

**PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, April 19, 2017**

**6:00 P.M.  
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**AGENDA**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Supervisor's Opening Comments
3. Proclamation re: Girl Scout Bronze Awards; Eagle Scout Awards
4. County Legislator Report
5. School Report
6. Award Grass Cutting Bid
7. Authorize Supervisor to sign the 2017 maintenance agreement with Coastal Clock and Chime.
8. Approval of Town Board Minutes
9. Discuss Appointment of Ina Cholst to Roaring Brook Lake Preservation Committee.
10. Amend Resolution #R-16-203 and add new Standard Workday Resolution.

**DEPARTMENTS**

15. **Building Department**
  - a. Summary of Daily Fee Report
16. **Highway Department**
  - a. Vote on surplus highway equipment
17. **Parks and Recreation**
  - a. Personnel Changes
  - b. Refunds
18. **Districts**
  - a. Sign contract with Woit Engineering - Lake Peekskill Dam
  - b. Sign contract with Woit Engineering – Roaring Brook Lake
  - c. Sign contract with Civil Dynamics – Lake Peekskill
  - d. Sign contract with Civil Dynamics – Roaring Brook Lake
  - e. Appoint Matthew Florio as a Lake Oscawana Harvester Operator
  - f. Appoint Thomas Fejes as a truck driver for the weed harvester
  - g. Appoint Joseph Aviles as a seasonal temporary laborer for Lookout Manor.
19. Public Comment
20. Audit of Monthly Bills
21. Budget Transfers

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**Present:** Supervisor Oliverio  
Councilwoman Whetsel  
Councilwoman Annabi  
Councilman Mackay

**Also Present:** Town Clerk Sherry Howard  
Town Counsel Florence

**Absent:** Councilman Luongo

Supervisor Oliverio opened the Town Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance, (led by the Boy Scouts), and moment of silence for our military.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

Councilwoman Annabi said our meetings are all live on the first three Wednesdays of the month and are played on Channels 18 and 20.

**Chief Anderson** reported on the Fire Department's month of March 2017 calls:

7 PIAA's  
1 Wires Down  
1 Structure Fire  
8 Automatic fire alarms  
2 Brush fires  
1 Standby  
1 CO Detector  
1 Community Service  
3 EMS Assists

That is 25 for the month; which translates to 398 man hours for the month. There is a ban on burning until May 15, 2017. There was a fire at Woods End and our Department did a really good job.

Councilwoman Annabi announced that Highway Superintendent Larry Cobb could not be here; but he wants the residents to know that the CHIPS (Consolidated Highway and Local Roads Funding) money came in from the State at just under \$300,000.00 which is \$40,000.00 more

than last year. He wants to thank Assemblymen Kevin Byrne and State Senator Sue Serino for the additional funds for road repair.

**Ambulance Corp. Captain, Stuart Wells reported next:**

For the month of March 2017 there were:

29 medical emergencies  
8 car accidents  
1 Stand by for a structure fire  
8 times other Ambulance Corps gave us mutual aid  
9 Assists of other agencies

620 miles on the ambulance - with 426 roster hours. The new ambulance is finally in service. It's a 2016 four wheel drive which should be helpful. We are a volunteer group and can always use new members. In addition, we have a Youth Corp. that starts at age 14. Please call 845-526-3119 ext. 258 or go on PVVAC.org for more information.

**Putnam Valley Historical Society Director, Gretchen Weiglein**, announced that she is the New Director of the School House Museum located at Adams Corners. The Museum is open on Saturdays from 10AM – 2 PM. The new exhibit on all of the corners, in Putnam Valley opens on May 6. There is a lecture being held at the Putnam Valley Free Library on May 13 at 10:00 AM about Slavery in Colonial New York. There is a trip/tour to Bannerman's Castle which you need to preregister for in order to secure a place on the boat.

**Michele LeBlanc, a spokeswoman for the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center** thanked everyone for their support; and proudly announced that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year they have been up and running programs. On April 23<sup>rd</sup> they are having their monthly Cajun Jam. On April 28<sup>th</sup> there will be an open Mic Night in conjunction with Mr. O'Dell and the students from the Putnam Valley High School. On May 5<sup>th</sup> along with the Friends of the Putnam Valley Library there is a free children's comedy program. On May 7<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 PM, there is the Pete Seeger Festival for which the proceeds will benefit Mr. Seeger's many charities. This is a free family friendly event. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9:30 PM there will be the first monthly Stand- Up Playwright and Actor's Workshop. On May 20<sup>th</sup> Jay Unger and Molly Mason will perform at 7:30 PM; please buy your tickets early at [Brownpapertickets.com](http://Brownpapertickets.com).

**Marjorie Federici, Interim Library Director** said that the Library will be interviewing for a new Director. There is a new media room at the Library and she gave a thank you to all who donated to the DVD and music CD collection. On April 25<sup>th</sup> the Kindergarten Class will visit the Library and get their first Library Cards. The Pedestrian Bridge is now open. Please check our website for all our new programs and services; we are doing amazing new things. You can also look at our Facebook and website pages for more information.

**Davey Hennessey, the Executive Director of Camp Combe YMCA**, introduced the community to Diane Vitetta, the Assistant Director. They are a charity and as such want to strengthen the foundations of community. Mr. Hennessey was happy to announce that the Camp

Combe pool will be open to Putnam Valley residents on Friday Nights; Saturdays and Sundays in the summer. Please look at our website for all the information on our day camps and the pool. This Saturday is our “open house”; and next Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> is our 5K Fun Run to help raise money for the benefit of the YMCA scholarships. Please check our website - Campcombe.org.

**Councilman Mackay** said to the children in the audience and watching at home - that at the end of every High School spring concert Mr. O’Dell plays the “Ashokan Farewell” which is a beautiful moment. The composer of that piece is Jay Unger who will be playing at the Tompkins Church on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Everyone should go and listen to the man who created that beautiful piece of music.

### **SCHOOL REPORT**

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

School Superintendent Fran Wills told the audience that this is an exciting time for the School District as the Middle School Play Shrek, and Girls in Sports Day are both coming up.

Board Trustee, David Spittal, explained what the School’s Energy Performance Contract is: This would allow the District to do energy saving installation of equipment, window and lighting upgrades, which will pay for itself in the long run. The Elementary School will be getting geothermal heating in part of the Building, which would mean they would use no oil. The Middle and High School already have geothermal heating. Every flat roof in the District will be getting solar panels. There will also be LED lighting upgrades. There will be zero cost to the taxpayer. The State Education Department would have only approved the project if it would have paid for itself over the life of the project - which is 15 years; and this one does. After the 15 years is up the District reaps the benefits of the savings. Also, the cafeteria at the Elementary School will finally be getting air conditioning. If the tax payers vote and approve the proposition the State will give an additional 10% in aid which equals about \$600,000.00; since we are doing the project either way voting yes is a no-brainer.

Jill Figarella, Putnam Valley School District Treasurer, spoke on a few quick facts about the budget. There are some key things that people should be made aware of for the 2017/2018 budget. She said that although the budget is slightly higher this year it is still less than it was five (5) years ago. Right now we have it at .84%, - that’s the proposal, which is only a slight increase. In addition, there has been an increase in the programs we are offering such as: World Language Expansion at the Middle School - we are now offering Mandarin Chinese. SELF – which is an environmental program tied to our Energy Performance Contract. Innovative Designs in Education which is teaching through hands on problem solving and critical thinking. An International Baccalaureate Program at the High School which will be fully functional by 2019. There will also be additional classes and new initiatives. This will be achieving without spending additional monies because eight (8) teachers and seven (7) non- teaching staff are retiring. Additionally, New York State has lowered its contribution rate for our pension plans. On the negative side our health premiums have increased by about 8%. We are also purchasing two (2) new pupil transportation vehicles. So please vote yes on the school budget and yes on

Proposition #2 (the Energy Performance Contract) on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Voting will take place at the Elementary School from 6 AM through 9 PM.

**SUPERVISOR'S OPENING COMMENTS**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said to the audience to look around at all of the Organizations that have come before you and see the wealth and the greatness of this small Town. These are volunteers that contribute to Putnam Valley and you the young Scouts and Citizens of our Town are the backbone of future generations. The Town Board really appreciates you all. Councilwoman Annabi also thanked the Parents and the Scout Leaders for all they do to support their children.

**PROCLAMATION RE: GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARDS AND EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS**

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

Councilwoman Annabi recognized Girl Scout Troop 1360 for getting their Bronze Award. They are being recognized for presenting their anti-bullying ideas. They put up signs and spoke out against bullying - by telling other children not to be afraid. Councilwoman Annabi called up the girls and read them their proclamation.

The Boy Scout Eagle Award was presented to the Velichko Brothers by Councilman Mackay. Robert Velichko cleaned up and decorated the garbage area at the Grace United Methodist Church in 2017; while Stephen Velichko received his award in 2011 for putting up the kiosk in the Park, but just got it tonight because he was away in college. Councilman Mackay said that Putnam Valley produces more Eagle Scouts than any place else in New York State. These guys do an incredible job. He added that if you look at the Bios of any of our big leaders and CEO's – they were more likely than not Eagle Scouts. Steve Velichko thanked the Town Board and said how proud he was to be from Putnam Valley and what a great sense of community and strength there is here.

**COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Legislator Gouldman said Legislator Scuccimarra could not be there as she had another commitment in Cold Spring.

April is “National Donate an Organ Month”; please consider becoming an organ donor. There are over 10,000 people in New York waiting for transplants.

“Town Clean-Up Day” is coming in May. There is no date set yet. If anyone is interested in helping clean up our town, please call 845-808-1020. Orange bags, gloves and vests will be distributed by the County. Last year was a great success.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Department is offering a Boater's Safety Class from April 28- April 29 in the Topps Building. The Chamber of Commerce is looking for an Executive Director, please send in your resume if you are interested in the job.

Please do not drink and drive. You will get caught and pay a heavy price for it.

On May 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a Children's Expo at the Topps Building from 11AM to 3PM.

The metal plate on Church Road will finally be fixed before the summer. Potholes located on Oscawana Lake Road are also being repaired.

If you are interested in pine wood – there is resident that has extra after a tree was knocked down by NYSE&G. Please call me and bring a truck. This is neighbor helping neighbor.

Resident, Patty Villanova asked Legislator Gouldman about the Tourism Agency and the \$100,000.00 funding that is still not released. She wondered what you guys are doing for oversight and now that there is a new Executive Director will the funds finally be released? Legislator Gouldman responded by saying the new Executive Director plans on doing many things. He also said is unaware of what Ms. Villanova is talking about and will do some research on the release of this funding to the business owners.

**AWARD GRASS CUTTING BID**

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

**RESOLUTION # R17- 160**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board accept the lowest bid for grass cutting on Town and District properties for the 2017 season received from Good Ole American Property Management, LLC, 3334 Sycamore Lane, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. The total lump sum bid is \$9,100.00 for the season.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

The Company does have Workman's Comp. Insurance as well as Liability Insurance. They supplied us with their certificates.

**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE 2017 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH COASTAL CLOCK AND CHIME**

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

**RESOLUTION # R17- 161**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2017 Maintenance Agreement with Coastal Clock and Chime in the amount of \$675.00 for the town Pedestal Clock located at Oregon Corners. This agreement will provide normal maintenance and service.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, who voted Aye, as did Councilwoman Whetsel, and Supervisor Oliverio.

Councilman Mackay voted Nay.

By a vote of three (3) to one (1) the Resolution was carried.

**APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD MINUTES**

Presented by Councilman Mackay

**RESOLUTION # R17- 162**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the Town Board Minutes of March 8<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup> and April 5, 2017.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

**DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF INA CHOLST TO ROARING BROOK LAKE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said Ms. Ina Cholst sent in a letter requesting to be placed as a member on the Roaring Brook Lake Preservation Committee. He has no issues with this. Councilwoman Whetsel said she has worked with Ms. Cholst before and thinks she would be great, to which Councilwoman Annabi agreed. They Town Board agreed to vote her in on the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in May.

**AMEND RESOLUTION # R-16-203 AND ADD NEW STANDARD WORKDAY RESOLUTION**

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

**RESOLUTION # R17- 163**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk asks the Town Board to amend Resolution #R-16-203 due to removing past appointed and now adding newly appointed and elected personnel. In addition, I respectfully that the Putnam Valley Town Board hereby establish the following standard workdays for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

**RESOLUTION # R17-164**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board accept the Building Department Daily Fee Report for the month of March 2017, for filing with the Town Clerk.

Please insert!!!

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – VOTE ON SURPLUS HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT**

Presented by Councilman Mackay

**RESOLUTION # R17-165**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the list of Surplus Highway Equipment to be auctioned off.

Supervisor Oliverio said that this equipment will be auctioned off with a Municipal Auction House which is national, and other Towns buy them and use them for parts.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

Please insert!

**PARKS & RECREATION- PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS/ ADJUSTMENTS**

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

**RESOLUTION #R17- 166**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the following additions/changes to personnel:

1. Doreen Piacente, Rec. Assistant, @ \$26.33 per hour
2. Justin Piacente, Rec. Assistant, @ \$10.54 per hour
3. Michelle Munoz, Rec. Assistant, @ \$11.91 per hour

4. Phyllis Levesque, Rec. Assistant, @ \$12.64 per hour

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried

**PARKS AND RECREATION REFUNDS**

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

**RESOLUTION #R17- 167**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the following refunds:

Rebecca McKechnie 14 Angela Drive Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$35.00 PVCC ½ day of school cancelled
Brian Muller 46 Steuben Road Garrison, NY 10524	\$75.00 Basketball Now Coaching

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH WOIDT ENGINEERING –  
LAKE PEEKSKILL DAM**

Presented by Councilman Mackay

**RESOLUTION # R17-168**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Woitd Engineering and Consulting, PC, 11 Washington Street, Binghamton, NY 13903, to conduct visual dam safety inspection (for 2017) on the Lake Peekskill Dam in accordance with the NYSDEC requirements.

The cost for the inspection of the Lake Peekskill Dam is \$1,700.00 and will be paid for by the Town of Putnam Valley.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH WOIDT ENGINEERING –  
ROARING BROOK LAKE**

Presented by Councilman Mackay

**RESOLUTION # R17-169**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Woitd Engineering and Consulting, PC, 11 Washington Street, Binghamton, NY 13903, to conduct visual dam safety inspection (for 2017) on the Roaring Brook Lake Dam in accordance with the NYSDEC requirements.

The cost for the inspection of the Lake Peekskill Dam is \$2,200.00 and will be paid for with District Funds.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH CIVIL DYNAMICS – LAKE PEEKSKILL**

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

**RESOLUTION # R17-170**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Civil Dynamics Engineering, PC, 109A County Route 515, Stockholm, NJ 07460 to conduct a stability analysis for the Lake Peekskill Dam in accordance with the NYSDEC requirements. The cost for this analysis is \$12,700.00 and will be paid for by the Town of Putnam Valley.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH CIVIL DYNAMICS – ROARING BROOK LAKE**

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

**RESOLUTION # R17-171**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Civil Dynamics Engineering, PC, 109A County Route 515, Stockholm, NJ 07460 to conduct a stability analysis for the Lake Peekskill Dam in accordance with the NYSDEC requirements. The cost for this analysis is \$10,700.00 and will be paid for by the Roaring Brook Lake Park District.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

**APPOINT MATTHEW FLORIO AS A LAKE OSCAWANA HARVESTER OPERATOR**

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

**RESOLUTION # R17-172**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board appoint Matthew Florio, 189 Tanglewylde Road, Lake Peekskill, NY 10537 as a Lake Oscawana Harvester Operator for the 2017 season at a rate of \$23.25 per hour.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

**APPOINT THOMAS FEJES AS A TRUCK DRIVER FOR THE WEED HARVESTER**

Presented by Councilman Mackay

**RESOLUTION # R17-173**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board appoint Thomas Fejes, 60 Pembroke Ct., Putnam Valley, NY 10579 as a truck driver for the Weed Harvester and Lake Oscawana Harvester Operator for the 2017 season at a rate of \$15.00 per hour while driving and \$18.00/hr while operating the harvester.

Seconded by Councilwoman Whetsel, unanimously carried.

**APPOINT JOSEPH AVILES AS A SEASONAL TEMPORARY LABORER FOR LOOKOUT MANOR**

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

**RESOLUTION # R17-174**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board appoint Joseph Aviles as a seasonal, temporary laborer for the Lookout Manor District for the 2017 season at the rate of \$15.00 per hour, no benefits.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Resident Patty Villanova said on April 5<sup>th</sup> the Town Board voted to build a new Recreation Center. On that night no public comment was allowed. Parks and Recreation Director, Frank DiMarco had said that night that there was no feasibility or demographic studies done. The Rec. Center has been under discussion for a while and while some people in Town want the Center - some people in Town do not. Unfortunately, the Town Board will not let the community who will be paying for this vote on the matter. Our Town Code does provide for something called a Permissive Referendum which would allow us to vote on the Rec. Center because this involves permanent financing concerning an improvement. The Town Board disregarded this so we have to go out and get signatures from the voters to petition the Town Board to allow us to vote on whether we want to spend this money or not. The 3.8 million is just the beginning of this. You have to include insurance, staffing and other things. We are not saying if this is a good idea or

bad idea, we just want to be able to vote on this substantial amount of money. So we need enough signatures to get the Town Board to allow us to vote. It's a significant expense. Petitions are being circulated for the right to vote. It is the most fundamental right.

Supervisor Oliverio said that we are not obligated to do a referendum. The law states that a permissive referendum can be held if there are enough signatures on a petition. We will honor the petitions and have a vote if we get the legitimate amount of signatures needed on the petitions. He went on to say – “Ladies and Gentlemen please keep in mind that this referendum will cost around \$25,000.00 to hold. Please call the Board of Elections if you don't believe me.”... Additionally it will slow this project down by at least three (3) months. I don't know if this is a delaying tactic, but we have explained this.” This has been going on for 15 months and has been explained. It has gone before both the Planning and Zoning Boards. The total cost on your taxes will be about \$22.00 additional per year for the Rec. Center. A lively discussion followed between Ms. Villanova and Supervisor Oliverio.

Town Videographer MaryAnn Arrien came up to the podium. She explained that she has been looking different over the past few months because she is going through a gender transition. His name will now be Anthony Michael Arrien, but his preference is to be called Tony. This is a very happy time and has been good for my health and well-being. If anyone is watching this and is transgender or knows someone who would like to know more, or is questioning whether they are transgender - he is running a transgender drop in peers support group in White Plains. No reservation is required. He appreciates the support and please begin calling him Tony. Remember; if you encounter a transgender person please be nice and kind as they are a fragile community. Try to be compassionate and understanding, they have a lot to deal with. Thanks for all the support.

Newly Elected Assemblyman Kevin Byrne spoke next and said he represents the 94<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. He grew up in Putnam Valley but has since gotten married and moved to Lake Secor in Mahopac. He said it is a very exciting time in Albany and they finally got a budget passed. He stayed in Albany every day and night until it passed. There are both good and some not so good things in the budget. He ran because he is very interested in making New York State - especially the Hudson Valley an affordable place to live. He congratulated all the Bronze Award Recipients and all The Eagle Scouts. He himself was an Eagle Scout and was an Assistant Scout Master for ten (10) years. It is a great Organization. There are a couple of local bills we are working on in the Assembly. There are waterbodies in other Towns in the 94<sup>th</sup> Assembly District that are designated “inland waterways”, this designation enables the Town to put together a land/water revitalization plan with the LWRP (Local Waterfront Revitalization Program). This means you can do nothing if you choose OR it allows you to fill out an LWRP so you can compete for future funding from the EPF (Environmental Protection Fund). This can help with for example with water quality/quantity. This could be very useful with the Peekskill Hollow Creek. If there are any questions or concerns with the coastal policies please call me.

Councilman Mackay said to Assemblyman Byrne that the Boy Scouts that are here tonight are earning their Civics Badges. He turned to the Scouts and said that Assemblyman Byrne would probably not be here tonight if he had not been an Eagle Scout. It gave him the training and the

ability to stay with a job and he is proud to call him a friend. Assemblyman Byrne agreed and reiterated how important Scouting is to educate yourself and give you lifelong skills.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

Presented by Supervisor Olivero

**RESOLUTION # R17-**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board approves the budget transfers through March 31, 2017.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

**AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

**RESOLUTION #R17-**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the following bills, after audit, being paid:

**VOUCHER NUMBERS**

**AMOUNTS**

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio moved to close the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Howard  
Town Clerk 4-26-17