

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
ROOM #318
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512
Members: Chairman Jonke & Legislators Gouldman, Sullivan**

Monday **6:30 PM** **September 17, 2018**
(The Rules Meeting Immediately Followed)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Jonke who requested that Legislator Gouldman lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators Sullivan, Gouldman, and Chairman Jonke were present.

Item #3 - Approval/ Protective Meeting Minutes: August 16, 2018

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #4 - NYSEG Process and Procedure Working With Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services/ Acting Commissioner Clair

Chairman Jonke welcomed the following NYSEG representatives: Chuck Eves, Vice President – Electric Operations, Trish Nilsen, Director Emergency Preparedness and Andy Gumkowski, Manager – Regional Operations NYSEG Brewster Division. He stated that he would like to discuss NYSEG’s plan for the future in terms of preparedness for storms and day to day operations. He stated that there have been reports made by residents that they lose their power even when there are no storms. He stated the local business owner community has reached out and expressed concern because of the loss of business and revenue due to outages.

Trish Nilsen, Director Emergency Preparedness stated that she will speak to the matter in two (2) paths specific to emergency situations. She stated that there are emergency situations during a storm, and then there are emergency situations that occur during day to day operations.

Chairman Jonke explained that there is a gentleman who has contacted him via email and has stated that he plans to start a petition against NYSEG. He stated the individual lives in the Brewster area and reports that in an eight (8) month period of time he has lost his power for no reason.

Trish Nilsen, Director Emergency Preparedness stated if it is appropriate she would like to take the information pertaining to this particular case as well as the contact information for the individual and she will see that he his contacted. She stated as far as storm and emergency response on a larger scale, NYSEG has been taking a look after the past storms and identifying areas that they believe improvement is needed. She stated that they have been communicating with Town officials to find out what their concerns are. She explained that municipal coordination is being looked at, with a focus on making sure that NYSEG improves in the area of helping with road clearing. She stated they are looking at their ETR (efforts to restore) set,

Resource Acquisition and Management. She stated Manager Andy Gumkowski will address the day to day and reliability improvements. She stated that there have been additional resources being brought into the area and some future thinking in terms of resiliency. She stated that she would like Manager Gumkowski to speak to some of the immediate improvements, because they have been looking at the businesses concerns.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated there is a follow-up meeting scheduled for this Friday, September 21st with the Town Supervisors of Putnam County. He stated it is a follow up to the granular breakdown of the work plan that was given this year and the different items that will improve NYSEG's reliability, from inspections to a capital improvements plan. He stated the Emergency Operations Center officials of the County were invited to attend the September 21st meeting as well.

Acting Commissioner Clair confirmed that he would be in attendance.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated NYSEG has ramped up their workforce from contractors. He stated that they are working on an aggressive tree trimming schedule. He stated that there are workers who have been brought in to address post storm concerns that have been brought forward such as missing street lights, a pole that is leaning now that wasn't leaning before. He stated the increased contractors doing said work has been going on for the past month.

Acting Commissioner Clair questioned if this clean-up is still from the tornado.

Vice President – Electric Operations Chuck Eves stated no, this is work being executed. He stated it is day to day work being done as well as an automation program, it will help automate the restoration of circuit devices.

Chairman Jonke stated then this is proactive work being done today that will help with future storms and restoring service back quicker.

Vice President – Electric Operations Chuck Eves stated that is correct. He explained the automation will allow remotely from the dispatch center to restore the un-faulted portion of the circuit. He stated as an example: if a tree falls in the beginning of a circuit there will be a device in the middle as the end point, and it will allow the un-faulted portion of the circuit to be restored.

Legislator Sullivan requested that Manager Gumkowski elaborate on what is meant by “the tree trimming schedule getting more aggressive”.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated NYSEG, post Hurricane Sandy, took a look at the tree trimming schedule for the grid area that the Brewster office carries. He stated that there is now a five (5) year cycle. He stated every circuit and area in our division will be trimmed at least once every five (5) years.

Legislator Sullivan requested confirmation that the new five (5) year tree trimming rotation is more aggressive than it had been.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated that is correct. He stated the said schedule has begun. He stated that there has been time lost in the restoration period after the March storms Riley, Quinn and the May tornados. He stated that they are ramping up to get back on track with the tree trimming.

Legislator Sullivan questioned if the tree companies in Putnam are working with NYSEG.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated that NYSEG has contracted with Nelson Tree Company currently to do the tree trimming. He stated in the case of a major storm event there would be other contractors brought in.

Trish Nilsen, Director Emergency Preparedness stated they have asked contractors and workers to have a magnetic sign on their truck that would identify them as a NYSEG contractor.

Legislator Gouldman stated that he represents the Putnam Valley area. He stated that area was hit very badly during the storms. He questioned if there is a focus on that area in terms of tree trimmings.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated the number of tree trimmers since the beginning of this year has tripled.

Legislator Gouldman requested specific numbers.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated approximately 30 -45 tree trimmers are working throughout the area.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to Waive the Rules and accept the Additional; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Legislator Sullivan questioned the status and process of repairing poles. He explained there are still a large number of broken poles, poles laying on the wires and poles that are tied together throughout the County. He stated some people have said that it comes down to whose pole it is. He requested an explanation to this matter.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated if a pole is damaged and there is more than one (1) utility on it, such as Telecom, Verizon et al. The process is to replace the pole if NYSEG's wires are on the top. He stated when the work is done with the transfer they cut the pole off at the telecom level. He stated there is a state wide data base that is used to report that the specific pole had been replaced. That is the process whether it is a proactive replacement or an emergency replacement. He stated then the next asset on the pole is notified through the data base. He stated once the information is entered into the data base the ownership of the pole is transferred. He stated the next asset on the pole is responsible for the pole.

Vice President – Electric Operations Chuck Eves explained further that the pole is still owned by NYSEG, but the stub that is left with the other assets on it, which still need to be removed, that is the pole that the ownership is passed on to the next asset.

Trish Nilsen, Director Emergency Preparedness stated that the equipment is owned by the other companies, that is why the ownership is transferred to them, so they can handle the removal of their equipment and reinstallation to the new pole.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated if it is truly an emergency situation, such as a pole has fallen across a roadway, NYSEG's on-call Duty- Supervisors will go out and make them aware that there is an emergency situation.

Legislator Sullivan questioned if there is a way that someone in the County can get a hold of someone in NYSEG in an emergency situation. He questioned also, is there a way a status can be checked of a pole that is tied to another pole.

Trish Nilsen, Director Emergency Preparedness stated she believes that the poles that NYSEG is aware of could be extracted from the database. She stated that list could be checked to make sure that there has not been a pole missed. She stated however once NYSEG inputs in to the database, they do not check the status, because the responsibility is, at that point, passed on to the new owner.

Acting Commissioner Clair stated Putnam County has a list that needs to be addressed and there are items on there from storms earlier this year. He stated that he had received a phone call from a resident that a transformer is sitting in their neighborhood. He stated the Highway Department workers were directed to put the transformers on the side of the road, and they are still there.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated that can be reported to him and he will see that they are removed.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the data base that was mentioned is open to the public.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated it is used by the utility companies only.

Trish Nilsen, Director Emergency Preparedness stated she believes that it is called the Joint Utility Management System. She stated it was established through the State of New York. She stated that she will look into it and to see if it is a system that can be directly accessed outside of the utility companies.

Chairman Jonke stated he received feedback from the County and Town Highway crews as well as local Fire Department personnel who all expressed a frustration with having to assign a person to remain stationed at a down wire until NYSEG arrived to declare the area safe. He stated it was reported that there were situations when it took hours until the NYSEG representative arrived. He questioned if there is a plan in place that will address that problem.

Trish Nilsen, Director Emergency Preparedness stated they have identified that down wire management is an area that needs improvement in the process. She stated NYSEG has teamed up with the National Guard to have them guard a down wire, freeing up the County, Town and Fire Department personnel. She stated they have realized that they need to supplement their resources to guard the down wires in the circumstances when the amount of down wires surpass the ability for their crews to get to the wires in a timely manner because there are just too many down. She explained NYSEG wants a wire to be guarded until the area is made safe.

Legislator Sullivan requested information regarding the number of NYSEG employees that work out of the Brewster Office today versus five (5) years ago.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated he has been with the company in the Brewster location for only the past two (2) years.

Vice President – Electric Operations Chuck Eves stated that he would send the information related to Legislator Sullivan’s question about the number of employees at the Brewster Office today versus five (5) year ago.

Legislator Nacerino stated that an issue that has been raised in the discussions that took place post all of the storms that devastated areas of Putnam County is that the manpower at the Brewster location had been significantly reduced in the past several years. She stated that has an impact in the poor response time, because NYSEG is waiting for crews to arrive from other areas. She stated then the unfortunate part of that, is there are crews responding to an area they are unfamiliar with, which contributes to not getting the job done in a timely manner. She questioned if there has been any discussion regarding increasing NYSEG’s local manpower.

Vice President – Electric Operations Chuck Eves stated last year NYSEG has nearly doubled the crews in the Brewster Division. He stated there is day-to-day work that is done to support the construction of the system, and there is what is needed to respond to a big storm, like the tornadoes that occurred. He stated during the tornadoes there were approximately 1,000 employees on the ground in this area. He stated that number of employees could not be sustained, nor could the industry. He stated there are storms that we know are coming and that allows NYSEG to get the resources in place in advance. He stated then there are storms like the tornado. He explained that tornado was predicted to be scattered thunderstorms; but then developed quickly and resulted in significant outages. He stated that they are listening to their customers. He stated that NYSEG released a Resiliency Plan a few months back. He stated the projection is to spend \$2 billion in New York, which a percentage will be spent in this area. He stated a major cause of outages in this area are the trees. He stated the tree trimming practices that were mentioned by Manager Gumkowski are based upon cutting a window through the trees. He explained that NYSEG’s practice in the past was to cut a hole through the trees allowing the conductors to pass through the trees. He continued explaining that method is not very effective because there are many trees in this area that have branches above their conductors. So that method of trimming leaves those branches, and in many cases during storms those branches are the cause of down wires. He stated one of the actions that will be proposed in the Resiliency Plan is a utility production zone. He stated the proposal will be to cut a tree from the ground to the sky off of NYSEG’s wires. He stated it is a practice they have been doing

in Connecticut and they receive approximately 80% approval from their customers. He stated it will be proposed as part of NYSEG's Resiliency Plan to the Public Service Commission (PSC). He stated the trees drive a significant cause of the outages in this area.

Legislator Sullivan questioned if NYSEG needs approval to conduct the tree trimming practice of cutting from the bottom to the sky from the New York State PSC.

Vice President – Electric Operations Chuck Eves confirmed that was correct.

Chairman Jonke facilitated further discussion with the representatives of NYSEG.

Legislator Castellano stated that he just yesterday noticed trees laying on power lines along Croton Falls Road. He questioned who should be called.

Trish Nilsen, Director Emergency Preparedness stated in general they advise all customers to call NYSEG's call center 1-800-572-1111. She stated that she has made a note of this and requested a cross street. She stated once she has that information the next step will be to determine if the wire is NYSEG's.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated that if they are not NYSEG wires they will contact the appropriate Utility Company.

Legislator Castellano confirmed that the referenced "800" number is on the NYSEG website and that they will contact the appropriate utility company. He stated the cross road is Stoneleigh Avenue.

Manager Andy Gumkowski confirmed that was all correct.

Trish Nilsen, Director Emergency Preparedness thanked Legislator Castellano for the cross road information.

Acting Commissioner Clair questioned the status on providing secondary power to the Putnam Hospital.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated their engineering plan has been approved. He stated that they are now working with the contacts at Putnam Hospital to determine where they physically want the Switch Gear Transformer to be on the hospital's property.

Acting Commissioner Clair questioned if the projection is to complete this in 2018. He stated the discussion of this matter has been going on since 2017.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated they are very close to breaking ground, setting poles and running the wire.

Acting Commissioner Clair questioned if they have ever considered an alternate yard besides Brewster. He stated such as a place to store poles or an extra line crew, preferably in the Putnam

Valley area. He stated that there was recently a call on September 6, 2018 in the Town of Putnam Valley. He explained the call was dispatched to NYSEG at 17:04 and NYSEG finally arrived on location at 19:00 hours. He stated this causes a great deal of the frustration. He stated the County has been told that the long response time by NYSEG will be addressed and improved. He stated it has not happened. He stated when the call was originally placed at 17:04 the response from NYSEG there was no estimated time of arrival (ETA). He stated at 17:32 the Fire Chief contacted NYSEG and asked for an ETA; still not available. He stated at 18:03 another call was made to NYSEG; still no ETA. He reiterated that NYSEG finally showed up at the scene at 19:00. He stated the Fire and EMS services are very frustrated by this lack of information and the amount of time it takes for NYSEG to respond. He stated that he has communicated this frustration on behalf of the Fire Chiefs. He stated the emergency services agencies and volunteers are frustrated. He stated Putnam County is fortunate to have very dedicated volunteers, but it is unfortunate that there is not a good response from NYSEG. He stated at previous meetings with NYSEG it was reported that they run an on-call status. He questioned if there had been any improvement on that.

Vice President – Electric Operations Chuck Eves stated, currently that is still NYSEG’s policy. He explained after midnight there is a “call in” process. He stated depending on the event an employee will be called in from home.

Legislator Gouldman stated the long lapse in time could have a negative impact on the response of Putnam County Volunteers. He stated if a volunteer is kept standing at the scene of a down pole waiting hours for a NYSEG employee to arrive, there is a potential that the volunteer the next time they receive a call to report for duty may think twice about responding.

Acting Commissioner Clair stated Deputy Commissioner Lipton has reported that there is a big issue with the wires along Fair Street in terms of vines and trees. He stated that area provides service to the Sheriff’s Department, the Carmel High School, a part of the Bureau of Emergency Services and all of Route 52 etc. He stated attention is needed along Fair Street.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated NYSEG’s Arborist has a vine removal program. He stated that he will make sure that it gets on the list to be addressed next.

Acting Commissioner Clair stated that he will be at the Friday, September 21st meeting, with the Town Supervisors (*At Centennial Golf Course*) hopefully there will be some improvements by then.

Chairman Jonke requested that Acting Commissioner Clair provide him with an informal update after that meeting.

Acting Commissioner Clair confirmed he would do that.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the problem of having inaccurate updates on the NYSEG system, such as power has been restored to a neighborhood, which in fact it had not, is being addressed.

Trish Nilsen, Director Emergency Preparedness stated they are working on getting better information from their system, then that information will be pushed out to the website. He stated that has been an area identified that must be improved.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if it is projected to be improved this year.

Trish Nilsen, Director Emergency Preparedness stated yes that is the plan. She stated that they do rely on the NYSEG customers notifications of outages. She stated they do rely on the automation of the system as well.

Chairman Jonke questioned if the information goes directly to the Brewster Office that comes from the system.

Trish Nilsen, Director Emergency Preparedness stated that any information reported as far as outages are visible to any storm employee. She stated that NYSEG does encourage their customers to sign up for the text alert program. She stated that the point is valid; if communication is being communicated to the customer it needs to be accurate.

Legislator Sayegh stated a major additional problem after the past storms were the intersections with traffic lights that were not working. She stated in some cases it was two (2) days before the traffic light began working. She questioned if there is any assistance that NYSEG has on hand that they can offer to improve that in the future.

Trish Nilsen, Director Emergency Preparedness stated NYSEG does not have an inventory of generators to provide. She stated that she will review the critical facilities list and confirm the traffic devices are recorded correctly. She stated that they would then look to the County to help prioritize the list.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated a request was made of each of the Town Supervisors to review their critical lists. He stated since the request there have been some significant updates received.

Trish Nilsen, Director Emergency Preparedness stated customers can report a critical facility or piece of infrastructure. She stated it is a form on NYSEG's website and is reviewed by NYSEG.

Chairman Jonke thanked the representatives from NYSEG for attending the meeting tonight and sharing their information. He stated Acting Commissioner Clair will provide him with an update from the September 21st meeting. He requested if Manager Gumkowski could send to the Legislature a copy of the plan that will be presented at the September 21st meeting to the Town Supervisors.

Manager Andy Gumkowski stated they will give him the updated plan.

Chairman Jonke stated that he will be taking agenda item #10 next.

Item #10 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (18A066)/ Request for use of Forfeited Asset Reserve Funds To Enter into three Partnership Initiatives Involving: Womens’s Resource Center, Putnam County Sheriff’s Department and Kent Police Department/ District Attorney Tendy

District Attorney Tendy stated he is moving funding from the Asset Forfeiture budget line to the Women’s Resource Center for training and the Sheriff’s Department and the Kent Police Department to purchase equipment. He stated that these are all law enforcement initiatives. He stated the Kent Police Department will be retiring seven (7) Ballistic Vests. He stated that they cost approximately \$870 each. He stated that they also have a need for five (5) bullet proof vests and carriers. He stated the Sheriff’s Department needs 16 Ballistic Helmets at a cost of approximately \$350 each. He stated they will be replacing eight (8) Ballistic Vests that will expire in 2019. He stated theoretically these departments could pay for said items themselves, by using tax payer funding. He stated Asset Forfeiture funding are proceeds that are acquired as a result of criminal activity. He stated a request was sent to the District Attorney’s Office from these departments requesting said items be purchased with Asset Forfeiture funding. He stated that is what the money is for. He stated finally the Putnam Northern Westchester Women’s Resource Center, requested funding for Eye Movement Decentralization and Retraining (EMDR) Training. He stated it is training to utilize a method to help people who have gone through traumatic experiences discuss it without reliving the horror of it.

Chairman Jonke questioned how much money is in the Asset Forfeiture Account.

District Attorney Tendy stated there is approximately \$131,000, including these expenditures. He stated for whatever reason, prior to him becoming the District Attorney the money was not really being spent. He stated there were grants not being spent. He stated over the past three (3) years funding has been given to various police departments, State Troopers departments and his office for various computer needs. He stated from 2016 to date there has been \$102,861 of Asset Forfeiture funding used, alleviating the financial burden to the taxpayers.

Legislator Sullivan stated that the knowledge of knowing the amount of funding available in the Asset Forfeiture budget line could be beneficial in the budget process.

District Attorney Tendy explained State and Federal Guidelines say that the Asset Forfeiture Program cannot be used as a budgeting tool. He stated in other words you would not want a budget line coming out of Asset Forfeiture. He stated that they do recommend that once a budget is set various organizations can make requests to receive Asset Forfeiture Funds for a specific purpose. He stated depending on the cycle of the department’s request and the specific need of their request it may or may not be approved to receive the funding. He stated while it can help offset the taxpayers funding for a budget it is not something that would be considered be put into a budget line, he explained then the Asset Forfeiture funds would be used as a budgeting tool, which is a conflict of interest.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated she is very thankful for District Attorney Tenydy’s use of the Asset Forfeiture funds in assisting the local police departments.

District Attorney explained that his office has sent a letter to all of the agencies that would be eligible to receive Asset Forfeiture Funding. He stated that many of the agencies were not aware that they were eligible to apply for this funding.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment (18A066)/ Request for use of Forfeited Asset Reserve Funds To Enter into three Partnership Initiatives; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #5 - Approval /NYS STOP – DWI Foundation 2018-2019 Crackdown Grant/Probation Director Funicelli

Probation Director Funicelli stated the STOP DWI Foundation, over the past few years, has access to grant funding through the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee. He stated Putnam, along with other Counties, have a certain amount of funding they can apply for. He explained the grant funding would be used for “Crack Down Events”. He stated the funding is used to put additional patrols out for specific events during the grant cycle of October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019. He stated an example of some of the events that the additional patrols would be approved for are: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Super Bowl, Memorial Day and Labor Day, etc. He stated that he has submitted an application for \$9,216. He stated that amount is determined after he meets with the different police agencies and they confirm how many events they can participate in. He stated Putnam County has applied to participate in six (6) of the eight (8) approved events. *(A County can apply for the maximum allotted determined by number of licensed drivers the maximum funding amount for Putnam is set at \$10,850)* He stated once approved the process is as follows, the police put out the additional patrol, they submit the proper paper work to him, the submitted documents are verified and then he applies for the reimbursement.

Chairman Jonke questioned if the application has already been submitted

Probation Director Funicelli stated that yes the application had to be in by September 14th .

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve NYS STOP- DWI Foundation 2018-2019 Crackdown Grant Application; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Item #6 - Update/ Putnam County Radio Project/ IT/GIS Director Tom Lannon

Chairman Jonke made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional presented to the Committee by Director Lannon; Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated the additional documentation is the same report that he presented at the June 21st meeting. However there is an updated section at the back of the report (*pages 36 - 38*). He stated that moving forward the new Microwave System has been delivered. He stated that a consultant company to help the County move this project forward, that is being paid for with grant funding.

Chairman Jonke requested the name of the consulting company.

Sheriff's Captain James Babcock stated the name of the consulting company is CDCG (*Communications Design Consulting Group*).

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated that CDCG is working on getting the Tower Leases done and finalized. He explained the County is requiring space on other Towers which will be part of the leases. He stated CDCG is also working on relicensing the frequencies for the County, because of being on different Towers. He stated new frequencies have been issued to Putnam County by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission), and that is for the new Radio System. He stated they expected the microwave system will be live by the end of the year, which will help the current radio system. He stated in the future with the new trunking system which the benefits have been discussed prior. He stated it will bring the schools systems, police, fire and EMS onto one cohesive system. He stated after working with the Fire Departments they have met with Motorola and have submitted the final numbers. He stated in working with Acting Commissioner Clair it has been agreed that it is a fair process to put radios in the primary response vehicles for the Fire Departments: Engines, Tankers, Ladder Trucks, Ambulances and the Chief's Vehicles. He stated there are grants available that the agencies could apply for to help with their need for additional funding. He stated so the "Fifth Plan" is what they have come up with. He explained it is what is outlined on the new pages, at the back of the pamphlet. He stated that currently the County expends approximately \$400,000 on Radio Costs. He stated that would go away. He stated that they would expect to get funding from New York State, approximately \$400,000 plus. He stated that would offset the cost of this plan. He stated additionally there are targeted grants available in New York State up to \$6 million. He stated that the County believes they will be able to align into one of those grants. He stated that would offset the costs even further as time goes on. He stated the process needs to be started, before you can begin asking for the grant funding.

Chairman Jonke questioned how Motorola was selected.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated they are a company on the State Bid and was selected. He stated that many of the areas around Putnam County use Motorola as well. He explained that Motorola has been working with the County for the past two (2) years to get the system to where it is today. He stated that they were selected because of the fact that they are working in neighboring Counties of Putnam County.

Legislator Sullivan questioned what is defined as a "Subscriber" it is the first heading in the table on page 36.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated a "Subscriber" identifies pieces of equipment.

Acting Commissioner Clair stated portables for all of the trucks would not be included. He stated they determined that the Fire Chiefs and the Ambulances are the most important to have a portable. He stated this will get all of the units on line.

Legislator Sullivan stated that he believes all of the Legislators agree this is a very important project to move forward. He questioned in reference to the radios that the County is looking to buy for the agencies, don't they have funding in their budget to purchase equipment.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated no. He explained the County bought the existing radios. The County use to pay a lease on the current equipment. He stated years back the County bought all of the radios and gave them to the fire departments.

Acting Commissioner Clair stated the New York State Two Percent Tax Law is very difficult. He stated that the call volume is increasing. He stated he believes they have come to a fair proposal. He stated the emergency responders need to be able to communicate in this County.

Chairman Jonke questioned in the time line of this project, where is the County currently.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated if the County moves forward it would take approximately 18 months to go live with the new system. He stated they are ready to move forward all of the back work has been done. He stated they need the final decision to be made to say this is the plan we want to go with.

Chairman Jonke stated he had heard that there was a meeting between the County and the MTA, what was the outcome of that meeting.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated the County will partner its system with MTA's.

Chairman Jonke questioned if that will address the dead zones on the western side of the County.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated that the County has already addressed that. He stated this partnership will allow MTA to leverage the County's System inside the County and the County will be able to leverage their system outside of the County.

Captain Babcock stated the partnership with MTA will be beneficial to the County and to MTA.

Chairman Jonke stated that communication needs to be available to all residents in their time of need. He stated that he wants the County to get to the finish line as soon as possible with this project.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that she agrees. She stated the western side of the County has been struggling with lack of communication for years. She stated the Fire Department on the Western side of the County has a difficult time communicating with their base at times. She stated to have everyone on the same system will be great. She stated that this was the County's idea to switch to this new system, so she supports the County helping the first responders in terms of getting the equipment they need to be on the new system. She stated the budgets are very tight for the Fire Departments. She stated there are many requirements that they have that they must meet that costs a lot of money.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she agrees. She stated this is a huge endeavor and an important endeavor. She stated that she believes the way this has been handled has been a very fair and equitable way. She questioned in reference to the comments made about grant funding being

available, would they be applied for in a collaborative effort, with all of the departments applying together.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated the most effective way would be to apply collaboratively. He stated however, the County cannot help, the County is excluded from doing that. He stated that he and Acting Commissioner Clair have recommended that the different departments should hire a grant writer to help them through the grant application process.

Legislator Sullivan requested clarification of page 36, which lists the different plans.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated the Fifth Plan is the one that they have been speaking to. He stated the County would decide to go with one of those plans.

Legislator Sullivan confirmed that the County currently pays approximately \$400,000 per year for various radio leases.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated that is correct. He stated that once the County decides which direction they are going with he will come in with a final chart that will include everything.

Legislator Sullivan requested confirmation that the County receives, annually, grants in the amount of \$420,000.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated that is correct. He stated there is no guarantee that the State will continue with this grant funding.

Legislator Sullivan questioned how many years has the County received this funding.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated in the past it was a competitive grant. He stated that they are now formula based grants that are based on population. He explained this is the first year with the formula based grant.

Legislator Scuccimarra requested an update on the Towers.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated the County has two (2) Towers that are up: one at the Kern Building and one at Route 110 Old Route 6. He stated that there is an agreement with the company that put them up to utilize a Tower in Putnam Valley and Piano Mountain, they are supposed to extend that up so it can be used. He stated the Tower at Ninham is loaded to the max, the County will need to do some work to get on that. He stated that there is a Tower at 292, on the boarder at Duchess, which the owner of it has agreed to let Putnam County on to the Tower. He stated there is a problem in Nelsonville there is no Tower there for the County to join on to. He stated there will be a problem with communication in that area. He stated that he does want to state the owners of the WHUD Tower have been very generous with the County. He stated that they are replacing their existing Tower.

Legislator Sullivan questioned if the proposed Tower at the Putnam Golf Course is no longer being considered.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated there is an evaluation going on to make sure it is the proper location for the County. He stated that there has been no findings thus far that states anything different.

Legislator Sullivan stated then the Tower at the Putnam Golf Course is still needed.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated that is correct.

Chairman Jonke requested if there are any other questions.

Legislator Sullivan stated he would like to know the time table associated with this project.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated he would guess that they are looking to the Legislature to provide guidance on which direction to go so they can work with Commissioner Carlin to start pulling the numbers together. He stated he will be meeting with Commissioner Carlin to discuss Motorola – they are offering leasing, which he thinks is the better way to go, but he does want to discuss it with Commissioner Carlin. He stated Commissioner Carlin may weigh in on bonding it as opposed to leasing. However the County needs to decide what direction it wants to go in.

Legislator Sullivan stated so as we go into budget time that is why you are here. He stated they are here to really start putting the pedal to the metal because we are going into budget.

Commissioner of Garrison Fire Department Dave Brower stated he is very happy to hear the County would like to buy the radios for all of our equipment. He questioned if the Fire Department and Ambulance Corp would be responsible for the installation of the equipment. He stated if that is the case they would need to budget for that. He stated it is terrific if the County is going to give us the equipment, but we would still have to budget to get it installed.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated installation in each vehicle is confirmed by Motorola as being included in the price.

Commissioner of Garrison Fire Department Dave Brower: So basically we are just going to have to buy portables.

Director IT/GIS Lannon stated that is correct and if you have any other vehicles like a boat, you would have to buy for that.

Commissioner of Garrison Fire Department Dave Brower stated that is terrific and said “thank you”.

Chairman Jonke confirmed there were no further questions. He thanked Director IT/GIS Lannon and Acting Commissioner Clair for their update.

Item #7 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (18A070 Revised)/ The Putnam County Sheriff's Department has been awarded two SFY18-19 Legislative Member Items: NYS

Senator Serino \$10,000 Grant Funding - To Replace Cradle Point Modems in Marked Patrol Vehicles/ NYS Senator Murphy \$7,500 Grant Funding – To Purchase Materials, Equipment and General Program Support for Anti-Crime and Anti-Drug Initiatives/Sheriff Langley

Chairman Jonke stated Sergeant Meyer is present to speak to this item.

Sergeant Meyer stated these are legislative initiatives. He explained the \$10,000 will replace computer equipment that allows connectivity, transferring data from the Sheriff's Vehicles back to the Sheriff's Office. He stated the \$7,500 will be combined with some insurance recovery money that the Sheriff's Department has received. He stated that funding will be used to replace a damaged License Plate Reader (LPR). He stated a new one cost approximately \$12,000.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve Budgetary Amendment (18A070 Revised); Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Item #8 – Approval/ Fund Transfer (18T198)/ To Cover Overtime Expenses for July 2018 - Due to One Correction Officer (CO) on Leave, One CO Vacancy & Two Officers on 207C/ Sheriff Langley (Also review at Personnel Mtg. 9/24/18)

Captain James Babcock explained due to two (2) officers' resignation there has been some overtime issues at the jail. He stated the resignations occurred approximately within the last two (2) weeks. He explained they are in the process of filling the positions.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve Fund Transfer (18T198); Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Item #9 - Approval/ Revised Fund Transfer (18T199 Revised)/ To Cover Overtime Expenses for August & FICA Expenses Related to Overtime – Due to Two Correction Officer Vacancies and Two Officers on 207C/ Sheriff Langley (Also review at Personnel Mtg. 9/24/18)

Chairman Jonke made a motion to approve Fund Transfer (18T199); Seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor

Item #11 - Other Business – None.

Item #12 - Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:00 p.m., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Sullivan. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk of the Legislature Diane Trabulsky.