

**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 July 22, 2021
(Immediately following Audit & Administration Mtg. starting at 6:30 P.M.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Deputy Chairman Sullivan who requested Legislator Albano lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Nacerino lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Nacerino, Albano, Jonke, Castellano, and Deputy Chairman Sullivan were present. Legislator Sayegh and Chairwoman Addonizio were absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Item #4 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A068)/ Planning Department/ Route 6 Farrington Road Project/ State Aid – SAM Grant was next.

Deputy Chairman Sullivan read the resolution.

Legislator Albano stated that sight control was part of the criteria from the Dormitory Authority. He explained that with the amount of the grant award there would still be a shortage due to the anticipated project cost. He explained that there is a private party funding agreement to secure the balance of the funding for the project. He explained how the bid would expire soon and it was important to move this forward.

Legislator Castellano stated that this project is in a perfect location in Putnam County in the Town of Southeast on the Route 6 corridor. He stated that he remembers voting on this project in 2010 when he was a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. He stated that he knows the project has changed in scale somewhat, but he believed it would be great when it is finally finished in 2022.

Legislator Albano believed it was a good location between two (2) exits on Interstate 84.

Legislator Jonke stated that the developer that started this project started the approval process in 2007. He believed this was a win win for Putnam County. He explained that the project is in his district, it will create jobs and will be a good sales tax revenue generator.

Deputy Chairman Sullivan stated that this will hopefully open up this corridor to mirror the Route 6 corridor in Connecticut. He stated that this could be the first of many projects to come, he believed it would benefit many people.

Legislator Jonke stated that Mill Plain Road is a very busy one (1) lane road in Connecticut without turning lanes. He stated this project is in an area with two (2) lanes

in each direction and the State wants a turning lane. He also believed there would be a traffic light there as well.

Legislator Albano stated that it is proposed that they will put something in the ground to accommodate a traffic light in the future.

Commissioner of Finance, William Carlin stated, as a representative of the Administration, he would be remiss if he did not say thank you to the Legislature. He stated that all the good work that Purchasing Director Mazzotta, Commissioner of Planning Fusco and Senior Deputy County Attorney Diaz did could have been undone if the Legislature simply said “no” to a Special Full meeting. He stated that we know the extra work this puts on this Legislature, your Clerk and Legislative Counsel. He stated that we are very appreciative that you held this meeting tonight otherwise the bid would have expired.

Legislator Albano stated that the County Executive was very supportive and the one (1) thing she made sure of is that it would not cost the County a penny.

Deputy Chairman Sullivan stated that Director Mazzotta and Commissioner Fusco went above and beyond to get this done.

Commissioner Carlin stated that so did Senator Harckham’s office.

Deputy Chairman Sullivan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #139

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A068)/ PLANNING DEPARTMENT/ ROUTE 6 – FARRINGTON ROAD PROJECT/ STATE AID – SAM GRANT

WHEREAS, by Resolution #165 of 2020, the Putnam County Legislature authorized and approved the submission, by the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, of a grant application for \$1,085,000 through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (“DASNY”) and awarded by the State and Municipal (SAM) Facilities Grant Program for highway infrastructure improvements, including improvements aimed to, among other things, widen certain roadways, create turning lanes and re-align specific intersections, median closures/reconstruction, drainage, striping and related tasks (collectively, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #35 of 2021, the Putnam County Legislature authorized the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Town of Southeast and Reverse Betterment Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) on behalf of Putnam County to satisfy the site control requirement for the SAM Grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning has requested a budgetary amendment (21A068) to adjust the capital budget to include funding for the Route 6 – Farrington Road Improvement Project from New York State and Private Sector Sources; and

WHEREAS, no County funding is required; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

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| 55197000 53000 52108 | Route 6 – Farrington Road | 1,569,940 |
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

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| 55197000 435911 52108 | State Aid – SAM Grant – Rte 6 Farrington Rd | 1,085,000 |
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| 55197000 427050 52108 | Contribution – Rte 6 – Farrington Rd | <u>484,940</u> |
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2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS SAYEGH & CHAIRWOMAN
ADDONIZIO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**There being no further business, at 7:10 P.M., Deputy Chairman Sullivan made a motion
to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Montgomery. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.