

**AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
CALLED BY THE CLERK AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRWOMAN
HELD IN ROOM 318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

**Thursday April 14, 2016
(Immediately following Economic Dev. Mtg. starting @ 6:30 P.M.)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 P.M. by Chairwoman Nacerino who requested that Legislator Castellano lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairwoman Nacerino requested that Legislator LoBue lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Gouldman, Addonizio, Albano, Gross, Castellano, LoBue and Chairwoman Nacerino were present. Legislator Scuccimarra arrived at 7:17 P.M. Legislator Wright was absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Van Ross.

Item #4 – Resolutions from Economic Development & Energy Committee held April 14, 2016 pertaining to IDA.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that this is a follow-up meeting to the Economic Development & Energy meeting which was held this evening. She stated that this Special meeting was held because it was believed that it was necessary to get the Industrial Development Agency (IDA) moving forward. She stated that it has been in limbo too long and is an important matter. She stated that we have five (5) names which she would like to move forward for appointment, said terms to expire December 31, 2016. She stated that the individuals are: William Nulk, William Carlin, Dr. Stephen Baranowski, Erin Meagher and Dario Gristina.

Legislator LoBue questioned if the names needed to be accepted as additional.

Legislative Counsel Van Ross said “yes.” The resolution is additional material that came out of the Economic Committee meeting.

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to accept the additional material; seconded by Legislator Castellano. One nay – Legislator LoBue. Motion Fails.

Legislator Castellano stated that it was a shame because we have five (5) solid individuals.

Legislator LoBue stated that she is not in favor of the structure. She stated that some of the comments made at the Economic meeting were that we can move forward and revise it later. She stated that someone needed to be in charge and right now we are appointing people, most of whom are brand new. She stated that we do not know who will be running the Board.

Legislator Castellano stated that it would be their obligation once we get the Board together.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that any new Board is going to be entrusted with the responsibility that they agreed to assume. She believed that Commissioner of Finance Carlin would certainly be able to produce the reports. She stated that Dr. Baranowski is a Certified Public Accountant; Erin Meagher is a Trustee on the Brewster Village Board and a member of the Chamber of Commerce and William Nulk is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce. She believed that we have four (4) very accomplished volunteers to step up to the plate and move this forward. She stated that it is a shame that we cannot move forward with these appointments this evening.

Legislator LoBue stated that we need a legal opinion regarding whether or not the County Commissioner of Finance can serve on this Board.

Legislator Albano stated that we are wasting a lot of time and not getting the job done.

Legislator Castellano questioned where we needed to go from here.

Legislative Counsel Van Ross stated that it would go to the May Full Legislative meeting.

Legislator LoBue stated that hopefully we will receive an opinion from the Law Department whether or not Commissioner Carlin can serve as a member before the May Full meeting.

Legislator Castellano suggested scheduling another Special Full meeting the night of the Audit & Administration Committee meeting on Monday, April 25, 2016.

Legislator Addonizio stated that if Commissioner Carlin is not allowed to serve as a member, she questioned if we had any other individuals to bring forward just in case.

Legislator Albano stated that we still have four (4) names, so as long as we create a Board we could at least be receiving the records to get the ball rolling. He stated that we could make changes next month.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that in addition to the importance of having a sitting IDA Board, we have old members who are representing themselves as current members. She stated that we have old members that still have possession of all our records and keys. She believed this was a serious matter and that the sooner we move forward the better it would be on all fronts.

Legislator LoBue believed this was a Band-Aid effect. She believed that waiting another month for the Legislature to be sure on the structure of the Board was not going to hold anything up. She stated that this has been going for a couple of months. She believed that we needed to advertise in the newspaper requesting individuals from the business community to serve on this Board.

Legislator Albano stated that there are time restraints with when reports are due. He believed that we needed to get the records from the old Board members. He believed that this is one step towards getting it right and we can revise it over the next few months.

Legislator Addonizio stated that it was mentioned that Teri Waivada might be interested; however, we do not know for sure because there was nothing received in writing. She questioned if she could send us a letter of interest.

Legislator Albano stated that once we establish a Board there are many things that need to happen, like requesting the records.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that the point is that the Board can consist of four (4) members; not to exceed seven (7). She stated that this does not necessarily mean that we need to start out of the gate with seven (7). She stated that most of us felt that it was more important to have an up and running Board than it was to maximize the amount of members needed. She did not believe there would be enough support to place an advertisement in the paper. She stated that she certainly wouldn't support it because she believed, what Legislator Addonizio had pointed out, that we would all go back to our respective town boards and convey the message through them to see if we have individuals who would step up from each community. She stated that in looking at the names we have now, she believed it would be insulting to say that they would be secondary to any names being brought forward in the future. She believed that we had a great group of professionals and if Commissioner Carlin is deemed to be a sitting member of the Board, he could certainly lead us in the right direction from a fiscal perspective. She believed that to do nothing was counterproductive to the objective put forth here tonight.

Legislator Castellano stated that the IDA Board resigned entirely and we were asked to seek out new individuals. He stated that we now have five (5) individuals throughout Putnam County. He stated that it would be their obligation to choose a Chairman or hire a consultant.

Legislator Castellano suggested having a Special Full meeting on Monday, April 25, 2016.

By Roll Call: Seven Ayes. One Nay – Legislator LoBue. Legislator Wright was absent. Motion carries to schedule the meeting.

There being no further business, at 7:32 P.M., Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.