

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**40 Gleneida Avenue Room #318**  
**CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**  
**(Chairman Albano, Legislators Castellano & Gouldman)**

**Thursday**

**December 16, 2021**

(Immediately Followed the Rules, Enactments & Intergov. Relations Mtg @ 6:30pm)

The meeting was called to order at 6:05p.m. by Chairman Albano who requested Legislator Gouldman lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Castellano, Gouldman and Chairman Albano were present.

**Item #3 - Approval/ Physical Services Meeting Minutes/ November 22, 2021**

Chairman Albano stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #4 - Approval/ Ratification of Application for Grant Funds Available Through The New York State Department of Transportation's Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program/ Commissioner Planning, Development and Public Transportation Fusco**

Chairman Albano stated this funding will be used to address air quality issues throughout the County's Transit Facilities. He stated this grant funding is one hundred percent (100%) State funded.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Approve Ratification of Application for Grant Funds Available Through The New York State Department of Transportation's Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

**Item #5 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A103)/ To Amend the Capital Budget to Fund Repairs at the County's Transit Facility utilizing Federal CARES Act and NYS Modernization and Enhancement Grant/ Commissioner Planning, Development and Public Transportation Fusco**

Chairman Albano stated this funding will be used to update the County's Transit Facility. He stated it is part of the CARES funding allocation.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment (21A103)/ To Amend the Capital Budget to Fund Repairs at the County's Transit Facility utilizing Federal CARES Act and NYS Modernization and Enhancement Grant; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

**Item #6 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A104)/ County Office Building Façade Project - Surety Settlement Payment/ To Amend the Capital Budget to Account for the Payment/ Commissioner Finance Carlin**

Chairman Albano stated that there were issues with the company that the County was working with on the County Office Building Façade project.

Legislator Castellano questioned if the work has been completed.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated the backup indicates that the funding from the Surety Settlement, will be used to bring the project to completion.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Approve Budgetary Amendment (21A104)/ County Office Building Façade Project - Surety Settlement Payment/ To Amend the Capital Budget to Account for the Payment; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

**Item #7 - Approval Tilly Foster Tilly Foster Farm – Building #7- Lease to Jar Worthy, Inc/ County Attorney Bumgarner (Tabled from 11/22/2021 Phys Svcs Mtg)**

Chairman Albano made a motion to accept the Additional; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Chairman Albano stated the backup includes a letter dated December 10, 2021 from the Watershed Agricultural Council, Land Conservation Stewardship Specialist, Dennis Heinz. He stated said letter gives approval to use the first floor of Building #7 on the Tilly Foster Tilly Foster Farm Property to be utilized as a new Rural Enterprise. He stated there has been an amendment made to the proposed lease. He stated it now includes a 3% increase per year, of the four (4) year lease. He stated the lease will end on November 30, 2025. He stated after the November 22<sup>nd</sup> Physical Services Meeting, he visited the Jar Worthy location. He stated he was familiar with the location and visited it when it served as the Rock & Roll Museum. He stated he was very impressed with the updates and work that has been done. He stated he believes it serves as a great complement to the Tilly Foster Farm campus and vision.

Legislator Sullivan stated to speak to the debate of whether the amount of rent is appropriate, he looks throughout the County and due to COVID sees many empty stores and hears of many businesses that have gone out of business. He stated he believes the County is fortunate to get a businessperson willing to fix up the location, pay rent and bring a business that adds to the vision that the County has for the Tilly Foster Farm.

Legislator Montgomery stated she expressed her concerns about this proposal at the November 22, 2021, Physical Services Meeting. She stated she followed up with a memo asking for

information (*memo attached in backup*). She expressed her appreciation for the official approval from the Watershed Agricultural Council, which was one of the items she requested. She stated this company was operating prior to the approval from the Watershed Agricultural Council. She questioned if the County has a “change of use” that is required for that building. She stated again her questions, submitted via her memo of December 1, 2021, are still unanswered. She stated in her opinion the proposed lease remains to be very vague. She listed a few examples. She stated in her opinion the proposed lease is favorable to the tenant. She stated she also sees incorrect numbers in the lease. She questioned in the second Article 6: Insurance, why isn’t the tenant required to have insurance. She stated in Article 7: Services, there is no requirement for reasonable usage of electricity, heat, hot water. She stated there is no provision for an increase in rent if there is an unreasonable usage. She questioned and stated this was a question she asked last month, do we know if the tenant is manufacturing candles on this property and what would be the usage of electricity if the tenant is doing so. She stated there was a fund transfer passed at the November Audit and Administration meeting to increase funding to pay utility costs due to increased usage at Tilly Foster Tilly Foster Farm. She stated also referencing the insurance issue, what materials will be used in making the candles. She continued to speak to her concerns with the lease. She stated there is not a provision that would allow the County to evict the tenant if the need arose to do that. She stated as a point of reference there was no red-line copy provided to show the changes to the amendments made to the lease. She questioned how was a 3% increase arrived at when the inflation rate is 7%. She stated her bottom line is that this proposed lease is not in the best interest of the County. She stated the rent amount is very low, especially given the fact that the \$800/month rate includes utilities, which is unheard of with a commercial lease. She stated she did request that Chairman Albano have Legislative Counsel review the lease.

Legislative Counsel Robert Firriolo stated that request was not communicated to him to do that.

Legislator Montgomery questioned the County Attorney as to whether she believed the proposed lease is a good lease for the County.

Chairman Albano questioned if Legislator Montgomery had finished with her questions. He proceeded and stated as far as inspecting the location, the Jar Worthy business is open to the public, so the Legislators are allowed to go to the site during their operating hours. He stated Building #7 must stay heated and maintained regardless of if there is a business operating in it or not, because it houses a lot of equipment in the basement related to the wells and water supply.

Legislator Jonke stated he believes some items were misstated. He stated the recent fund transfer approved at the November Audit & Administration meeting which was referenced regarding utility costs for the Tilly Foster Farm, it was an increase in the cost of electricity not the usage of electricity. He stated he is a commercial landlord and familiar with what is permitted in leases.

He stated in New York State there is nothing that can be placed in a lease regarding eviction. He stated New York State Law takes over if the County ever needed to go down that path. He stated he is happy the County has found a user who fits into what the County is looking for at the Tilly Foster Tilly Farm. He stated in the future he would hope to see a more transparent process in the selection of a business for that type of usage. He stated he would like to see the County use an RFP process to see what other businesses are out there and interested. He stated he supports permitting the other local business owners the opportunity. He spoke to some of the different options and agreements he has offered his commercial tenants. He stated in his opinion this monthly rent seems to be too much under market, and he has an issue with that.

Legislator Nacerino stated she would like to see this proposed lease to be reduced to a one (1) year lease. She stated we recognize the potential and the fact that Jar Worthy is a good fit. She stated the lease at \$800/per month for four (4) years is too low and believes an annual increase of 3% is too low. She stated she would like to re-evaluate this and restructure the lease. She stated she supports giving Jar Worthy some assurance and offering them a one (1) year lease at this time.

Legislator Addonizio stated she believes people believe the rent is low based on Building #7 being a large building. She stated for clarification they are not using the entire space.

Legislator Nacerino stated if that is the fact, the lease should contain the actual space they are using.

Chairman Albano explained Jar Worthy does have the option to utilize the entire space.

County Attorney Bumgarner stated she was told by the Deputy County Executive that the space that is included in the lease, approximately 1660 square feet, is not all usable space. She stated there are areas that are very outdated, and there are some structural and functional issues in some of the space.

Legislator Nacerino stated the lease and rent should speak to the actual space being used. She stated the lease currently includes the 1660 square feet, permits Jar Worthy over time to update and address needed repairs made, hence creating them the space to be utilized. She stated that brings it all back to \$800/per month totally under market and very low increment increases for four (4) years. She stated speaking of the cost of electricity increasing, that will reflect in the monthly costs for electricity at Tilly Foster Farm.

Director of Tourism Tracey Walsh stated she would like to speak to the value of having Jar Worthy at this location in terms of Putnam County Tourism. She stated she will not speak to the lease, as that is not under her purview.

Legislator Montgomery stated point of order, the agenda item being discussed in the proposed lease.

Chairman Albano stated Director Walsh's comments will apply to the lease.

Director of Tourism Tracey Walsh stated the Watershed Agricultural Council approved the space and proposal as a Rural Enterprise. She stated this is a woman owned business and provides an outlet for other woman owned businesses to sell their locally made products. She stated it has been operating as a pop-up consortium in Cold Spring very successfully. She stated they knew it had a draw and it was well received. She stated it is part of the Empire State Development's (ESD) plan to support women owned businesses. She continued to speak to her support and the value add that the Jar Worthy business will bring to the Tilly Foster Farm and to the visitors' experience. She stated Building #7 now, in its current state, she is promoting in the Film Putnam Initiative. She stated prior to the improvements made by the existing tenant, there were only offers to film a "slasher" film. She stated she is available to show any of the Legislators around if they are interested in seeing for themselves how this business elevates the experience. She stated additionally, she was asked to please work on managing tourism to get a draw away from the western side of the County, where they feel overburdened with tourists. She stated also the arrival of Jar Worthy to Tilly Foster Farm is part of the agritourism plan that she is working on. She stated there are ten (10) ways to cultivate profits through agritourism, which is the Tilly Foster Farm, and this does pertain to the lease. She stated there are Tilly Foster Farm markets or Tilly Foster Farm stands. She stated she would like to speak to a concern that Legislator Sayegh expressed at a previous meeting. She stated when they had a Tilly Foster Farm Stand on the Tilly Foster Farm property they charged the prices, as obtained by Cornell Cooperative. She stated they wanted to make sure that the County was not undercutting the local Tilly Foster Farmers. She continued to speak to the other programs scheduled to be introduced at Tilly Foster Farm, as part of the agritourism plan: You Pick, On Tilly Foster Farm Dining, Partnership with Arts Organizations, Agri-Education. She explained there will be a space in the Jar Worthy location that will be used to hold seminars. She stated as an example, there will be a Honeybee Seminar. She stated back to the plans for future programs, in alignment with the Agritourism: Agritainment, which is entertainment or weddings on the Tilly Foster Farm. She stated they are following a very carefully laid out plan. She stated the next program is having a retail enterprise on the Tilly Foster Farm. She stated that is one of the surest ways, and one of the ten (10) pillars, of having a successful Agritourism enterprise. She continued to state the other programs they are developing, a petting zoo, the Tilly Foster Farm currently has animal ambassadors, community supported agriculture, which the Tilly Foster Farm currently has and stays on the Tilly Foster Farm, which she will leave as "tbd", she stated she is in discussions regarding that item. She stated this will help alleviate some of the pressures on the western side of the County. She stated it will not happen overnight, but they have a great plan in place. She

stated Jar Worthy is a great part of the plan. She stated she hopes with more communication the fears and concerns, which she respects, are put aside and the County will move forward with this really great opportunity.

Legislator Montgomery stated she has no fears or concerns. She stated she is looking at the facts proposed in black and white in this proposed lease, which is on the agenda. She stated the electric costs have gone up, but we do not know the current usage. She repeated with way the lease is written, the tenant could stay in the space for as long as they want. She stated as far as woman owned business and the plan at the Tilly Foster Farm, it is wonderful, and she supports the partnerships. She stated she is concerned that the taxpayers and the County will be vulnerable by allowing this tenant to be there without a lease or insurance. She questioned are they manufacturing at the property and what are they burning. She stated they were allowed to go into the space prior to the approval received from the Watershed Agricultural Council. She stated she has no problem with the business itself. She stated she has an issue that a relative of the Manager of Tilly Foster Farm is renting space at Tilly Foster Farm, essentially for free, when you look at all they will be receiving in this lease. She stated there are lots of woman owned businesses and many in Philipstown that would like to have this opportunity. She stated they were not given the opportunity.

County Attorney Bumgarner stated the County maintains insurance on all of the buildings at Tilly Foster Farm, for repair and replacement. She clarified the lease provides if the tenant so chooses, they could get contents insurance, which would cover all of their personal property on the inside of the building. She stated the County's insurance would not cover that, and that is made clear in the lease. She stated with respect to the electric usage, there are multiple meters at the Tilly Foster Farm. She stated each building is not separately metered, therefore it is not possible to measure the usage for every individual space at the Tilly Foster Farm. She stated in reference to the Watershed Agricultural Council, she had a Zoom meeting with representatives of the Watershed Agricultural Council, which involved herself, Director of Parks Chris Ruthven and Deputy County Executive Tom Feighery. She explained back in July – August of 2021 this was already in the works, it was being discussed, it was being negotiated with the owner of Jar Worthy. She stated the anticipated occupancy date was Labor Day weekend of 2021. She explained, unfortunately a member of her staff, Andrew Negro, left employment with the County. She stated he had been working on this for the County. She stated additionally the two (2) members of the Watershed Agricultural Council, who Andrew Negro was working with, left the Watershed Agricultural Council. She stated the purpose of the Zoom meeting was to regroup and establish the new points of contact. She stated due to these employment changes for the County and the Watershed Agricultura Council, Jar Worthy, who believed they were moving in on Labor Day, did not. She stated what took place as Jar Worthy being there as a pop-up shop is not something she can speak to, it is not a legal aspect of what happened. She explained she wanted to provide the facts as to why there was a difference in when Jar Worthy was

contemplated to be at Tilly Foster Farm and when the Watershed Agricultural Council actually considered it and issued their approval.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated he can inform the Committee regarding comments about the term of the proposed Lease. He stated it is standard and straight forward. He explained Article 2 sets a fixed term for the lease and Article 14 provides a surrender clause, which states at the last day of the term, if not sooner, the Tenant must evacuate. He stated so there is no danger that the tenant could stay forever, which was stated as a concern early throughout this discussion. He stated it is a fixed term lease, which is very standard.

Legislator Nacerino stated she welcomes Jar Worthy and the business and value it will bring to Tilly Foster Farm. She stated personally she thinks this rent amount is a gift, it is way too low. She repeated she would like to see the amount increased either by revising the lease or perhaps making it a one (1) year lease and restructure it in 2022. She stated they will never find space for \$800/ month including: gas, electric, snow removal etc. anywhere else. She stated this is just far below market value in her opinion, and that is the only issue she has.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if any of the questions submitted in her memo will be answered.

Chairman Albano stated he believes some of them were.

Legislator Montgomery listed her outstanding questions and repeated her question as to whether they will be answered.

Chairman Albano stated he will see if he can get more answers by the December 22<sup>nd</sup> Audit & Administration Meeting.

Legislator Castellano stated he is familiar with Building #7 and is aware that the basement has vital assets to the property. He stated he remembered the upstairs being in very poor shape. He stated he will take a walk through the space again this weekend, while keeping an open mind. He stated based on the photos sent he can see clearly there was a tremendous amount of improvement made to the space. He stated he loves the idea of that business being there, but he too is concerned about the rent. He stated he would support moving this forward. He encouraged his colleagues to go to the location and see it for themselves. He stated he does think it will be a great asset to the Tilly Foster Farm property.

Chairman Albano questioned Legislative Council Firriolo as to whether there could be changes made to the lease.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated he will defer that question to the County Attorney in terms of modifying a lease that is in negotiations.

County Attorney Jennifer Bumgarner stated if the Committee would like to move the lease forward with amendments to it, she would be happy to make the changes the Legislature contemplates tonight.

Chairman Albano stated he would like to have an insurance clause added to the lease that requires the tenant to carry their own liability insurance.

Legislator Gouldman stated that he agrees with that recommendation. He questioned if the County requires other tenants to carry their own insurance.

County Attorney Jennifer Bumgarner stated it varies.

Legislator Castellano questioned since this item will be moved directly to the Year End Meeting could the recommended amendments be made next week after the Legislators have time to walk through the property or would that complicate things in terms of the negotiations of the lease.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated the committee can move it forward with approved amendments from this evening, or it can be tabled this evening, or the Committee can pass it tonight with approved amendments and then add additional amendments, if need be, or it can be tabled to a future Committee meeting. He stated the Legislature has many options. However, be clear that you are not voting on a final contract, because ultimately the tenant has to agree to it. He stated nothing stops the County from adopting a form of the lease and then it goes back to the County Law Department to continue the process of presenting the Legislative approved version of the lease to the tenant for consideration and approval.

Legislator Nacerino stated she is sure that we will all be pleased with the improvements to the space. She stated that does not negate the fact that the rent is too low, from her perspective. She questioned how the Chair of Physical feels about the proposed existing rent at \$800, with everything included.

Chairman Albano stated he would have to agree the rent is low. He continued stating however, the intention at Tilly Foster Farm is not really the rent, it is to have the right people there and he believes it is the right fit.

Legislator Nacerino stated she disagrees with the statement, as she believes, given the opportunity, there may be other businesses that would be a good fit. She stated she does not agree with the attitude that the rent is not really the concern.

Legislator Sayegh stated she does not know what the rent should be. She questioned who would do the market analysis to determine what the rent should be. She stated one fact to be considered is the location is not on a main road. She stated also, as Director of Tourism Walsh stated they are providing a service. She stated she would like to see what the actual market rates are. She stated she rents office space, and her landlord did negotiate with her during COVID.

Legislator Nacerino stated they are a retail. She stated there has been nothing determined in terms of how Jar Worthy will sell the County's products and what and how will that accounting be done.

Legislator Montgomery stated there was no market analysis, or RFP done. She stated there is no proposal for the profit sharing and selling County goods. She questioned if the nepotism issue will be addressed.

Legislative Counsel Robert Firriolo stated in the lease Article V does have a provision that states any and all profits from the sale of goods from the Farm go to the County.

County Attorney Jennifer Bumgarner stated there will be no "sharing", that is not an appropriate term.

Chairman Albano stated he would like to propose that the following amendments be made: make it a two (2) year lease and add that the tenant needs to get the standard insurance that is used by others on the Farm. He stated he is confident we will find they are a great tenant and a true asset to Tilly Foster Farm. He stated at this time Jar Worthy is in the space, he does not support putting this off for a couple of months.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Amend and Approve the Tilly Foster Farm – Building #7- Lease to Jar Worthy, Inc, amend it to a two (2) year lease and add the tenant is required to get the standard insurance that is used by others on Tilly Foster Farm; Seconded by Legislator Castellano. Motion Carries.

By Poll Vote: 2 Ayes 1- Nay Legislator Gouldman Motion Carries.

### **Item #8 - Update/ NYSEG Blue Sky Program/ Physical Chairman Albano**

Chairman Albano stated Director of Emergency Management John O'Connor is present to provide this update.

Director of Emergency Management John O'Connor stated the name of the meeting, carries significance "Blue Sky" it indicates all the personnel who are invited to the meeting are able to

concentrate on the meeting, rather than emergencies that may be going on. He stated the CEO of NYSEG was at the meetings as was also County Executive Odell, Chairman of Physical Services Albano, Commissioner of Highways & Facilities Pena and a few others and there were some representatives from some of the Towns. He stated basically the discussion involves what is projected for the upcoming season. He explained Putnam County a few years back instituted a Unified Command System (UCS), which has worked very well. He explained the formation of UCS and its function. He stated NYSEG was a little reluctant when Putnam began the use of the UCS. He stated today they recognize the value of the process and are now working to implement it in some of their upstate jurisdictions.

Legislator Castellano stated on Croton Falls Road, in his Legislative District, there are trees hanging on the wires, he questioned whose responsibility is that.

Director of Emergency Management John O'Connor stated NYSEG is going through the County looking for potential problems with trees and wires. He stated NYSEG is working to put new poles up further away for the tree line. He stated the challenge there is an issue with other companies who have wires on the pole, Comcast and Verizon. He stated the last company to remove their wire from the old pole has to pay to have the old pole removed, and that is costly.

Chairman Albano questioned who regulates that.

Director of Emergency Management John O'Connor stated the Public Service Commission.

Legislator Sullivan questioned if NYSEG has a map that can be provided to show where they will be working, he stated that may help to address the concern Legislator Castellano shared. He stated NYSEG is doing a lot of work in Mahopac, so they must have a plan that they could share.

Director of Emergency Management John O'Connor stated he will contact NYSEG to see if he can get that.

Legislator Montgomery stated Central Hudson usually notifies the Town Supervisor and they used to also notify the homeowners in the area of where they would be working, by placing a note on the homeowner's door. She recommended that the residents keep contacting NYSEG with their concerns and complaints. She stated that was done by the residents of Garrison, and it resulted in getting the work done.

Director of Emergency Management John O'Connor stated also it is helpful if neighbors work together and address potential tree and power line matters. He stated he will meet Legislator Castellano to see the area he is referring to and pass the information along to NYSEG.

Chairman Albano stated he has seen some positive actions on the part of NYSEG, he believes we are moving in the right direction.

#### **Item #9 - Update/ County Facilities- COVID/ Commissioner Highways & Facilities Pena**

Chairman Albano stated Legislator Montgomery requested an update on this.

Director of Emergency Management John O'Connor stated he is also the Safety Officer for the County. He explained this year, due to the fact that each County Department is unique in terms of their space and public interface they were looked at to gauge the best way to do things individually. He stated at the beginning of COVID until when things began to open back up there were changes made in how work was carried out. He offered some examples. He stated some of the new procedures will probably stay in place, even after COVID, because they serve the public better and permits the County Department to do their job. He stated each Department had to come up with their own safety protocols and submit them to the Safety Committee, which he is Chair of. He stated the Safety Committee would go to the Department and see if the recommendations made were appropriate. He stated on August 3, 2021, there was a Special Department Head meeting to discuss protocols needed to be put in place to be ready for what then Governor Cuomo was working on enforcing in terms of unvaccinated workers. He spoke to the protocols that were put in place which turned out to be in accordance to the protocols that came out, in November, via the Federal Government, through OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) under The Emergency Temporary Standard. He continued to speak to that. He stated in the Putnam County Departments, which there are 28 of them, 15 of the Departments' employees are 100% vaccinated. He stated out of the 621 employees in the County 531 of them are fully vaccinated. He stated 86% of the County employees are vaccinated which is better than the overall population in the State and Putnam County in general. He stated there are departments that require anyone coming into their building to wear a mask. He spoke to the Probation Department as an example. He spoke to the Mask Mandate Governor Hochul came out with on this past Monday, November 13, 2021. He stated OSHA considers the surgical masks we have been told to wear provides no benefits to the person wearing it.

Chairman Albano thanked Safety Officer O'Connor for the thorough update. He commented that it sounds as though Putnam County is working in accordance with all the necessary precautions that are in place.

Legislator Montgomery thanked Safety Officer O'Connor for the information he provided. She stated that update spoke to a memo she had sent to the County Executive about mask requirements, protocol and procedure. She stated she does not believe there is a procedure for this building, there was a meeting last night in this room, and there were people here without masks. She stated her inquiry for this meeting was specific to what protocols have been

followed and action taken in regard to the County Facilities and making them COVID preventative, that is why she requested the Commissioner of Facilities provide that update.

Director of Emergency Management John O'Connor started having run the facilities for the past two (2) years and during COVID he can address those questions. He stated he also is responsible for answering to the Office of Court Administrations, who ask very specific questions regarding the ventilation systems. He stated all of the County's HVAC systems are built to a certain standard. He stated a MERV 7 Filter was in place in the County's HVAC systems prior to COVID. He continued to speak to the updates and the obstacles to carrying some of them out.

Legislator Montgomery requested verification that the outdoor air requirement is sufficient.

Director of Emergency Management John O'Connor stated it is.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if a little more effort be given to protect the public that enters this building in terms of checking vaccinations.

Director of Emergency Management John O'Connor stated the Safety Committee has discussed that. He stated a lot of those actions come back to personal responsibility.

Legislator Montgomery stated there is a Mask Mandate, a law, and as the Safety Officer for the County she stated she would ask that he enforce it, as she would ask the County's Health Commissioner do as well.

County Attorney Jennifer Bumgarner stated she would like to clarify that the Mask Mandate is not a law. She stated it is not mandated by the Governor. She explained the Governor held a press conference. She stated the Governor did not follow up with an Executive Order- nothing. She stated the State Department of Health issued a Commissioners' directive, in which it was indicated that the indoor recommendation was masking for all unvaccinated individuals and checking of vaccination status. She explained what was said by the Governor at the press conference is not codified anywhere. She stated nowhere at the State level has it been indicated how or who enforces this and whether or not there will be any penalties. She stated it is not the responsibility of our local Health Department, not according to anything that has been adopted or stated at the State level.

Chairman Albano expressed his appreciation to Director of Emergency Management- Safety Officer John O'Connor for his update.

## **Item #10 - Other Business**

### **a. Verbal Request/ Legislator Montgomery**

Legislator Montgomery stated that one of her children who is coming home next week is immunocompromised. She requested that her colleagues, out of courtesy to her, wear a mask at the meeting.

**Item #11 - Adjournment**

There being no further business at 9:19 PM Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn;  
Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.