

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

Tuesday

6:30p.m.

November 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Albano who requested that Legislator Nacerino lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislator Nacerino and Chairman Albano were present. Legislator Scuccimarra was absent.

Item #3 - Approval/ Physical Services Meeting Minutes/ July 24 & August 21, 2018

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #4 - Approval/ Request to Purchase Town of Patterson TM #25.55-1-27/ First Deputy County Attorney Negro

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated that this property, as well as the properties listed in agenda items #5 & #6 are adjoining parcels that the adjoining property owner would like to purchase. He stated they are vacant small parcels. He stated the Legislature is permitted to authorize the sale of those parcels. He stated again all these parcels are vacant and under local zoning codes that state the parcel may not be improved. He stated these small parcels that cannot be improved and the sale goes best if they are sold to an adjoining owner.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Approve the Request to Purchase Town of Patterson TM #25.55-1-27; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #5 - Approval/ Request to Purchase Town of Patterson TM #36.48-1-14/ First Deputy County Attorney Negro

Chairman Albano stated First Deputy Attorney Negro provided a thorough explanation of items #4, #5 & #6 in the discussion of agenda item #4.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Approve the Request to Purchase Town of Patterson TM #36.48-1-14; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #6 - Approval/ Request to Purchase Town of Kent TM #22.66-1-25/ First Deputy County Attorney Negro

Chairman Albano stated First Deputy Attorney Negro provided a thorough explanation of items #4, #5 & #6 in the discussion of agenda item #4.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Approve the Request to Purchase Town of Kent TM #22.66-1-25; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #7 - Approval/ Bond/ Intersection Improvements at Stoneleigh Avenue and Drewville Road/ Planning & Preparation of Surveys/ Commissioner Highways & Facilities Pena

Deputy Commissioner Highways & Facilities Tully explained through the efforts of Commissioners Pena and Fusco funding was secured to work on the intersection of Stoneleigh Avenue and Drewville Road. He stated this bond will fund the County's share of the project and will allow the County to execute the contracts that are needed to get the design underway. He stated that currently the funds available for this project are approximately \$4.9 million dollars.

Legislator Nacerino stated the Bond amount is for \$700,000.

Deputy Commissioner Highways & Facilities Tully explained that is correct. He stated that was the recommended amount from Finance Commissioner Carlin and Bond Counsel. He stated that potentially there may be a request again at a later date.

Chairman Albano questioned if a round-about will be put at the intersection.

Deputy Commissioner Highways & Facilities Tully stated at this point that is an alternative idea.

Chairman Albano made a motion to approve Bond/ Intersection Improvements at Stoneleigh Avenue and Drewville Road; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #8 - Approval/ Grant Application/NYS Department of Transportation's Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program/ Commissioner Planning, Development and Public Transportation Fusco

Deputy Commissioner Highways & Facilities Tully stated Commissioner Fusco requested that he represent her this evening. He stated that Commissioner Fusco applied for this grant already because the deadline to apply was November 5, 2018. He stated there is a plan, as discussed previously with the Legislators and in the Capital Project meetings, for the County to create a Transit Hub at the Donald B. Smith Campus. He stated if there is funding awarded it would go towards this project.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to Approve the Grant Application/NYS Department of Transportation's Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program; Seconded by Chairman Albano. All in favor.

Item #9 - Approval/ Use of Capital Reserve/ County Facility Renovations: CP-11 Restore Fire Training Center Burn Simulator Building Project (Requesting Additional \$10,000 to Fund this project)/ Deputy Commissioner of Highways & Facilities Tully

Deputy Commissioner of Highways & Facilities Tully stated the Legislature previously approved \$60,000 for this project. He explained the lowest bid exceeded that amount. He stated that is why they are asking for an additional \$10,000.

Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Clair explained the prevailing wage has gone up since the time the bid was taken in 2017.

Deputy Commissioner of Highways & Facilities Tully stated the original request that came to the Legislature was for \$70,000 for this CP-11 project. He stated the Legislature approved \$60,000 and advised if we needed additional money we could come back.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Approve the Use of Capital Reserve to fund County Facility Renovations: CP-11 Restore Fire Training Center Burn Simulator Building Project (Requesting Additional \$10,000 to Fund this project); Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #10 - Update/ Village of Brewster - Morningthorpe Bridge Project PIN 8780.53/ Deputy Commissioner of Highways & Facilities Tully

Deputy Commissioner of Highways & Facilities Tully stated through the efforts of Commissioners Fusco and Pena working with the County's partners in NYMTC funding has been secured. He stated the project is out to bid. He stated they are hoping for construction in 2019. He stated the project is completely funded through all phases of the project.

Item #11 - Update/Energize - NY PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy)\ Chairman of Physical Services Albano

Chairman Albano stated there was a meeting with Mark Thielking of the Energize – NY PACE program, Commissioner Carlin and First Deputy Attorney Negro and himself. He stated the presentation was given on this program and it has been discussed in committee. He stated a local law must be passed to establish a sustainability loan energy program. He stated that there are other steps that need to be taken.

First Deputy County Attorney Negro stated the PACE program under the General Municipal Law Article 5L allows the County to pass a local law to offer through an EIC (Energy Improvement Corporation), which is an LDC (Local Distribution Company) to offer financing to not-for profits and commercial property owners to do energy improvement on their properties. He stated repayments would be made through the tax bill. He stated that there will be a line item on the tax bill for the properties that are offered this financing through the LDC. He stated they re-pay it through the tax bill. He stated according the General Municipal Law Article 5L the steps required are: County passes a Local Law agreeing to participate in this kind of a program, then the County would enter into a municipal agreement with the LDC in order for them to offer this kind of financing and have the program that qualified properties are offered the financing then the repayments are made through the tax bill. He stated the Legislature would pass a resolution authorizing the County to enter into this municipal agreement with the LDC. He stated most of the counties in New York have entered into this kind of an arrangement. He stated there will be some qualifiers put into the template agreement related to the finance offerings in Putnam County.

Legislator Sullivan questioned for clarification as to whether an LDC is already set up or would the County have to set one up.

First Deputy County Attorney stated the Energize NY program is the LDC. He explained that the County would collect the taxes and turn over the payments to the LDC.

Legislator Sullivan stated that he has constituents who own small businesses who have expressed an interest to use solar. He stated this program would be a great vehicle to assist them. He stated also there have been conversations regarding utilizing solar at Tilly Foster Farm. He stated that he believes this is terrific and believed the County should move as quick as it can, so the businesses can take advantage of it.

Chairman Albano stated he will continue to work with First Deputy County Attorney and brings this matter back to committee.

Item #12 - Update/ Capital Projects Report – Duly Noted

Legislator Gouldman questioned when the Peekskill Hollow Road project will begin.

Deputy Commissioner Tully stated that the plan is to begin in Spring of 2019.

Chairman Albano facilitated further discussion on the Capital Projects Report involving bridge work, Putnam Golf Course and the park work at in Mahopac near the County Golf Course.

Item #13 – Other Business - None

Item #14 - Adjournment

There being no further business at 6:55 PM Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn;
Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.