed.

Chairman Jonke facilitated further comments and discussion from the Legislators in support of the request. He explained the evaluation and consideration of the request will continue.

Item #4 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (18T356)/ Cover Overtime Cost for Remainder of 2018/Sheriff Langley (also reviewed by Personnel Committee 12/12/18 Mtg.)

Legislator Albano made a motion to Approve Fund Transfer (18T356)/ Cover Overtime Cost for Remainder of 2018; Seconded by Chairman Jonke. All in favor.

Item #5 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (18T366)/ Cover Overtime Expenses and FICA Expenses Due to Overtime for October: Incurred by 3 Correction Officer Vacancies and 1 Officer on 207C/ Sheriff Langley (also reviewed by Personnel Committee 12/12/18 Mtg.)

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Approve Fund Transfer (18T366)/ Cover Overtime Expenses and FICA Expenses Due to Overtime for October: Incurred by 3 Correction Officer Vacancies and 1 Officer on 207C; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #6 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (18T367)/ To Cover Sheriff's Patrol Overtime and FICA / Sheriff Langley (also reviewed by Personnel Committee 12/12/18 Mtg.)

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Approve Fund Transfer (18T367)/ To Cover Sheriff's Patrol Overtime and FICA; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #7 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (18T368)/ To Cover Sheriff's Patrol Overtime and FICA/ Sheriff Langley (also reviewed by Personnel Committee 12/12/18 Mtg.)

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Approve Fund Transfer (18T368)/ To Cover Sheriff's Patrol Overtime and FICA; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #8 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (18T369)/ To Cover Sheriff's Patrol Overtime and FICA/ Sheriff Langley (also reviewed by Personnel Committee 12/12/18 Mtg.)

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Approve Fund Transfer (18T369)/ To Cover Sheriff's Patrol Overtime and FICA; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #9 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (18T370)/ To Cover Sheriff's Patrol Overtime and FICA/ Sheriff Langley (also reviewed by Personnel Committee 12/12/18 Mtg.)

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Approve Fund Transfer (18T370)/ To Cover Sheriff's Patrol Overtime and FICA; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #10 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (18T371)/ To Cover Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Overtime and FICA/ Sheriff Langley (also reviewed by Personnel Committee 12/12/18 Mtg.)

Legislator Albano made a motion to Approve Fund Transfer (18T371)/ To Cover Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Overtime and FICA; Seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Item #11 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (18A090)/ Donation from Entergy to Bureau of Emergency Services (BES) (\$96,000)/ BES Commissioner Kenneth W. Clair

Chairman Jonke requested that Deputy Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services Robert Lipton speak to this matter.

Deputy Commissioner Robert Lipton stated the 2017 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant funding is being used to upgrade the Audio Visual in the Auditorium and Classrooms. He explained all of that funding has been used. He stated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) needs to still be upgraded. He stated Commissioner Clair contacted Entergy and they have agreed to give the County the funding needed to do the upgrade in the EOC.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment (18A090)/ Donation from Entergy to Bureau of Emergency Services (BES) (\$96,000); Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Item #12 - FYI/ Fund Transfer (18T391)/ To Purchase two (2) Business Card Scanners/ Sheriff Langley

First Sergeant Meyer explained this piece of equipment is used to scan business cards and the information is transferred into your phone and/or computer. He explained it is a tool that is efficient and saves time. He stated the Sheriff collects hundreds of business cards.

Item #13 - FYI/ 4th Quarter - Putnam County Coroner Report

Coordinator of Coroners Dr. Michael Nesheiwat stated there are 69 cases year to date of which 27 were accidental, six (6) suicides, 32 natural, three(3) pending and one (1) is undetermined at this time. He stated of the 27 accidental cases 17 of them were due to overdose. He stated that is less than last year. He stated in 2017 there were 24 overdoses, in 2016 there were 15 overdoses and in 2015 there were 14 overdoses.

Item #14 – Other Business - None

Item #15 - Adjournment

There being no further business, at 6:50 p.m., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk of the Legislature Diane Trabulsy.