

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
CALLED BY THE CLERK AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRWOMAN
HELD IN ROOM #318 OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Monday **September 29, 2025** **5:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 P.M. by Chairwoman Sayegh who requested that Legislator Montgomery lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Addonizio lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Russo, Jonke, Crowley and Chairwoman Sayegh were present. Legislators Ellner and Birmingham were absent.

Item #4 – Approval – Appointment – Legislative Clerk was next.

Chairwoman Sayegh explained that this is an approval for Diane Trabulsy to be appointed Legislative Clerk effective October 2, 2025, to fill an unexpired term upon Diane Schonfeld's retirement.

Legislator Jonke congratulated Diane Schonfeld on her well deserved retirement. He stated that it was a pleasure to work with her these past nine (9) years. He stated that it has also been a pleasure working with Diane Trabulsy, and he congratulated her on this well-deserved appointment.

Legislator Addonizio echoed Legislator Jonke's sentiments. She stated that she has worked with Diane Schonfeld for the past 11 years. She stated that she was always very helpful and knowledgeable, and it was a pleasure to work with her. She congratulated Diane Trabulsy and expressed her happiness that she would be moving into this position.

Legislator Montgomery stated that it seems like yesterday that she became a Legislator. She stated that it has been seven (7) years, and she remembers the first day she came into the Legislature, Diane Schonfeld was so welcoming and provided her with all the tools she needed to do this job, and she continued to do so throughout these seven (7) years. She stated that there is a lot that goes into understanding the job of a Legislator. She thanked Diane for sharing her knowledge while always protecting the County by following the law. She believed that her shoes were hard to fill, and she could not think of anyone better to fill them than Diane Trabulsy. She stated that she was really happy that we have someone, with a great peaceful practice too as a fellow yoga teacher, to help us along.

Legislator Montgomery questioned what needed to be done upon the expiration of this term.

Chairwoman Sayegh explained that Diane Trabulsy would be appointed for a full three (3) year term at the December Year End meeting of the Legislature.

Legislator Gouldman stated that 22 years working in the Legislature is a long time, and it has been a pleasure working with Diane Schonfeld for the last 11 years. He stated that this is a wonderful milestone and expressed his happiness for her and he thanked her for her support. He stated that it has also been great working with Diane Trabulsy, and he looked forward to working with her in her new role as Clerk.

Legislator Crowley thanked Diane Schonfeld for the past two (2) years and 10 months she has been a Legislator for her guidance and education. She wished her a wonderful retirement enjoying her children and grandchildren.

Legislator Russo thanked Diane Schonfeld for everything she did, and congratulated Diane Trabulsy for stepping into her new role. She wished both of them the best of luck.

Chairwoman Sayegh thanked Diane Schonfeld for all her years of dedication and support in the Legislature. She stated that when a new Legislator comes in it is probably like an internship in our first year and Diane was the best teacher to mentor, help us find our footing, and help us understand what we were doing. She stated that she was a pleasure to work with and a great leader of this wonderful support team in the Legislative Office. She stated that we would miss her but looked forward to seeing her again. She stated that Diane has really accounted for succession in the office, having a great team behind her stepping up to the next level, making it really easy for us as Legislators to put our faith in Diane Trabulsy who has been with the Legislature for the last 21 years.

RESOLUTION #228

APPROVAL – APPOINTMENT – LEGISLATIVE CLERK

RESOLVED, that Diane E. Trabulsy be appointed, effective as of October 2, 2025, to fill an unexpired term, to the position of Legislative Clerk, with all the rights, privileges and duties of the Office as set forth in the Putnam County Charter, as permitted by law for the balance of a three-year term period ending December 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this appointment comply with any requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS BIRMINGHAM & ELLNER WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

There being no further business, at 5:43 P.M., Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.