

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

Wednesday

June 5, 2013

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Othmer who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Oliverio, Nacerino, Albano, Gross, Castellano, LoBue, DiCarlo and Chairman Othmer were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Van Ross.

Item #3 - Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – May 1, 2013
Special Meeting – May 22, 2013

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #4 - Correspondence

a) County Auditor was duly noted.

Item #5 - Pre-filed resolutions:

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Gross, Legislators LoBue & Oliverio)**

Item #5a – Approval/Budgetary Transfer (13T086)/Finance/AutoMon Caseload Explorer Case Management System for Probation Department was next. Chairman Othmer recognized Legislator Gross, Chairman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators LoBue and Oliverio, Legislator Gross moved the following:

Legislator LoBue stated that this reflects the amount that will be five annual installments going forward. The total principle cost of this software will be \$75,758.

RESOLUTION #118

**APPROVAL/BUDGETARY TRANSFER /FINANCE/AUTOMON CASELOAD EXPLORER
CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary transfer (13T086) to fund the lease of the AutoMon Caseload Explorer Case Management System for the Probation Department; and

WHEREAS, a lease of the AutoMon system is needed in order for the County to meet the requirements of the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and the Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said budgetary transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:
 10314000 54560 Equipment Rental 17,017

Decrease:
 10199000 54980 Contingency 17,017

2013 Fiscal Impact \$17,017
 2014 Fiscal Impact \$17,017

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
 (Chairman Albano, Legislators Othmer & Scuccimarra)

Item #5b – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (13A018)/Highways & Facilities/FEMA Snake Hill Road Reconstruction Project was next. Chairman Othmer recognized Legislator Albano, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the Committee, Legislators Othmer and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #119

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT/HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/FEMA SNAKE HILL ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has requested a budgetary amendment (13A018) to provide funding for the FEMA approved Snake Hill Road Reconstruction Project; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

58760000 53000 51315	FEMA – Snake Hill Road	697,961
58760000 51094 51315	Temporary	30,000
58760000 58002 51315	FICA	<u>2,295</u>
		730,256

Increase Estimated Revenues:

58760000 445971 51315	Fed Rev FEMA – Snake Hill Rd	730,256
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2013 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
 2014 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5c – Approval/Budgetary Transfer (13T080)/Highways & Facilities/Overtime-ATI Supervision was next. On behalf of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Othmer and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Albano stated that this is a good program and will save the County money. He stated that he would like to see this as a full time position in the future as opposed to overtime.

Chairman Othmer stated concurred. The County has realized a savings as a result of the man hours of worked performed by the individuals in the Alternative to Incarceration program. In Committee it was discussed whether the supervision should be performed by law enforcement. However, he believed that a construction expert needed to supervise these individuals in the area of work they are performing.

Legislator Gross stated that a lot of the work is done on the weekends because most of the individuals in the program have jobs they work at during the week.

Chairman Othmer stated that ATI stands for Alternative To Incarceration. He stated when certain individuals are convicted of lesser crimes, as an alternative to incarceration; they are requested to provide community service for the County. The County is able to utilize their skills in performing work on the County campuses.

Legislator Albano stated a few years ago there were some individuals who performed community service along Lake Glenieda. These individuals were appreciative that they could do something that was productive.

RESOLUTION #120

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT/HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/OVERTIME-ATI SUPERVISION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities as requested a budgetary transfer (13T080) to fund Alternative to Incarcerations overtime supervision costs of highway personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10098000 51093	Overtime – ATI Supervision	30,000
10098000 58002	FICA	<u>2,295</u>
		32,295

Decrease:

10199000 54980	Contingency	32,295
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2013 Fiscal Impact \$32,295

2014 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5d – Approval/Conveyance of Strip of Vacant Real Property Adjacent to Tax Map No.: 68.5-2-22/Town of Southeast was next. On behalf of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Othmer and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Castellano stated that this is a great opportunity. He stated that it is a nice location for a store which would be good for the Town of Southeast.

Legislator Gross stated that there is a septic issue on that property which needs to be addressed.

RESOLUTION #121

APPROVAL/CONVEYANCE OF STRIP OF VACANT REAL PROPERTY ADJACENT TO TAX MAP NO.: 68.5-2-22/TOWN OF SOUTHEAST

WHEREAS, in connection with past road reconstruction activities, a strip of vacant real property adjacent to 55 Argonne Road, Brewster, New York (Town of Southeast Tax Map No.: 68.5-2-22) was acquired by the County by deed, dated December 22, 1933, which was recorded in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk in Liber 244 at Page 251 (hereinafter the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property cannot be improved under existing zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, the County does not require the use of the Property; and

WHEREAS, Consortium Properties is the owner of 55 Argonne Road, Brewster, New York (Town of Southeast Tax Map No.: 68.5-2-22), which is improved by a commercial structure; and

WHEREAS, a recent survey depicts that a portion of the existing parking area, and the ingress and egress thereto, for 55 Argonne Road, Brewster, New York (Town of Southeast Tax Map No.: 68.5-2-22) encroaches onto the Property; and

WHEREAS, in order to resolve legal and/or title issues resulting from said encroachment, Consortium Properties has offered to purchase the Property for the sum of \$9,000.00, which represents the appraised value of same; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Administration has reviewed said offer and recommends the acceptance of same; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature approves of the transfer of such Property acquired by the County and further described in the deed recorded in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk in Liber 244 at Page 251, to Consortium Properties; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Consortium Properties shall pay the County the sum of \$9,000.00, together with payment of the appropriate Transfer Tax, Recording Fees, and County, Town, and School Taxes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Consortium Properties shall be required, at its sole cost and expense, to obtain any/all necessary approvals as shall be necessary to effectuate the transfer of the Property, including, but not limited to such approvals as may be required by the N.Y.S. Department of Transportation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the issuance of the aforesaid approvals, if required, and the receipt of the aforesaid monies by the County, the Property shall be conveyed in an "as is" condition by quitclaim deed, which shall provide that it be automatically merged with Town of Southeast Tax Map No.: 68.5-2-22; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Attorney is authorized to prepare said quitclaim deed, and the Putnam County Executive shall be authorized to execute said quitclaim deed on behalf of the County.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5e – Approval/Lease Agreement/Putnam County Economic Development Corporation was next. On behalf of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Othmer and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Oliverio stated that he would stand by his feelings mentioned at the Committee level. He believed that any of the not-for-profit groups, including tourism, the IDA or the EDC should be tied closely to government. Their offices should not be located within the County structure. He would like the organizations to run freely and on their own.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that she respectfully disagreed. She stated that the IDA and EDC are separate organizations from County government. However, we have a common goal. The goal is to get the economic stimuli going in this county and we need to work together to achieve this. It does not mean we are intertwined. She stated that having Meghan Taylor, President of the EDC, in this building a couple of days per week, she has already run into her and has had great discussions about things that concern Legislator Scuccimarra’s district. She believed that having the EDC’s presence in the County building was a positive “win-win” situation.

Legislator LoBue stated that she concurred with Legislator Oliverio. She believed that all of the outside agencies should be autonomous. She stated that placing the EDC right next to the County Executive’s office, she believed the perception is that it questions what is going on. She stated that there were discussions last year about emptying the County building located at 34 Gleneida Avenue. However, we still do not know what will be happening with that building.

Legislator Albano agreed with Legislator Scuccimarra. He believed that we are all working on a common goal. We want to improve the County and have it operate in a very cost effective way. It makes sense to utilize space that is already empty and cost efficient not having to heat two different locations during the winter. He believed the County would get better results if we all worked together.

Legislator Nacerino concurred with both Legislators Scuccimarra and Albano. She believed that when two agencies work together for a common good and they complement each other, then that supports their ultimate goal.

Legislator Gross stated that we did have this discussion last year and he believed the EDC should remain autonomous.

Legislator Oliveira agreed that the agencies and County government have to work together to have the same focus and mutual goals to enhance our business structure in Putnam County. However, the autonomy of these not-for-profit agencies must be supreme. He does not support government having great influence over the outside agencies. It troubles him that government is providing space and having a mutual co-existence with these outside agencies. He believes that is how politicians and governmental workers get themselves in trouble.

Legislator Albano believed that these things would happen whether or not the agencies are located next door to government or across town. He did not feel that being in the same building would be the cause of such a downfall.

Chairman Othmer stated that the IDA and EDC are two different entities. The County gives the EDC \$135,000 a year. Therefore, we do have a vested interest in them. It's the taxpayers' money. He stated that having the EDC located on the same floor as the Administration in the County Office Building allows them to brainstorm and work together. He believed this made perfect sense. He believed next month this Legislature will be very surprised with some of the things that are in the works with the Economic Development & Energy Committee Chairwoman and EDC. He stated that as far as 34 Gleneida Avenue, he believed that the County Executive wanted to sell the building. However, he believed it needed a lot of work and believed it should be ripped down for better view of the Courthouse.

RESOLUTION #122

APPROVAL/LEASE AGREEMENT/PUTNAM COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is the owner of the properties located at 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 (hereinafter "County Office Building") and 841 Fair Street, Carmel, New York 10512 (hereinafter "Planning Department Facilities"), including the buildings located thereon; and

WHEREAS, portions of the 3rd floor of the County Office Building and the Planning Department Facilities are not needed for use as office space by the County (hereinafter referred to as the "Surplus Office Space"); and

WHEREAS, the County previously entered into a lease agreement with the Putnam County Economic Development Corporation (referred to as the "EDC") for office space in the building located at 34 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512; and

WHEREAS, said lease agreement with the EDC expired on December 31, 2010, and has continued thereafter on a month-to-month basis; and

WHEREAS, the new full-time President and the Board of Directors of the EDC have approached the County Executive and have indicated that the EDC is desirous of relocating from 34 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 to the Surplus Office Space located at the 3rd floor of the County Office Building and the Planning Department Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, pursuant to the authority granted to her under Section 31-22 of the Putnam County Code, has entered into negotiations with the EDC for the lease of the Surplus Office Space; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31-22 of the Putnam County Code, the County Executive has requested that the Putnam County Legislature approve such lease agreement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Surplus Office Space located at the 3rd floor of the County Office Building and the Planning Department Facilities is not needed for County use; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the Lease Agreement between the County of Putnam and the EDC for the Surplus Office Space, in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A", and that the Putnam County Executive is authorized to execute said Lease Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate the Lease Agreement between the County of Putnam and the EDC in the manner approved herein.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. FOUR NAYS – LEGISLATORS DICARLO, GROSS, LOBUE & OLIVERIO.

Item #5f – Approval/Recommendation/Initial Offer Amount of Certain County Properties to be Sold Utilizing Real Estate Brokers & MLS Pursuant per Resolution #81 of 2013 was next. On behalf of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Othmer and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator LoBue stated that to be consistent, she would be voting “no”. She does not feel comfortable with the County profiting from the sale of these properties, when we have had record high foreclosures and unemployment. During the budget process the County Executive addressed this as a revenue initiative.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that most of the properties are places that have been abandoned. There are very few that are salvageable. She believed that having them sold at the attached amounts was a “win-win” situation for the County.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he respectfully disagreed with Legislator LoBue. He believed this was a good idea. Many of the properties in his area have been abandoned and are falling apart. He stated that the other properties where individuals still reside at have been given many opportunities to pay their debts. He believed we were doing the right thing in trying to make our taxpayers whole.

Legislator Nacerino believed we needed to recoup some of that revenue that has been in default for so many years. She believed this has created a hardship on the people that do pay their taxes because they have had to fill the gap for the individuals who have not paid their taxes.

Legislator agreed that many of these are properties where people have walked away from. We would never want to profit on the hardship of someone else. In many cases, these buildings are almost rip downs. He stated that the County is not trying to make a profit. We are just trying to recoup the taxes.

Legislator Gross stated that this is the smart and efficient way to go. The County is on the hook for the taxes on these properties for all these years. We need to recoup those losses. He stated that it is unfortunate, but as Legislator Oliverio pointed out, there is a long history of working with these people over and over again to help them. At some point we need to move on.

Legislator Castellano stated that certainly these are individuals that haven’t paid their taxes in quite some time and it is hurting the rest of the people in Putnam County. He stated hopefully Putnam would be able to get back some of the money lost over the last couple of years and hopefully the person buying the property would do a better job than who is there right now. That would be good for Putnam County.

Legislator LoBue stated that it is not a question about making the County whole. She stated that she is disputing the process and method. The transfer of real property in the past has been done through bidding. She stated that now a profit has been built in and the “better” properties have been listed with the realtors. She is disputing the process. These properties are going on Multiple Listing with Real Estate agents, and she believes there is definitely profit involved.

Legislator DiCarlo believed that the majority of people that will purchase these properties would purchase them based on the property not the building on it. He believed they would restore the property. He stated that what we have not had a conversation about is; what about the neighbors? What about their property value going down because of their neighbors? He believed this was a “win-win” situation.

Chairman Othmer stated that there are a lot of hard working people in the County that pay their taxes. However, when people do not do their job and pay their taxes, everyone else’s taxes go up. He did not believe the County was making a profit. The money received from selling these properties at a fair value gets dispersed to everyone’s property value.

RESOLUTION #123

RECOMMENDATION/INITIAL OFFER AMOUNT OF CERTAIN COUNTY PROPERTIES TO BE SOLD UTILIZING REAL ESTATE BROKERS & MLS PURSUANT PER RESOLUTION # 81 OF 2013

WHEREAS, per Resolution #81 of 2013 the Putnam County Legislature authorized the County Executive to offer certain County owned properties for sale through the applicable Multiple Listing Service utilizing the services of the licensed real estate brokers under contract with the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31-4 and Section 31-8 of the Putnam County Code the initial offer amounts of said properties are to be determined by the Putnam County Executive/Commissioner of Finance, based upon comparative market analyses performed by the real estate brokers, and with the advice and recommendation of the Putnam County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed the comparative market analyses and the initial offer amounts suggested by the real estate brokers for the properties which will be offered for sale at the present time; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature concurs with the initial offer amounts suggested by the real estate brokers for the properties which will be offered for sale at present time, as reflected in the attached Schedule “A”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that consistent with Section 31-4 and Section 31-8 of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature recommends that said properties be initially offered for sale at such amounts.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR LOBUE.

RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Castellano & DiCarlo)

Item #5g – Approval/District Attorney/Authorization to Contract with Leads Online Service was next. Chairman Othmer recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and DiCarlo, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino stated that we are now in the process of updating and revising our Precious Metal & Gem Law and this will enable our District Attorney to have an online tracking system shared with other departments. It will be more effective and efficient moving forward.

Legislator LoBue stated that it is a State-wide data base that will be utilized by law enforcement and was brought forward by the District Attorney. It is a new initiative.

Legislator Nacerino clarified that it was Nation-wide.

Legislator Albano stated that it is a great idea. It helps law enforcement work together with other agencies with information.

Legislator Nacerino stated we are working on our Precious Metal Law and this will enable us to move forward in an effective way because it does provide the sharing and tracking of information.

Legislator Castellano stated that this is where government lags behind the private sector. This is a great opportunity and will help to protect the residents of Putnam County. It will make government more efficient.

RESOLUTION #124

APPROVAL/DISTRICT ATTORNEY/AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH LEADSONLINE SERVICE

WHEREAS, LeadsOnline is one of the nation's largest online investigative system used by law enforcement agencies to solve crimes, and

WHEREAS, LeadsOnline will pay for itself through searches and reports containing timely information from within and outside the County, and

WHEREAS, this program also provides a community awareness aspect enabling citizens to safely store serial numbers, images and receipts for their valuables online, and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has requested permission to contract with this online service, and will start the program using available forfeiture funds, and

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee has reviewed and approved of this service, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the District Attorney to contract with this LeadsOnline service to commence January 1, 2014.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman DiCarlo, Legislators Gross & Nacerino)**

Item #5h – Approval/Fund Transfer (13T071)/Probation/Senior Probation Intake Worker was next. Chairman Othmer recognized Legislator DiCarlo, Chairman of the Personnel Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator DiCarlo moved the following:

Legislator DiCarlo stated that he does not object to this taking place, however, as he has voted all year, he believes this needs to take as part of the budget process. He has nothing against the individual or the need for this; he is just being consistent and believes it should be part of the budget process. This is the reason he will be voting "no".

Legislator Nacerino stated Legislator DiCarlo's concerns were discussed in Committee. However, she stated that in this case this person is in the Probation Department and has stepped up to the plate. However, she did not want to make this the golden rule by having promotions mid-year.

Legislator Gross stated that government needs to be responsive. This is a unique situation which he supports.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he did not have a problem with the promotion of this person, but he did have a problem with the timing of the promotion. He supported it taking place through the budget process. The results of the next budget session would take effect in six months on January 1, 2014. He felt that the person performing the job now understood that these are tough times; we do more with less. He believed we would be setting precedent. How would you say no to the next person?

Legislator LoBue concurred. She approves of the person and the work they are doing, however, this is a matter of principle. She believed there were so many people that feel they are going above and beyond.

Legislator DiCarlo stated that he was just being consistent. He stated that during last year's budget he voted no for increases in the County Clerk's office for a new initiative. The money was to be put in subcontingency until the program proved to generate revenue. He stated that he did not have a problem giving those workers the increase. He stated that we are not trying to take anything away from anyone. It just needs to be consistent.

Legislator Castellano believed that this person has been working out of title for some time. It is good to promote within. The person has passed the exam and is in the top three. He stated that he would love to see it go through the budget process, however, he believed this was a good thing for the employees of Putnam County and believed it made us more efficient.

Legislator Nacerino stated that it was made very clear in Committee that this was not going to be a precedent.

Legislator Albano stated that the rules are not being changes. This is an exception.

Legislator LoBue questioned what would happen next month if another individual was brought to their attention that fell under the same scenario. She believed if this was approved this evening it would be setting a precedent.

Legislator Castellano stated that if you are a civil servant there is a procedure if you are working out of title. This person has passed the exam and is doing the work. The request came from the Personnel Department.

Chairman Othmer stated that the Probation Department does a wonderful job with the issues they deal with on a daily basis.

RESOLUTION #125

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /PROBATION/SENIOR PROBATION INTAKE WORKER

WHEREAS, the Probation Department has requested a fund transfer (13T071) to provide funding for upgrade to Senior Probation Intake Worker effective 6/01/13; and WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said upgrade and fund transfer; now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:		
10314000 51000 (314010118)	Personal Services	2,390
10314000 58002	Social Security	<u>183</u>
		2,573
Increase:		
10314000 51000 (314010113)	Personal Services	2,390
10314000 58002	Social Security	<u>183</u>
		2,573

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the salary for the Senior Probation Intake Worker is set at an annual salary of \$54,826 effective 6/01/13.

2013 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2014 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS DICARLO, LOBUE & OLIVERIO.

Item #5i – Approval/Budgetary Transfer (13T089)/Personnel/Putnam’s Investment in Leaders of Tomorrow (PILOT) Program was next. On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator DiCarlo moved the following:

Legislator DiCarlo stated that this initiative was put out by the County Executive for this year to get our youth involved in summer internships. There was an overwhelming response to the program by High School and College students and as a result of this the County Executive’s office requested additional funding. He believed this was a perfect example of Putnam County giving back to our youth by getting them familiar with some programs they may be interested in pursuing in the future. This will cultivate our next workers and leaders in Putnam County government.

Legislator Nacerino believed this was an excellent program. It is a defining moment for each and every child that gets to participate to see how government operates upfront and personal. It lends itself to that person going forward with any career choice which they may have. She wholeheartedly supported the program.

Legislator Scuccimarra believed this was a program that helped to mold our children in a positive way. It gives them something to look forward to, providing them with the

incentive to get a job. It also instills values, which many of our youths today do not have. She shared that the unemployment rate in New York State for 16 to 19 year olds was 28.4%. She believed that anything Putnam County could do to help our children she wholeheartedly supported.

Legislator Gross commended the County Executive and the Personnel Department for getting this program off the ground. It is an excellent program in getting young people involved in learning Putnam County government.

Legislator Castellano stated this was a fantastic program for our youth in Putnam County.

Legislator DiCarlo stated that he hoped at the August Personnel Committee meeting to get some testimony from some of those individuals who participated in the program. It would help let the public know that it was a worthwhile experience.

RESOLUTION #126

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY TRANSFER/PERSONNEL/PUTNAM'S INVESTMENT IN LEADERS OF TOMORROW (PILOT) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Director of Personnel has requested a budgetary transfer (13T089) to provide additional funding due to the overwhelming response to our recruitment for the PILOT Program; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said budgetary transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10123000 51095	PILOT Program	15,000
10123000 58002	FICA	<u>1,148</u>
		16,148

Decrease:

10199000 54980	Contingency	16,148
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2013 Fiscal Impact \$16,148

2014 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5j – Approval/Confirmation of Appointment/Director of Personnel was next. On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator DiCarlo moved the following:

RESOLUTION#127

APPROVAL/CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT/DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article 6, Section 6.01 of the Putnam County Charter and Article 2, Article 15.1(b) of the Civil Service Law, the six year term of PAUL

ELDRIDGE as Director of Personnel by MaryEllen Odell, Putnam County Executive, is hereby confirmed effective July 1, 2013.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5k – Approval/Amend Putnam County Workplace Violence Prevention Program was next. On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator DiCarlo moved the following:

RESOLUTION#128

APPROVAL/AMEND PUTNAM COUNTY WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the New York State Workplace Violence Prevention Act enacted on June 7, 2006 mandated the adoption of a Workplace Violence Prevention Program by the County of Putnam by March 2007; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2007, the Putnam County Legislature, by Resolution # 54, adopted a Workplace Violence Prevention Program; and

WHEREAS, the Workplace Violence Prevention Taskforce has reviewed the Workplace Violence Prevention Program adopted by Resolution # 54; and

WHEREAS, the Workplace Violence Prevention Taskforce has recommended the amendment of the current Workplace Violence Prevention Program; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has considered and approved the proposed revision to the County’s Workplace Violence Prevention Program; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, after due consideration approves and adopts the revised Workplace Violence Prevention Program attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and marked “Revised 3-19-2013”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the amended Workplace Violence Prevention Program shall take effect immediately, and shall be reviewed and updated periodically by the Workplace Violence Prevention Taskforce.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Chairman Castellano, Legislators Albano & Nacerino)**

Item #5L – Approval/Fund Transfer (13T090)Planning/Purchase Safe, Printing & Forms and Color Copier Cartridges was next. Chairman Othmer recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #129

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /PLANNING/PURCHASE SAFE, PRINTING & FORMS AND COLOR COPIER CARTRIDGES

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning has requested a fund transfer (13T090) to provide for the purchase of a safe, printing and forms and color copier cartridges; and WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approves said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:		
10802000 51094	Temporary	3,000
Increase:		
10802000 52110	Furniture	1,000
10802000 54311	Printing	1,000
10802000 54310	Office Supplies	<u>1,000</u>
		3,000
	2013 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	
	2014 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5m - Approval/Budgetary Amendment (13A022)/Finance/Vacancy Control Factor/March & April 2013 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #130

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT/FINANCE/VACANCY CONTROL FACTOR /MARCH & APRIL 2013

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (13A022) to provide for the vacancy control factor for March and April of 2013; 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:

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:		
See Attached Sheet	Personal Services	132,827
See Attached Sheet	FICA	10,161
See Attached Sheet	Dental	3,511
See Attached Sheet	Life Insurance	282
See Attached Sheet	Health Insurance	30,737
See Attached Sheet	Vision	414
See Attached Sheet	Flex Plan	<u>1,717</u>
		179,649
Increase Estimated Revenues:		
10131000 428551	Transfer from Road Fund	24,224
Decrease Estimated Appropriations:		
02990100 59030	Transfer to General Fund	24,224

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

10131000 427705

Vacancy Control Factor

179,649

179,649

2013 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2014 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5n - Approval/Semi-Annual Mortgage Tax Report/October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #131

APPROVAL/SEMI-ANNUAL MORTGAGE TAX REPORT/OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2013

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 October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013 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	\$ 463,458.21
Town of Kent	109,862.12
Town of Patterson	115,098.98
Town of Philipstown	
Village of Cold Spring	11,317.20
Village of Nelsonville	3,279.81
Town Outside	140,357.74
Town of Putnam Valley	142,987.31
Town of Southeast	
Village of Brewster	7,310.83
Town Outside	<u>217,880.92</u>
Total	\$1,211,553.12

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Othmer made a motion to waive the rules and accept the other business; seconded by Legislator DiCarlo. All in favor.

Item #6 – Other Business

Item #6a – Approval/Home Rule Request/Senate Bill S03878A / Assembly Bill A7606 – 2013 was next. Chairman Othmer made a motion to approve the following; seconded by Legislators DiCarlo and Albano. All in favor.

RESOLUTION #132

APPROVAL/HOME RULE REQUEST/SENATE BILL S03878A /ASSEMBLY BILL A7607-2013

WHEREAS, by Resolution #66 of 2013 Putnam County requested its State representatives to have a bill adopted to amend New York State Tax Law Article 29 to allow the County to exempt its portion of Sales and Use Tax on purchases of qualified clothing and footwear from August 16 through August 25, 2013, and

WHEREAS, this bill was introduced in the New York State Senate by Senator Greg Ball under Senate Bill S03878A, and

WHEREAS, this bill was introduced in the New York State Assembly by Assemblywoman Sandra Galef under Assembly Bill A7607, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the County Executive and the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature to file a Home Rule Message for this request under Senate Bill S03878A and Assembly Bill A7607 for the bill entitled “ AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to authorizing the county of Putnam to exempt from county sales and compensating use taxes certain clothing and footwear, during the period commencing on August sixteenth and through August twenty-fifth, two thousand thirteen”.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7 – Recognition of Public.

Ms. Lynne Eckardt, Town of Southeast Resident, questioned if there was a fiscal impact on the LeadsOnline program, and if so how much?

Legislator Nacerino stated that there will be no fiscal impact in 2014. The District Attorney will be utilizing forfeiture funds. It will, however, be incorporated into the 2015 budget. The cost is approximately \$11,000.

Ms. Ann Fanizzi, Town of Carmel Resident, requested a copy of the Mortgage Tax Report.

Item #8 – Recognition of Legislators.

Legislator DiCarlo stated that we will be looking at the Budget Process shortly. He wished all Putnam County High School Graduates the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Legislator Castellano stated that the Town of Southeast will be having a fireworks celebration on the 4th of July at the shopping center near Home Depot and Kohl's. He stated that there will be a band that will start playing at 8:00 P.M. near DeCicco's and the fireworks will start at 9:30 P.M. He believed it would be a great opportunity for the businesses in the area.

Legislator Gross stated the Town of Southeast is not spending any money for the fireworks. It was the public and the businesses that contributed to the purchase of the fireworks. He also invited everyone to notice the beautiful flags displayed along Lake Gleneida.

Legislator Albano wished everyone a great summer.

Legislator Nacerino stated that the Town of Patterson will be having their "Relay For Life" on Saturday, June 8, 2013. She also wished the best of luck to Brewster High School Freshmen Kevin Hazelwood and Michael Delfay who are running in the New Balance Track and Field Nationals in North Carolina on Saturday, June 15, 2013. Kevin is the #2 Freshman miler and Michael is the #5 Freshman miler in all of New York State.

Legislator Oliverio congratulated the Class of 2013. He also wished the Putnam Valley Girls Lacrosse Team luck while participating in the State Semi-finals. He wished everyone a "Happy Father's Day".

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that the Putnam County Humane Society, along with the Animal Rights Alliance Inc., is offering a low cost spay/neutering clinic for cats on June 13, 2013. The cost is \$70.00. For an appointment call 225-7777.

Chairman Othmer asked everyone to remember the victims of the Boston Bombings and the British Soldier murdered in London.

There being no further business, at 7:49 P.M., Legislator Oliverio made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Gross. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.