

Legislator Nacerino stated her appreciation for the work done by the Putnam Arts Council. She stated the arts are so valuable to our wellbeing.

President & Executive Director Picone stated the arts creates jobs and brings in visitors to the County, but most importantly these programs enhance the community for the residents of Putnam County.

Legislator Montgomery thanked the Putnam Arts Council for their work and the consideration given to each applicant. She stated she is grateful that the County provides funding to the Putnam Arts Council for this purpose and would like to see that funding amount increased. She spoke to the revenue generated by the arts.

President & Executive Director Picone stated she is grateful for the funding they receive. She stated this particular program comes into the Putnam Arts Council and goes right back to local projects and organizations.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #5 – Approval/ Sales Tax Funding Reallocation/ Town of Putnam Valley/ Parks & Recreation Day Camp

Chairwoman Addonizio stated Town of Putnam Valley Supervisor Jacqueline Annabi submitted a request to the Administration in November 2023 to reallocate the Sales Tax funding from the Bell Hollow Road culvert project to be used for their Parks & Recreation Day Camp. She stated when the County was affected by the July 10, 2023 storm, the Bell Hollow Road culvert was undermined and declared an emergency site by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). She stated FEMA will fund the repair of the bridge and culvert as the extent of the damage became much worse than was originally anticipated.

Commissioner of Finance Michael Lewis stated due to the storm damage and the previous project being funded by FEMA, a resolution was created to reallocate \$509,858.90 of the Sales Tax funding to go toward the Parks & Recreation Day Camp project. He stated they met with the towns and villages last week about this funding to notify them that the projects needs to start being planned accordingly or they could be in jeopardy of losing the money.

Legislator Nacerino stated her support for this reallocation.

Legislator Gouldman stated although the July 10, 2023 storm had a major impact on the area, he is happy to see FEMA providing funding for the Bell Hollow Road bridge and culvert repairs, allowing this funding to be redirected to another use.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #6 – Approval/ Appointment/ Plumbing & Mechanical Trades Board/ Redlon

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #7 – Approval/ Appointment/ Home Improvement Board/ Katsuk

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #8 – Approval/ Appointment/ Board of Ethics/ Eldridge

Legislator Nacerino questioned if having Personnel Officer Paul Eldridge on the Board of Ethics could be a potential conflict if a matter involving an employee arose.

Legislative Counsel Robert Firriolo stated he would look into that. He stated he would imagine if such a conflict presented itself, Personnel Officer Eldridge could recuse himself and allow the rest of the Ethics Board to consider the issue.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #9 – FYI/ Litigation Report – Duly Noted

Item #10 – Other Business – None

Item #11 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 6:46pm, Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Beth Robinson.