

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
HELD IN ROOM #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Members: Chairwoman Addonizio and Legislators Ellner & Nacerino

**Thursday July 11, 2024
(Immediately following Health Mtg. starting at 6:00 P.M.)**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Chairwoman Addonizio who requested Legislator Ellner lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators Ellner and Nacerino and Chairwoman Addonizio were present.

Item #3 – Acceptance of Minutes – May 16, 2024

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #4 – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 24A059/ Sheriff’s Department/
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Reallocation/ School Safety**

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional;
Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

Jennifer Caruso, Director of Compliance and Intergovernmental Relations stated Commissioner of Finance Lewis was unable to attend this evening so she will be addressing this matter. She stated this reallocation is an internal shift of the funds. She stated the ARPA funds come with guidelines, one of which being timing. She stated the deadline for encumbrance of the funds is December 31, 2024 and the deadline for the completion of the projects is December 31, 2026. She stated due to the vendors and other aspects of the project, the Sheriff’s Department did not feel that they could meet the timeline for the school safety project. She stated therefore, funding from the general fund allocated for Sheriff’s Department capital projects will be used for the school safety project and the ARPA funding will be used for the capital projects. She stated the capital projects are ARPA eligible and can be completed on the ARPA timeline.

Director of General Services John Tully stated purchase orders have already been issued for some of the capital projects.

Chairwoman Addonizio requested clarification on the school safety project and it not meeting the deadline.

Director Caruso stated the school safety project is not changing; only the funding source is changing.

Director Tully stated Sheriff McConville is working closely with BOCES to facilitate the project.

Director Caruso clarified there is no reduction in funds for the school safety project, rather than using ARPA funds, the project will be funded through the general fund.

Legislator Nacerino clarified that there is no fiscal impact as these two projects are swapping funding sources.

Director Caruso and Director Tully stated that is correct.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if the plan for the school safety project will be provided to the Legislature before funds are released for it.

Director Tully stated he is sure at the right time Sheriff McConville will brief the Legislature on the plan.

Legislator Nacerino stated the money is being encumbered this evening.

Legislator Ellner stated the budgetary amendment includes numbers, but no specific detail related to the plan.

Director Tully spoke to the capital projects that will now be funded by the ARPA funds.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

**Item #5 – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment 24A060/ Town of Philipstown/
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Reallocation Request to
Garrison Landing Water District – Well 8 Project**

Director Caruso stated the Administration and ARPA Committee have been overseeing the projects to ensure compliance with deadlines, allowable uses, and procurement. She stated the ARPA Committee and the Purchasing Department have worked to assist the municipalities by supplying them a checklist to follow. She stated the Town of Philipstown had a project involving their drinking water that did not quite meet the ARPA guidelines relating to compliance with procurement and one of the uses. She stated this Budgetary Amendment is the Administration's proposed solution to provide the Town of Philipstown with the funding needed to complete this essential project. She stated the proposal is for the APRA funds to be reallocated to a County project and the County would provide the Town of Philipstown funding from the general fund to complete their project without the ARPA requirements.

Town of Philipstown Supervisor John Van Tassel stated the Town was unfortunately misled in the beginning. He stated they believed anything applying to providing drinking water to Garrison Landing would be applicable to ARPA funds so they proceeded with

the project. He stated throughout the project they were purchasing water and then found out trucked water was not an authorized expenditure. He stated they could have used the funding to put the road in, purchase the truck or the piping, but the water itself was not authorized.

Legislator Nacerino stated fortunately, the County is able to swap funding sources to ensure this project can continue to move forward. She questioned how this money is allocated and provided to the Town of Philipstown.

Director Tully stated the same project budget line will be used, it will just be funded by a different source. He stated it will be a seamless transition, but the auditors will see that the funding used is not ARPA funding.

Director Caruso stated the agreement the County has with the Town of Philipstown will be amended to reflect the change.

Legislator Ellner stated he is in favor of this.

Legislator Jonke clarified that the County is taking 100% of the ARPA money back and providing 50% from the general fund.

Director Tully stated that is correct.

Legislator Ellner questioned if the amount being provided is sufficient to complete the project.

Supervisor Van Tassel stated yes, it is.

Legislator Sayegh stated her appreciation for the ARPA Committee for making sure no ARPA funding is being lost.

Legislator Montgomery thanked Director Caruso and everyone involved for their work.

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

Item #6 – Discussion/ ARPA Update – Reallocations Pending

Director Caruso stated there are projects that may follow a similar path as the two (2) agenda items considered this evening. She stated an internal deadline of March 2024 was set for reallocation among the towns and villages. She stated now that the deadline has passed and with the December 31, 2024 deadline approaching, any new requests for reallocation may be given the consideration of swapping the funding source. She stated most towns and villages are on track with their projects. She stated there are two (2) that they are currently aware of that may need to be reallocated due to savings realized by the municipality. She stated also, the Sheriff's Department was

unable to be present this evening, but they sent a letter regarding the \$1 million allocated to the Sheriff's Office. She stated the intent is to use that funding for projects that support local schools. She stated the Administration and ARPA Committee are working on this and although it is not yet at the point where approval is needed, they wanted to provide this update.

Item #7 – FYI/ Litigation Report – Duly Noted

Item #8 – Other Business – None

Item #9 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 6:28pm, Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Beth Robinson.