AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN ROOM #318 PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Members: Chairman Castellano and Legislators Albano & Gouldman

Monday 6:30pm September 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Chairman Castellano who requested Legislator Gouldman lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators Albano and Gouldman and Chairman Castellano were present.

Item #3 – Approval of Minutes – August 29, 2022

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #4 - Correspondence/County Auditor

- a. Sales Tax Report Duly Noted
- **b. Board In Revenue Report** Duly Noted
- c. OTB Report Duly Noted
- d. Transfer/Revenue Report Duly Noted
- e. 2022 Contingency/Sub-Contingency Report Duly Noted

Item #5 – Correspondence/ Commissioner of Finance

- a. Overtime/Temporary Report Duly Noted
- Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 22A061/ Highway/ Funding for Snake Hill Road Culvert Replacement Project – PIN 8762.77 (Also reviewed in Physical)

Chairman Castellano made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

c. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 22A062/ Highway/ Funding for Peekskill Hollow Road Culvert Replacement Project – PIN 8762.76 (Also reviewed in Physical)

Legislator Gouldman stated he is concerned about this project. He stated he is glad the work on the Peekskill Hollow Road project is resuming this week. He stated there is a commitment that work on this culvert will not begin until the Peekskill Hollow Road project and the work on the two (2) bridges is complete. He stated is supportive of this budgetary amendment to fund this future project, but is not in favor of having this work done before the other work is complete.

Legislator Sayegh requested a more detailed update on the resuming of the Peekskill Hollow Road project.

Legislator Albano stated from what he understands, the project will not be completed this year, but they will do as much work as possible to make Peekskill Hollow Road safe for winter.

Legislator Montgomery stated in terms of the current Peekskill Hollow Road project, it seems that information is being provided to some Legislators before it is sent to all Legislators. She stated information about this project has been requested multiple times and very little has been provided. She stated apparently the Town of Putnam Valley Supervisor has more detailed information than was provided to the Legislature. She stated this is a County project, it effects the public, and not having the information leaves the Legislature open to criticism.

Legislator Albano stated there was a legal matter which made it difficult to share information. He stated he has been inquiring almost daily about this project to get an update, which he finally got on Friday. He stated that same information went out in an email to the Legislature today.

Legislator Montgomery stated a better job could be done getting information to the Legislature.

Chairman Castellano stated he would like to stay focused on the agenda item.

Legislator Gouldman stated the location of this culvert on Peekskill Hollow Road is located right by the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center. He stated before any work is done, he would like to make sure it is necessary. He stated his concern is based on results of recent projects in the area that caused delays and major inconveniences for residents and anyone traveling through the area. He stated he wants to make sure there will not be any negative impacts to the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center because of this project.

Legislator Montgomery stated the Legislature received an email from a constituent, Karen Freede. She stated Ms. Freede questioned if the bridge near Tompkins Corners was evaluated by an independent party and if it is part of the plan to make Peekskill Hollow Road a truck route, which is concerning.

Commissioner of Finance William Carlin stated this culvert replacement project would be funded with Bridge NY funds.

Legislator Albano stated these projects have been identified as serious issues that need to be addressed. He stated this budgetary amendment puts the funding in place now, although the project is not going to be started anytime soon. He stated there is plenty of time to get the information about the questions being asked or concerns being raised. He stated it would be foolish to wait on this funding.

Legislator Montgomery stated for the record, she is not opposed to this project. She stated if the works needs to be done, it needs to be done. She stated she appreciates the input from the public and their questions should be addressed first and foremost before work begins.

Chairman Castellano made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

d. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 22A063/ Sheriff/ Insurance Reimbursement/ Offset Repair of Vehicle involved in Accident (Also reviewed in Protective)

Chairman Castellano made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

e. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 22A065/ Sheriff/ Insurance Reimbursement/ Cover Damages to Jail Intercom (Also reviewed in Protective)

Chairman Castellano made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

f. Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 22A067/ Dept. of Social Services/ Include Funding for Staff Trainings with Contract Renewal of Office of Victim Services Grant Awarded to Child Advocacy Center

Chairman Castellano made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Item #6 – Approval/ Fund Transfer 22T198/ Health Dept./ Nursing Malpractice Insurance Premiums Increase (Also reviewed in Health)

Legislator Nacerino questioned if this has been considered for the 2023 budget.

Commissioner Carlin stated the insurance cost will be higher in the budget. He stated the NYMIR premium begins in September. He stated inflation has affected everything from energy to insurance to community college costs. He stated Westchester County Community College costs are increasing 25%.

Chairman Castellano stated he would also imagine more students will be going to community college this year due to inflation.

Chairman Castellano made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 22T198; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #7 – Approval/ Budgetary Transfer 22T210/ Emergency Services/ Correct Resolution #103 of 2022/ FY2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) (Also reviewed in Protective)

Commissioner Carlin stated the wrong line number was provided to the Legislature for Resolution #103 and this corrects that error.

Chairman Castellano made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Item #8 – Approval/ Fund Transfer 22T211/ Sheriff/ Cover Automotive Chargeback from Highway (Also reviewed in Protective)

Commissioner Carlin stated more funding was allocated to gasoline budget lines for 2023 so there will be less chargebacks coming through.

Chairman Castellano made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 22T211; Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Item #9 – Approval/ Fund Transfer 22T214/ Senior Resources/ Unmet Needs Contract Increase

Legislator Montgomery questioned if Unmet Needs repairs are still being done.

Commissioner Carlin stated not according to the letter sent by Office for Senior Resources Director Cunningham.

Chairman Castellano made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 22T214; Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Item #10 – Approval/ Fund Transfer 22T218/ Emergency Services/ Equipment for 2022 Emergency Services Tahoe (Also reviewed in Protective)

Chairman Castellano made a motion to approve Fund Transfer 22T218; Seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Item #11 - Other Business - None

Item #12 – Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant, Beth Robinson.