

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
HELD IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Wednesday

November 6, 2019

7:00 P.M.

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

PROCLAMATION

Chairman Castellano recognized Legislator Sullivan who presented the “National Runaway Prevention Month” proclamation to Youth Bureau Executive Director Janine Cunningham, Pamela Phillip-Zeller from the Youth Bureau, Erin LeMon from Green Chimneys and Lieutenant Sheila Hanley from the Sheriff’s Department.

NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, National Runaway Prevention Month began in 2002 and is spearheaded by the National Runaway Safeline (NRS), the Federally designated National communication system for runaway and homeless youth; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of runaway and homelessness among youth is staggering, with studies suggesting that every year, 4.2 million people ages 13 to 25 endure some form of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, runaway youth are often expelled from their home, have experienced abuse and trauma, are involved in the foster care system, are too poor to secure their own basic needs, and may be ineligible or unable to access adequate medical or mental health treatment; and

WHEREAS, children and youth who run away are at increased danger for falling into high-risk situations, including human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, effective programs supporting runaway youth and assisting youth and their families in providing safe and stable homes, succeed because of partnerships created among families, youth-based advocacy organizations, community-based human service agencies, law enforcement, schools, faith-based organizations and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the National Runaway Safeline is honoring November as National Runaway Prevention Month to raise awareness of the issues facing runaway and homeless youth and educate the public about solutions and the role they can play in ending youth homelessness; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim November 2019 as National Runaway Prevention Month. We urge all citizens to support the effort to increase public awareness about, advocate on behalf of, and provide positive and safe alternatives to runaway and homeless youth and their families.

Chairman Castellano recognized Legislator Sayegh who presented the “Small Business Recognition Month” to Bill Nulk, President Putnam County Business Council and Henry Boyd of the Carmel-Kent Chamber of Commerce.

SMALL BUSINESS RECOGNITION MONTH – NOVEMBER 2019

WHEREAS, small business constitutes the single most important segment of our free enterprise system and our small businesspeople are the backbone of our economy; and

WHEREAS, a successful small business is evidence of the independence, initiative and hard work of the owner/operator and this spirit has been, and will continue to play an important role in maintaining and improving the vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, small businesspeople take a leading role in civic affairs to improve the quality of life in our communities; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of the local Chambers of Commerce, small businesspeople provide a variety of services, both business and social, to the community at large; and

WHEREAS, small businesses have and will continue to provide employment opportunities for our residents and contribute conveniences and services to our communities; now therefore be it

WHEREAS, the November-December holiday season is important to the annual success of many of our small businesses; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim November 2019 as Small Business Recognition Month and urge all citizens to join them in recognizing the contributions small businesses make to county-wide development and Shop Small Business to support our local small businesses so that they can remain vital and flourish in Putnam County.

Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting – September 24, 2019

Regular Meeting – October 1, 2019

B&F Mtg. - Public Hearing Tentative Budget October 3, 2019

B&F Mtg. – October 17, 2019

Public Hearing - Tentative Budget – October 24, 2019

Item #5 – Correspondence

a) County Auditor

There was no activity during this reporting period.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Castellano & Sayegh)

Item #6a – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A067)/ County Clerk/ Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Grant Award was next. Chairman Castellano recognized Legislator Gouldman, Chairman of the Audit & Administration

Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #253

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (19A067)/ COUNTY CLERK/ LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT FUND (LGRMIF) GRANT AWARD

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has requested a budgetary amendment (19A067) to account for a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Grant awarded in the amount of \$74,035; and

WHEREAS, the grant is a shared services grant in conjunction with the Town of Southeast which will add to the existing electronic document management system created under the previous 2016/2017 grant, 2017/2018 grant and 2018/2019 grant, and will address the problems that are prevalent with the storing and access of paper records as well as give the ability to convert microfilm to digital images; and

WHEREAS, this grant runs from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, there are no matching County funds required and therefore no approval resolution was needed to apply for said grant; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approves said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10146000 52620 10153	Office Equipment	12,475
10146000 54646 10153	Contracts	57,085
10146000 54782 10153	Software/ Accessories	<u>4,475</u>
		74,035

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10146000 430601 10153	State Aid – Records Mgmt	74,035
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2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6b – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A070)/ Emergency Services/ Hazard Mitigation Grant was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #254

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / EMERGENCY SERVICES/ HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT

WHEREAS, by Resolution #242 of 2017, the Putnam County Legislature approved and authorized the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services to apply to the New

York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) for a grant in the amount of \$150,000 for the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, FEMA has approved funding for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive (PDMC) sub-grant application PDMC-PL-02-NY-2017-013 under which Putnam County would engage in the process of updating the Putnam County multi-jurisdictional local hazard mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, funding has been made available in an amount not to exceed the total project cost of \$150,000 with a Federal Share of \$112,500 and a required 25% non-Federal local match share of \$37,500; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County's local match of \$37,500 will be met with in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, the term of this grant (DHS01-C000826-1160200) is October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Emergency Services has requested budgetary amendment (19A070) to account for this grant award; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Revenues:

10398900 44389L 10106	Emergency Svcs – Hazard Mitigation Grant	112,500
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Increase Appropriations:

10398900 54182 10106	Hazard Mitigation Grant – Consultant	112,500
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2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6c – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A071)/ Planning Department/ Maybrook Bikeway II was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #255

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / PLANNING DEPARTMENT/ MAYBROOK BIKEWAY II

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning has requested a budgetary amendment (19A071) to adjust the Capital Budget accounts to the most recent estimates; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55997000 53000 51312	Maybrook II – Phase B – PIN 8761.05	1,275,000
55997000 53000 50309	Maybrook II – Phase A – PIN 8756.84	165,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:

55997000 448971 51312	Federal Aid – PIN 8761.05	1,020,000
55997000 430971 51312	State Aid – PIN 8761.05	127,500
05000 45710J 51312	Serial Bonds 2019	127,500
55997000 448971 50309	Federal Aid – PIN 8756.84	132,000
55997000 430971 50309	State Aid – PIN 8756.84	16,500
05000 45710J 50309	Serial Bonds 2019	16,500

2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – Undetermined Debt Service

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6d – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T287)/ Office for Senior Resources/ Automotive Repair and Temporary was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #256

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (19T287)/ OFFICE FOR SENIOR RESOURCES/
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR AND TEMPORARY**

WHEREAS, the Director of the Office for Senior Resources has requested a fund transfer (19T287) to cover unexpected automotive costs and to cover personnel vacancy with temporary employees; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10677400 54320	Food	10,000
10677400 54631	Electric	10,000
10677800 54989	Miscellaneous	5,150
10677800 51000 (677810107)	Food Service Helper	8,500
10677800 58002	Social Security	<u>12</u>
		33,662

Increase:

10677200 55370	Chargeback Automotive	25,000
10677800 51094	Temporary	8,500
10677200 51091	Pay Differential	150
10677200 58002	Social Security	<u>12</u>
		33,662

2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6e – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T297)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Road Patrol Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #257

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER / SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ ROAD PATROL OVERTIME

WHEREAS, by Resolution #76 of 2019 the Putnam County Legislature approved the transfer of Overtime funds to hire two (2) Full Time Dispatchers in the Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, due to a delay in the start dates of the two (2) Full Time Dispatchers, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (19T297) to transfer funding from various Communication lines back to Road Patrol Overtime; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

13311000 51000 10113	Communications Personnel	2,680.00
13311000 51000 10114	Communications Personnel	12,454.84
13311000 58002	FICA	3,003.00
13311000 58008 10113	Communications Health	10,133.64
13311000 58008 10114	Communications Health	<u>338.48</u>
		28,609.96

Increase:

17311000 51093	Road Patrol Overtime	28,609.96
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2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6f – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T300)/ Sheriff’s Department /Jail Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #258

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER / SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT /JAIL OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (19T300) to cover Overtime expenses in September due to two (2) Vacancies and three (3) on 207C; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:		
10315000 51000 10140	Jail Personnel	4,030
10315000 51000 10156	Jail Personnel	<u>5,451</u>
		9,481

Increase:		
10315000 51093	Jail Overtime	9,481

2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6g – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T301)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Jail Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #259

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ JAIL OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (19T301) to cover Overtime expenses in October due to two (2) Correction Officer Vacancies and three (3) Officers on 207C; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:		
10315000 51000 10140	Jail Personnel	1,919
10315000 51000 10156	Jail Personnel	<u>2,111</u>
		4,030

Increase:		
10315000 51093	Jail Overtime	4,030

2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6h – Approval/Semi-Annual Mortgage Tax Report/April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #260

APPROVAL/SEMI-ANNUAL MORTGAGE TAX REPORT/ APRIL 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

WHEREAS, upon receipt of approval of the Semi-Annual Report showing the amounts to be credited to each district of the County of the money collected during the period April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, the Putnam County Audit and Administration Committee reviewed and hereby forwards same to the Putnam County Legislature; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 261 of the Tax Law, the Putnam County Legislature issues tax warrants for the payment to the respective districts of the amounts so credited and authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Finance to make a payment of said amounts to the respective district in accordance with the report as follows:

Town of Carmel	\$ 490,262.00
Town of Kent	141,733.66
Town of Patterson	135,804.70
Town of Philipstown	
Village of Cold Spring	15,717.69
Village of Nelsonville	4,483.17
Town Outside	192,244.96
Town of Putnam Valley	163,564.52
Town of Southeast	
Village of Brewster	8,749.58
Town Outside	<u>263,348.46</u>
Total	\$1,415,908.74

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6i – Approval/ Grant Application/ State and Municipal Facilities Program Grant for Putnam County’s Carmel Friendship Center/ SEQRA Determination was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #261

APPROVAL/GRANT APPLICATION/STATE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PROGRAM GRANT FOR PUTNAM COUNTY’S CARMEL FRIENDSHIP CENTER/SEQRA DETERMINATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #97 of 2016, the County Legislature approved the County’s submission of its application for a \$550,000 State and Municipal Facilities Program (“SAM”) grant, administered through the Dormitory Authority of the State of

New York (“DASNY”), for renovations, expansion and improvements necessary at the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources Carmel Friendship Center (the “Project”) located at 110 Old Route 6, Carmel, New York (the “Center”); and

WHEREAS, by and through the State of New York and the Office of Senator Peter Harckham (NYS Senate), the County can receive supplemental funding in the amount of \$450,000 through a SAM grant, administered through DASNY, to subsidize the additional costs associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, there is no matching fund requirement by the County to accept the supplemental \$450,000 SAM grant for additional costs associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed renovations, expansion and improvements to the building infrastructure elements at Buildings #1 and #3 include, without limitation, updated electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems, new roof and new 120 square foot entrance foyer, resurfaced and improved sidewalks and pavement, and creating, through construction within the existing buildings’ footprints, a new floor plan to accommodate office spaces, a reception area, conference and meeting rooms, kitchen and dining room, ADA-compliant bathrooms and other interior and exterior elements that provide a safe, secure accessible facility to accommodate the needs of the County’s senior citizen community (the “Action”); and

WHEREAS, the Action is determined to be a Type II Action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617, §617.5(c)(7) "construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, non-residential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities;" and 6 NYCRR Part 617, §617.5(c)(2) “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site” including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 6 NYCRR Part 617, §617.4; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature supports the submission, by and through the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, of its application for supplemental grant funding in the amount of \$450,000, such grant administered through DASNY and awarded by SAM, and is hereby authorized and approved by the County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature accepts the determination that this project is a Type II Action and, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) 6 NYCRR Part 617, §617.6(a)(1)(i), there is no further environmental review necessary in connection herewith.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6j – Approval/ Application/ State and Municipal Facilities Program Grant for Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park ADA-Compliant Bathrooms/ SEQRA Determination was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #262

APPROVAL/APPLICATION/STATE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PROGRAM GRANT FOR PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK ADA-COMPLIANT BATHROOMS/SEQRA DETERMINATION

WHEREAS, Section 5-2(E) of the Putnam County Code provides, in relevant part, that an applicant of any grant application not requiring any Putnam County (the "County") matching funds shall notify the Putnam County Legislature (the "Legislature") of the submission of a grant application and, further, if the Legislature objects to such grant application, the applicant shall withdraw it forthwith; and

WHEREAS, by and through the State of New York and the Office of Senator Peter Harckham (NYS Senate), the County can receive funding in the amount of \$165,000 through the Dormitory Authority State of New York ("DASNY") and awarded by the State and Municipal Facilities Program ("SAM") to subsidize the costs associated with the installation of a pre-fabricated bathroom facility that is compliant with the requirements of the American with Disabilities Act (the "ADA"), such bathroom facility to replace the existing inadequate and antiquated bathrooms at the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park located at 201 Gipsy Trail Road, Town of Kent, County of Putnam (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, there is no matching fund requirement by the County to accept the \$165,000 SAM grant for costs associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project includes the placement of a prefabricated concrete structure 30 feet by 26 feet with 2 multi-user restrooms and 4 separate shower rooms to replace the existing 30 feet by 10 feet existing bathroom facilities at the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park, utilizing the existing septic system and fields thereby resulting in no additional disturbance, and the existing paved walkway replaced to meet ADA standards and requirements (the "Action"); and

WHEREAS, the Action is determined to be a Type II Action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617, §617.5(c)(7) "construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, non-residential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities;" and 6 NYCRR Part 617, §617.5(c)(2) "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site" including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 6 NYCRR Part 617, §617.4; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature supports the submission, by and through the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, of its application for grant funding in the amount of \$165,000, such grant administered through DASNY and awarded by SAM, and is hereby authorized and approved by the County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature accepts the determination that this project is a Type II Action and, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) 6 NYCRR Part 617, §617.6(a)(1)(i), there is no further environmental review necessary in connection herewith.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6k – Approval/ Application/ State and Municipal Facilities Program Grant for Renovations at the Putnam County Facility Located at 121 Main Street, Village of Brewster, County of Putnam/ SEQRA Determination was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Castellano and Sayegh, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that during the discussion on Tilly Foster she had read that there was the possibility of the Child Advocacy Center going there. She questioned if there was any information on that.

Chairman Castellano stated that was not the item before us.

Legislator Montgomery stated that before she approves this item she would like to know the status of that.

Chairman Castellano stated that he would have to get back to her on that. He explained that this was for the SEQRA determination for the facility located at 121 Main Street to move the project forward.

Legislator Montgomery explained that she was in favor of improving the building and she was in favor of seeing the Child Advocacy Center move to a nicer facility.

RESOLUTION #263

APPROVAL/APPLICATION/STATE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PROGRAM GRANT FOR RENOVATIONS AT THE PUTNAM COUNTY FACILITY LOCATED AT 121 MAIN STREET, VILLAGE OF BREWSTER, COUNTY OF PUTNAM/SEQRA DETERMINATION

WHEREAS, Section 5-2(E) of the Putnam County Code provides, in relevant part, that an applicant of any grant application not requiring any Putnam County (the "County") matching funds shall notify the Putnam County Legislature (the "Legislature") of the submission of a grant application and, further, if the Legislature objects to such grant application, the applicant shall withdraw it forthwith; and

WHEREAS, by and through the State of New York and the Office of Assemblyman Kevin Byrne (NYS Assembly), the County can receive funding in the amount of \$50,000 through the Dormitory Authority State of New York ("DASNY") and awarded by the State and Municipal Facilities Program ("SAM") to subsidize the costs associated with the interior renovations, improvements and other/additional furnishings to County office space located at 121 Main Street, in the Village of Brewster, County of Putnam (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, there is no matching fund requirement by the County to accept the \$50,000 SAM grant for costs associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project includes, without limitation, interior renovations and improvements as well as furnishings to the aforesaid County office space (the "Action"); and

WHEREAS, the Action is determined to be a Type II Action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617, §617.5(c)(2) "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site" including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 6 NYCRR Part 617, §617.4; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature supports the submission, by and through the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, of its application for grant funding in the amount of \$50,000, such grant administered through DASNY and awarded by SAM, and is hereby authorized and approved by the County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature accepts the determination that this project is a Type II Action and, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act

(SEQRA) 6 NYCRR Part 617, §617.6(a)(1)(i), there is no further environmental review necessary in connection herewith.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7 – Other Business

Item #7a – Approval/ Contract / Legislative Counsel was next. Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she did not see the contract until today. She questioned why it would not go before a Committee before coming to the Full Legislature.

Chairman Castellano explained that it was a four (4) year contract which the Legislature has the right to renew or not each year. He stated that we haven't sent out another RFP because the contract has not expired yet.

Legislator Albano stated that the amount is in the Legislature's budget.

Legislator Montgomery stated that because of the professional services agreement law that we follow through Municipal Law, she believed it would be good governing to look at these contracts and discuss them every year. She believed it would avoid getting into a situation like in 2017 when the Legislature fired an attorney.

Chairman Castellano stated that we are looking at it every year. He stated that it is a four (4) year contract that we agreed to and this is our opportunity to look at it. He stated that if we wanted to get out of the contract, this would give us the opportunity to do so. He stated that the contract hasn't changed.

Legislator Jonke clarified that there was an RFP submitted in 2017. Discussion ensued about the previous Legislative Counsel's appointment.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she wanted to make sure this body is doing its due diligence when considering the renewal of contracts. She stated that it is not criticism of Counsel Firriolo; who has always been very helpful and always there for her when she calls for advice or recommendations on things she is working on. She stated that she is talking about fiscal responsibility. She did not see why we couldn't go out for bid every year on this. She continued by quoting sections of Municipal Law. She believed that there was a problem with the contract and believed that certain questions were not asked such as; conflicts of interest or if Counsel Firriolo represented any Legislators in private matters.

Chairman Castellano stated that the questions were asked and multiple individuals applied for the job.

Legislator Nacerino stated that those questions were asked and several candidates were interviewed. She stated that this is a rollover contract with a clause and provision to opt out. She explained that the predecessor earned significantly more money.

Legislator Albano explained that the dollar amount is less than it was four (4) years ago for the previous counsel.

Chairman Castellano stated that it was a considerable savings.

Legislator Jonke stated that it was a fiscal responsibility.

Legislator Montgomery explained that she doesn't have the opportunity to state what she believes is wrong with the contract. She stated that she sees some flaws in the contract. She stated that we all understand that there is a difference in philosophy here, fundamentally, Legislative Counsel would not represent her district. She further explained her long nine (9) year history with Legislative Counsel when she was trying to keep guns out of her district.

Legislator Sullivan questioned a call to order.

Chairman Castellano requested a Roll Call Vote on the item.

RESOLUTION #264

APPROVAL/ CONTRACT / LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2017, Putnam County issued a Request for Proposal for legislative counsel for the Putnam County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, after review of the one proposal submitted in response to the Request for Proposal the Legislature recommended contracting with Boutin & Altieri, P.L.L.C. for personal services, encompassed in the terms as specified in the Request for Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the term of the agreement was for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2018 and may be renewed for three (3) consecutive one (1) year periods; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the firm name changed to Altieri & Firriolo, P.L.L.C.; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature designates Altieri & Firriolo, P.L.L.C. for outside services encompassing the terms as specified in the Request for Proposal for a price not to exceed \$75,000 for the year 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract term shall run from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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

Item #7b – Approval/ Renew Contract/ Outside Auditors was next. Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

Legislator Montgomery stated that again this appeared on the Full Legislature agenda. She stated that there was no opportunity to address this during a Committee meeting or the opportunity for public comment. She believed it was in the best interest of good governing to review these contracts every year.

RESOLUTION #265

APPROVAL/ RENEW CONTRACT/ OUTSIDE AUDITORS

WHEREAS, by Resolution #197 of 2013 the Putnam County Legislature designated O'Connor Davies, LLP for outside services for the years 2013 – 2017 under the terms set forth in their August 21, 2013 response to a Request for Proposal; and

WHEREAS, said Request for Proposal included an option of two, one year renewals; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature desires to exercise the option to renew the contract agreement with OConnor Davies, LLP for the year 2019, under the terms set forth in their letter of August 15, 2019 to the Director of Purchasing; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the renewal of the contract with O'Connor Davies, LLP for outside services for the year 2019 under the terms set forth in their letter of August 15, 2019.

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

Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

Lynne Eckardt, Town of Southeast Councilwoman representing herself believed that debate was very good and she was interested in Legislator Montgomery's question. She stated that if Items #7a and #7b weren't on an agenda where the public could comment, then she believed it was reasonable to allow some debate now. She believed the opinions of the Board should be respected. She stated that she felt short changed on those discussions. She suggested in the future when someone disagrees to be allowed the floor to explain his or her reasoning. She believed people liked to hear a difference of opinion when it was pertinent.

Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Nacerino congratulated her colleagues, Legislators Albano, Sullivan and Jonke on their reelection. She stated that she is honored to serve with them and looked forward to a productive year ahead.

Legislator Addonizio mentioned the passing of William Nichols, father of Marjorie Keith, retired Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension. She stated that William was the 7th generation Town of Kent resident. She stated that Nichols Street was named after him. He was a World War II Army Sergeant and lifetime Rotarian. She asked everyone to keep the family in their thoughts and prayers.

Legislator Montgomery stated that open enrollment for health insurance is November 1st through December 15th. She stated that the Mother, Infant, Service Network (MISN) is the not for profit agency that serves as the navigator for Putnam County, along with five (5) other counties. She stated that she is hosting an event with MISN on November 16, 2019 at 10 North Street in Cold Spring. She explained that it provided an opportunity for free assistance in renewing or enrolling into Medicaid, Child Health Plus, Essential Plan and Market Place Plans. She explained that she originally sent a request to host this event at the new Senior Center in Cold Spring, however it was denied by the County Executive who cited that this is a not for profit agency. She was told that the building could only be used for the seniors. She stated that unfortunately at \$11,000 per month we can only use

that building from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm every day, five (5) days per week, unless we can do more senior programs at night.

Chairman Castellano explained that when we were moving forward on the Senior Center, it was the Village of Cold Spring that said we could only use it for a Senior Center for those hours.

Legislator Sullivan stated that it was not because the County wasn't allowing access to the facility. He explained that it was because the Planning Board that approved the use of the facility stated that it could be only used for a Senior Center.

Chairman Castellano stated that the County would like to offer other services such as the Department of Motor Vehicles services or issuance of passports and Cold Spring didn't allow for that.

Legislator Montgomery stated that it was because of the lack of parking.

Chairman Castellano encouraged Legislator Montgomery to contact the Village of Cold Spring. He stated that we would love to have this conversation.

Legislator Gouldman congratulated the newly elected Legislators. He stated that Monday, November 11, 2019 is Veteran's Day. He encouraged people to thank Veterans for their service. He also wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Legislator Sullivan stated that there will be many Veterans' Day events taking place throughout the County to honor our Veterans. He encouraged everyone to attend. He stated that the County has an event at Veterans Memorial Park on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Castellano stated that on November 9, 2019 at 12 noon there will be approximately 100 local Veterans receiving a Veterans Service Medal in front of the Historic Courthouse; as it took place 100 years ago. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Legislator Sayegh explained that the Historic Courthouse was lit up in Orange on November 4, 2019 for CRPS/RSD (Complex Regional Pain Syndrome/Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) Awareness Month to recognize this unknown disease which affects many individuals.

Chairman Castellano congratulated the three (3) Legislators who won in the election. He stated that he was looking forward to the year ahead.

There being no further business, at 7:38 P.M., Chairman Castellano made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Albano and Sullivan. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.