

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN ROOM 318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512
(Chairman Albano, Legislators Nacerino & Scuccimarra)**

Tuesday

6:00p.m.

August 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Albano who requested that Legislator Nacerino lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Nacerino and Chairman Albano were present.

Item #3 - Approval/ Physical Services Meeting Minutes/ June 4, 2018

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #4 - Approval/ Fund Transfer (18T176)/ To Cover the Cost of Gasoline for The Buses in the Planning, Development and Transportation Department through to the End of the Year/ Commissioner Fusco

Chairman Albano explained that Transportation Manager Tamagna reported to him that the eight (8) buses purchased in 2017 run on gas. He stated that they are very fuel efficient, which is resulting in a substantial savings. He stated based on the fact that there are more vehicles using gas there is a need to purchase more gas and less diesel. He stated that there is still a need for the diesel pumps for other County vehicles. He stated that Transportation Manager Tamagna stated there still may be a need for additional diesel fuel and if so the request will be sent with an explanation.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Approve and move to the Audit & Administration Meeting Fund Transfer (18T176) To Cover the Cost of Gasoline for The Buses in the Planning, Development and Transportation Department through to the End of the Year; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Item #5 - Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (18A062)/ To Amend the 2018 Tilly's Table Budget

Chairman Albano stated this request has been generated as a result of Tilly' Table exceeding the projected budget for 2018. He stated that they are ahead of their projected revenue, which of course is great to hear.

Legislator Sayegh questioned why there is no dollar value listed under Expenses: Supplies and Maintenance, Rubbish Removal and Janitorial Services.

Chairman Albano stated that he will request an answer to Legislator Sayegh's question be provided at the August Audit & Administration meeting.

Chairman Albano made a motion to Approve and move to the Audit & Administration Meeting Budgetary Amendment (18A062)/ To Amend the 2018 Tilly's Table Budget; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #6 - Approval/ Lease Renewals Putnam County Veterans' Residence/ First Deputy County Attorney Negro

Chairman Albano stated this is a standard lease, which is annually renewed. He stated the lease runs from August 1st to the following July 31st at a rate of \$400 per room.

Director of Veterans Affairs Karl Rohde stated that he is working with the County's Law Department regarding a disciplinary matter with one of the residents. He stated that there is a total of 10 rooms. He stated in front of this committee is a lease to renew eight (8) of the 10 leases. He explained the next agenda item is a request to approve a new list, which will bring the 2018 – 2019 Leases approved up to nine (9). He just wanted to bring this to the attention of the Committee.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to approve Lease Renewals Putnam County Veterans' Residence; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Item #7 - Approval/Approving Lease/ Putnam County Veteran's Residence – Room #5/ First Deputy County Attorney Negro

Legislator Scuccimarra made a motion to Approve Lease/ Putnam County Veteran's Residence – Room #5; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #8 - Approval/ Request to Purchase Town of Patterson TM #25.47-1-4

Chairman Albano stated a neighbor to this property has decided to purchase it from the County. He stated it will be merged with their current property.

Legislator Nacerino stated she is familiar with the family and the property. She stated that this is a positive for the residents and the County.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to approve Request to Purchase Town of Patterson TM #25.47-1-4; Seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra. All in favor.

Item #9 - Discussion/ GHES Solar/ NY PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) Financing Program

Chairman Albano stated the trend is zero emissions and clean energy. He stated this program has been embraced by many of our surrounding counties. He stated the Governor of New York has been focusing on the matter of clean energy. He stated this is a program offered to commercial properties. He stated the County guarantees the payment for the solar projects. He stated that there is a standard agreement that must be signed, but there is an attachment that can be personalized to the desires of the particular County. He stated as an example, the County would not finance more than 80% of the value of the building, the business must be up-to-date on the payment of their taxes for the past four (4) years. He stated he believes it is a great concept. He stated it is paid for through the County tax bill. He stated it would be included on the County portion of the tax bill. He stated it becomes, like everything else on a tax bill, if the business defaults or does not pay there will be a lien on the property. He stated that in Westchester there are approximately 20 projects that have been completed and 15 pending. He stated he would like to send this to the County Law Department for their review.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she believes it sounds like a positive program. She stated once it is vetted through the County's Law Department she would support having discussing to create specifications that would be appropriate for Putnam County.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated since there are other surrounding Counties taking advantage of this program that is encouraging. She stated she supports going green and believes it would be a good step for Putnam County.

Chairman Albano provided an example of a couple of different stipulations put in the agreement by some of the surrounding Counties, not allow Gas Stations to participate and set a cap of \$5 million dollars of financing. He stated he believes Putnam County should look into this. He stated electric and green energy storage is the big push right now. He stated that he will request that the Law Department review the documentation and work with them to prepare a draft document to be reviewed at the September Physical Services Meeting. He requested that any Legislator that has comments or suggestions relative to creating a customized agreement for Putnam County, please contact him.

Item #10 -Discussion/ H2 Development Corporation

Chairman Albano stated a presentation was given by Jack Mosel CEO H2 Development Corporation Inc. at the July Physical Services Meeting. He stated that he is working to gather

additional information. He stated Mr. Mosel has requested that Putnam County enter into a preliminary agreement that would give him something to work with as he continues to bring this to fruition. He stated that he will discuss with the County Attorney's Office if there is an agreement that would not be binding, but indicate that Putnam County has an interest in the possibility of working with Mr. Mosel.

Legislator Nacerino stated Mr. Mosel's presentation was very compelling. She stated that she is optimistically cautious moving forward. She stated that she looks forward to doing our due diligence and researching this.

Item #11 – Other Business - None

Item #12 - Adjournment

There being no further business at 6:20 PM Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn;
Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy.