

**PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE
TENTATIVE BUDGET
AS PRESENTED BY THE
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
TO BE HELD BY THE
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
TO BE HELD AT
PUTNAM GOLF, INC.
187 HILL STREET
MAHOPAC, NEW YORK 10541**

Wednesday

October 2, 2013

8:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 P.M. by Chairman Othmer who requested Youth Director, Janeen Cunningham lead 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.

Chairman Othmer requested that the Clerk read the Public Notice (attached).

Chairman Othmer stated that anyone who wished to speak should come up to the microphone and state their name and the town in which they reside.

Carol Donick, Director of the Desmond Fish Library in Garrison, stated that on behalf of the people who utilize the Library services she wanted to thank the County Executive for the increase in funding to the Libraries.

Patti Haar, Director of the Patterson Library, concurred with Ms. Donick's appreciation for the County Executive's budget presentation and the increase in funding for the Libraries. She stated that she wanted to give the Legislature a heads up and stated that one of the things they have been asked to do is to escort the public to the market place. For the Affordable Care Act, they are providing training for their staff. People who don't have internet access will be coming to the Libraries to get information and find their way to the enrollment in the market place. She hoped that the Legislature would support the increase in funding for the Libraries in order to provide these new services.

Susan Limongello, Executive Director of PARC, thanked the County Executive and Legislature again for the \$150,000 funding in the 2014 Budget. She stated that it would help a lot of children with disabilities in Putnam County and will help PARC continue its pre-school program.

Chairman Othmer stated that Patricia Kaufman just retired as Director of the Mahopac Library. He invited her up to the podium and thanked her for her 25+ years of service.

Patricia Kaufman stated that it wouldn't have been possible without Community Support and her incredible staff. She stated that the County has also been incredibly supportive over the years to all of the Libraries throughout the County.

There being no further business, at 8:08 p.m., Legislator Oliverio made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator DiCarlo. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.