

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD IN ROOM #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Members: Chairman Gouldman and Legislators Regan & Sayegh

**Thursday April 23, 2026
(Immediately following the Personnel Mtg. beginning at 6:00pm)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Chairman Gouldman who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Regan and Sayegh and Chairman Gouldman were present.

Item #3 – Acceptance of Minutes – November 17, 2025, December 9, 2025 & March 10, 2026

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #4 – Approval – Historic Road Preservation Certificate of Appropriateness – Peekskill Hollow Road Culvert Over Wiccopee Brook, Putnam Valley – Planning Dept.

Joseph Bellucci, Deputy Commissioner of DPW stated that they came before the Legislature for approval of the certificate of appropriateness for road design plans.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #5 – Approval – Authorization for FY 2023 US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) Funding for MS4 Pollution Control – Planning Dept.

Barbara Barosa, Commissioner of Planning explained the County was appropriated \$2.125 million in 2023 for water quality improvements; this project was discontinued. She stated they are requesting permission to apply for the purchase of six different types of MS4 pollution prevention equipment.

Chairman Gouldman questioned what the equipment does and how it works.

Deputy Commissioner Bellucci explained they clean out basins and clean debris off roadway.

Legislator Sayegh questioned if this was the sewer project from Southeast that was supposed to connect to Danbury. She questioned if the funds would need to be reallocated.

Commissioner Barosa explained that the funding has yet to be allocated and part of the request is matching funds.

Legislator Crowley questioned the fiscal impact for 2026.

Commissioner Barosa explained that 80% of the funding is the \$2.125 million and 20% is required from EPA; there is no match.

Legislator Montgomery questioned the timeline of the funding approval once it is approved through the Legislature.

Commissioner Barosa explained that the process is estimated to be 3 to 4 months.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #6 – Approval – Ratification of FY 2027 Congressionally Directed Spending Allocations in Putnam County for Capital Projects – Planning Dept.

Commissioner Barosa explained the 2027 congressionally appropriated spending applications were due in March. She stated two applications were submitted for the Sheriff's County-wide drone program, other was for repair of the dam. She stated she is requesting that the legislature retroactively approve the applications; they will be withdrawn if not approved.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Regan. All in favor.

Item #16 – Other Business

a. Approval – Appointments – Transportation Advisory Council

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional and to go out of order; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Commissioner Barosa stated that the positions and selection of members on the transportation advisory council recently shifted based on needs of transportation. She stated several different candidates were found and is requesting that the different candidates be confirmed by the Legislature.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in Favor.

Item #7 – Approval – Amend 20CP04 to Add Funds to Sidewalk Safety Repair Program – DPW

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Regan. All in favor.

Item #8 – Approval – Amend 25CP02 to Add Funds to Programmatic Building Management System Upgrades – DPW

Commissioner Bellucci stated that the additional funding is to cover the cost associated with the Bureau of Emergency Services building management system upgrades, which monitors the utility functions of the building.

Legislator Birmingham questioned if the building was part of the energy performance financing from 6-7 years prior.

Commissioner Bellucci stated yes.

Legislator Birmingham questioned if there were any other targeted facilities that might be a candidate for this system going forward.

Commissioner Feighery stated yes, the next project to be addressed would be the new Courthouse.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Regan. All in favor.

Item #9 – Approval – Authorize 26CP01 for Putnam Valley Senior Center Renovations to Maintain a State of Good Repair – DPW

Commissioner Feighery stated that within the Senior Center, a lot of work has been identified as needed, as it is an older building. He stated there are also a few different code issues needing to be addressed.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #10 – Approval – Budgetary Transfer 26T096 – DPW – Fund Capital Projects 20CP04, 25CP02 & 26CP01 (Items #7-#9)

Commissioner Feighery stated that the transfer is the budgetary for the programs.

Legislator Addonizio questioned if this funding was for the sidewalk safety, the building management systems and the Putnam Valley Senior Center renovations.

Commissioner Feighery stated yes.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Regan. All in favor.

Item #11 – Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A027 – DPW – Fund Costs of Bridge 5 Project along Maybrook Bikeway – Village of Brewster

Commissioner Feighery stated that the bridge is over 100 years old. He spoke to the large amounts of steel that had to be used for this project and the structure was able to be kept in place during repair.

Legislator Birmingham questioned when exactly it was first built.

Commissioner Bellucci stated 1896.

Legislator Regan questioned who specifically the reappropriation was for; the engineers or the construction company.

Commissioner Feighery stated the reappropriation is for the construction company.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #12 – Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A029 – DPW – Fund SWIMS (Statewide Investment in More Swimming) Grant Program

Commissioner Feighery stated this is a very good program, last year it helped fund training for lifeguards. He also stated the difficulty obtaining lifeguards around the County. He explained that this amendment would offset the cost of lifeguard training for high school and college age students.

Legislators showed support for this program, emphasizing the importance of training and having lifeguards.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #13 – Approval – Local Law to Amend Chapter 25, Article IV Entitled “Veterans Memorial Park Advisory Board” (Incorporating suggestions made at Public Hearing)

Commissioner Feighery stated that the Veterans Memorial Park Advisory Board (Advisory Board) has come up with a new policy through DPW. He stated a 2-year lifespan would be in place for both the flags and row of honor, after the 2 years is up, the flag or banner would be returned to the family that sponsored that flag. He stated this will result in increased maintenance of both the flags and banners.

Legislator Sayegh questioned if this law would include all of the banners throughout Putnam County.

Commissioner Feighery stated no, that each town will deal with their own vendor but can be approved by the Advisory Board for adoption.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #14 – Approval – Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park – Amendment of Fee Schedule

Commissioner Feighery stated that all veterans and first-responders have free park entry, as well as a discount for all County employees. He also stated that many people have already purchased the season pass, as those begin selling in March.

Legislator Montgomery questioned the paragraph in the resolution stated the Veteran Memorial Park is the only waterfront that has not remained unavailable to green algae infestation.

Chairman Gouldman stated that it is the only body of water in Putnam County that has not been exposed to green algae.

Legislator Montgomery stated she recommends different language use.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to change the timeline from this year to next year; As well as adding in the shift in language use as Legislator Montgomery had mentioned; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Legislator D'Angelo questioned the park fee schedule, specifically questioning the cost to rent the pavilion.

Chairman Gouldman stated that he would like to give the opportunity to residents in this County to use the park with no fee.

Legislator D'Angelo questioned if out of County residents have to purchase a permit to enter the park.

Chairman Gouldman stated that currently there is a \$10 fee to enter the park.

Legislator Addonizio questioned the non-resident permit, as it had been crossed out.

Legislator Birmingham questioned if Chairman Gouldman thought that the permit pricing should change to out of county residents \$125 and \$75, and county residents \$100 and \$50.

Legislator D'Angelo stated that he recommended to remove that, as well as keeping the non-resident fee.

Legislator Sayegh stated that she would make a motion to add back non-resident permit of \$85 and change the pavilion rental from first column to non-resident and the second column to residents.

Commissioner Feighery stated what the fees are for, for the upper and lower park.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #15 – Resolution in Support of Putnam County’s Use of WQIP (Water Quality Improvement Program) Funds for Years 11-15 of Stormwater Retrofit Program for East of Hudson Watershed Corporation

Commissioner Feighery stated that the funding is to keep the program running, \$1.5 million going to East of Hudson Watershed to pay for the program.

Legislator Crowley questioned if Richard Williams, President of the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation, has anything to add to the discussion.

President Richard Williams of East Hudson Watershed Corporation stated that the corporation is looking for assistance from Putnam County to continue this program. He stated this program handles the most important and expensive component of the MS4 program, not only for Putnam County but also for members of Dutchess and Westchester Counties. The first five years of this program was \$22 million, and the second five was \$20 million. The program has secured \$15 million in funding from New York City DEP, but in order to continue they are looking for funding from both Putnam and Westchester Counties.

Legislator Birmingham questioned if the \$1.5 million is currently coming out of Putnam County budget or from another budget like the East of Hudson funds.

President Williams stated that it is part of the Quick Reserve, and that there is no budgetary amendment necessary.

Legislator Birmingham stated that there is \$1.5 million coming from not county tax payers but from New York City, to preserve the water quality in drinking water.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Regan. All in favor.

Item #16 – Other Business

b. Approval – Appointment – Temporary Legislative Representative – Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board - Sayegh

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to waive the rules and accept the other business; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Legislator Sayegh stated that currently Legislator Montgomery is the Legislative Representative to the Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board (Ag Board), however she will be unavailable for two months during the time in which the Ag Board meets to approve and tour properties. She stated that Legislator Montgomery had requested she sit in on her behalf temporarily, as those two months are critical for the board.

Legislator Montgomery stated that the Ag Board is a large time commitment and questioned if down the line, an alternative Legislative Representative could be looked into.

Cassandra Roth, Ag Board Member, stated that Legislator Montgomery could simply send another person, but they would be unable to vote.

Legislator Montgomery stated that the two months she is missing are very important and a vote is needed.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Regan. All in favor.

c. Update – DPW – Contract Award for Veterans Chapel Roof Renovation Project

Deputy Commissioner Bellucci stated that an award was given to a contractor for the Veterans Park Chapel roof renovation project. He stated they intend to use the facility's roof repair line for that and journalize the expenses afterward to align with the actual project.

Commissioner Feighery stated that there is a lot of work being done at both parks, and it is important to finish the roof in order to do the interior.

d. Approval – Letter of Necessity – Amend Use of ARPA Funds – Paving Projects

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to waive the rules and accept the other business. There was no second. Motion fails.

Item #17 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 7:57pm, Chairwoman Gouldman made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by PILOT Intern, Molly Hall.