

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
CALLED BY THE CLERK AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRMAN
FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2019 BUDGET
HELD IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Tuesday October 30, 2018 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Castellano who requested Legislator Scuccimarra lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Albano lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Albano, Jonke, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairman Castellano were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Item #4 - Pre-filed Resolutions

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

Item #4a – Dues – Books & Supplements. Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following:

RESOLUTION #233

Dues

	FROM:	TO:
Books & Supplements		
10192000 54313	17,000	16,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: (1,000)

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4b – Putnam Tourism Promotion Agency – Increase Matching Funds \$3,192. Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following:

Chairman Castellano explained that New York State was giving an additional \$3,192 for the I Love New York Matching Funds program.

RESOLUTION #234

Putnam Tourism Promotion Agency

	FROM:	TO:
Matching Funds		
25641000 54621	65,000	68,192

A DIFFERENCE OF: 3,192

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4c – Highways – Parks – Farmer Tilly Foster Farm – Subcontingency. Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

Legislator Scuccimarra looked forward to the expansion of the crops being grown.

Legislator Albano stated the he was impressed and amazed by the amount of produce generated from the small area they planted in. He believed they were moving in the right direction with the farm and we would see its real potential in the future.

Legislator Addonizio questioned if Legislator Albano was familiar with how many pounds of zucchini was produced at the farm. She stated that it was a large amount which was cooked for the Senior Center.

Legislator Albano believed that the farm produced approximately 2,000 pounds.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that kale was also grown.

Chairman Castellano stated that it was good use of Putnam County property.

RESOLUTION #235

Highways - Parks

	FROM:	TO:
Farmer		
10711000 51000		
(711010113)	50,000	0
Subcontingency		
10199000 54982	0	50,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust Fringes & Revenue Accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4d – SPCA – Increase County Contribution \$10,000. Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following:

Legislator Albano believed this program cost a lot more than \$50,000. He believed they saved the County money in other areas.

Legislator Jonke stated that he reviewed minutes of the SPCA and he explained that he had some reservations about this so he would request a Roll Call Vote on this item.

Legislator Sullivan stated that he recently attended the SPCA's fundraising dinner and he stated that it was quite impressive how many individuals attended to show their support. He believed that the SPCA also took some of the work off the shoulders of our police agencies who are not equipped to handle those types of situations. He believed this was money well spent with the work that they do for the County.

Legislator Nacerino concurred. She stated that this is a small budget. She stated that they came to the County in recent years and each year they assume more and more responsibility in order to fight against animal cruelty. She stated that she would vote in favor of the increase.

Legislator Sayegh stated that the SPCA does a great job and all of our outside agencies do a stellar job. However, this year none of the outside agencies funding was increased therefore she did not want to separate one over another. She stated that she was not in favor of the increase.

Legislator Gouldman stated that the SPCA does a lot of work in Putnam Valley. He stated that he would support the increase.

Legislator Addonizio stated that she would be supporting this as well.

Chairman Castellano explained that he too attended the SPCA fundraising dinner and was overwhelmed by the amount of supporters and the great stories. He believed that there was a need for the SPCA in Putnam County and he appreciated what they do.

Chairman Castellano called for a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTION #236

SPCA

FROM:

TO:

County Contribution 25851300 54950	40,000	50,000
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 10,000

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS JONKE & SAYEGH. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4e – Health Department – Adjust Department of Environmental Protection – Contracts. Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following:

Chairman Castellano stated that this is placing the funds in the appropriate line.

RESOLUTION #237

Health Department

	FROM:	TO:
Phosphorus Law Contracts		
12401002 54646 10070	5,000	0
Environmental Protection Contracts		
12401002 54646 10050	0	5,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4f – Health Department – Adjust Public Health Emergency Preparedness – Overtime. Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following:

Chairman Castellano stated that this is placing the funds in the appropriate line.

RESOLUTION #238

Health Department

	FROM:	TO:
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Overtime		
26401001 51093 10066	5,200	0

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Temporary

26401001 51094 10066	0	5,200
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4g – Legal Aid Society – Adjust State Aid Indigent Legal Services Increase \$94,564 – County Contribution. Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following:

Chairman Castellano stated that this is an adjustment to allocate for the additional State Aid received in the amount of \$94,564.

Legislator Nacerino stated that this is an agency that provides a good service for the people of Putnam County.

RESOLUTION #239

Legal Aid Society

	FROM:	TO:
State Aid Indigent Legal Serv. 25117000 430251	254,486	349,050
County Contribution 25117000 54950	841,045	935,609

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4h – Contingency Fund – Move from Subcontingency back to Putnam County Industrial Development Corp Contracts. Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following:

Chairman Castellano stated that initially the Industrial Development Agency (IDA) requested that the funds be placed in subcontingency in the tentative budget. He stated that this resolution would move the funds out of subcontingency and back in the IDA line because they have met all the qualifications.

Legislator Scuccimarra commended the IDA for the progress they have made.

Chairman Castellano concurred.

RESOLUTION #240

Contingency Fund

	FROM:	TO:
Subcontingency		
10199000 54981	50,000	0
Putnam County Industrial Development Corp		
Contracts		
25646000 54646	0	50,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Item #4i – Cornell Cooperative Extension – Increase County Contribution \$5,000.
Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following:**

Legislator Addonizio stated that Cornell Cooperative Extension is indispensable in Putnam County. She stated that the increase in County Contribution will help with program related expenses along with updated technology needs. She stated that these funds are not for any fringe benefits.

Legislator Nacerino stated that this was a tough decision. She respects everything that Cornell does; as she does for all of the non-profit agencies. However, she would be voting no for this increase. She stated that the County Executive proposed a budget with level funding. She stated that during the Committee meeting there was no request or rationale provided for an increase.

Legislator Albano stated that he was on the fence about this proposal also, however, he stated that they do a tremendous job and offer a great service to the County.

Legislator Sayegh stated that she also wrestled with this. She stated that they do a fantastic job; as do all of our non-profit agencies. However, she would like to keep level funding for the outside agencies this year.

Chairman Castellano stated that all the agencies do a tremendous job.

Chairman Castellano called for a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTION #241

Cornell Cooperative Extension

	FROM:	TO:
County Contribution		
25875000 54950	315,185	320,185

A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,000

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS NACERINO, SAYEGH & SCUCCIMARRA. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5 – Other Business

Item #5a – Consumer Affairs Department – Reduce Vehicle Line.

Legislator Sullivan made a motion to reduce the Vehicle line from \$25,000 to 20,000; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

Legislator Sullivan stated that Consumer Affairs requested the purchase of an all-wheel drive vehicle. Legislator Sullivan believed that a front-wheel drive vehicle would suit their needs and as a result we could save \$5,000.

Legislator Gouldman concurred with the proposal.

Legislator Sayegh commended Legislator Sullivan for the creative way to lower the budget for the increase in outside funding.

Chairman Castellano thanked Legislator Sullivan to bringing this to our attention at the Budget & Finance meeting last week. He stated that he would have like to hear more from the department as to the need for this vehicle. He stated that he does like the idea of having an all-wheel drive vehicle for the County employees to make sure they get to where they need to be.

Chairman Castellano called for a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTION #242

Consumer Affairs Department

	FROM:	TO:
Motor Vehicles		
10661000 52650	25,000	20,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: (5,000)

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – CHAIRMAN CASTELLANO. MOTION CARRIES.

At 7:16 P.M., Chairman Castellano made a motion to recess as they go over the figures with the Auditor; seconded by Legislators Jonke and Nacerino. All in favor.

At 7:27 P.M., Chairman Castellano reconvened the meeting.

Item #6 – Offset Changes to Budget was next.

Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Jonke, Nacerino and Sullivan.

RESOLUTION #243

	FROM:	TO:
Fund Balance		
10131000 427161	3,209,479	3,221,671

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 \$43,409,948.00.

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCE OF: 12,192

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7a – Approval of the Budget Resolutions was next. Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Albano.

RESOLUTION #244

APPROVAL OF THE 2019 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the 2019 budget resolutions as pre-filed by the Budget & Finance Committee and amended by the Legislature on October 30, 2018; and be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7b - Approval/Resolution Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 Commencing January 1, 2019 Making Appropriations for the Operation of the County Government and Establishing Rates of Compensation for Officers and Employees for the Fiscal Year 2019 was next. Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

RESOLUTION #245

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2019 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019

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, 2019.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business, at 7:30 P.M., Chairman Castellano made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Jonke, Nacerino and Sayegh. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.