

**PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Supervisor's Opening Comments
3. County Executive Mary Ellen O'Dell
4. Eagle Scout Proclamations
5. Kelley Howard Proclamation
6. School District Report
7. Legislative Report
8. Resolution re: Putnam County Fire and EMS Mutual Aid Plan
9. Request to waive application fee for signs to be erected by the Putnam County Land Trust

**DEPARTMENTS**

10. Building Department Report and Summary
11. Request to have the Laserfish Program purchase through General Code
12. Request to release funds due to the contractor who performed the demolition of 31 Orchard Street.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

13. Appoint John Orlando as Recreation Assistant for Programs
14. Refunds
15. Request approval to make a donation to the Blue Path Service Dogs Organization.
16. Public Comments
17. Budget Transfers & Amendments
18. Audit of Monthly Bills

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**PRESENT:** Supervisor Oliverio  
Councilwoman Whetsel  
Councilman Mackay  
Councilman Luongo

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk Howard  
Town Counsel Florence

**ABSENT:** Councilwoman Annabi

Supervisor Oliverio opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our armed forces.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Presented by Councilwoman Wendy Whetsel

Terry Raskin, President of the Putnam Valley Free Library's Board of Director's, and Marjorie Federici, Library Director spoke first. Ms. Raskin said that Marjorie is now the official Director of the Library and Priscilla Keresey is now the Vice President of the Library's Board of Trustees while Ms. Raskin is now the President. If anyone wishes to contact Ms. Raskin, her phone number is 914-954-5388; or to reach any of the Trustees, their email address is [trustees@putnamvalleylibrary.org](mailto:trustees@putnamvalleylibrary.org). The vehicular bridge should begin construction by the first week in August and will take about eight (8) weeks. During this time there will not be a lot of parking spaces available. When it is completed we will have a big celebration, hopefully in October. There are other services available such as notaries on call. Please call and a notary will meet you at the library. There is no charge but a donation is always welcome. Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM the Author of the book, Tightrope, will be there to talk about his autobiography. Stephen Villano, the Author, worked for Governor Mario Cuomo at the same time his brother was a "bagman" for crime boss John Gotti. Marjorie Federici added that the Library now has a streaming service called Hoopla! – E books, music; audio books, movies etc. will be available. You can get ten (10) checkouts free per library card per month.

The Library will be sending some Kindle Fires to the Senior Center so they can access this as well. They also have “English as a new language” classes for children entering school in September.

The next Department Report is from Fire Department Chief David Anderson Jr.

Chief Keeler reported on the Fire Department’s month of June 2017 calls:

11 PIAA’s

1 fuel spill

2 investigations

2 mutual aid

1 wires down

1 open burn

1 CO Alarm

1 structure fire

6 automatic alarms

5 EMS assists

31 for the month – 165 year to date.

Stuart Wells, Captain of the Putnam Valley Ambulance Corps., announced that in June 2017 they answered 76 calls. There were 59 medical emergencies, 11 Car accidents, and one (1) public assist. They also had a stand-by for the High School Graduation Ceremony. They put over 820 miles on their ambulances for the month. The members logged in 500 roster hours, with more than one-half of that at their headquarters alone. Mr. Wells reminded people that now in the hot weather it is very important to stay hydrated. Wear proper clothes and shoes for the terrain if you are going out on the trails. Please join us as a volunteer – call us at 845-526-3119 ext. 258 or check us out at [PVVAC.org](http://PVVAC.org).

Councilman Luongo said that their amount of calls and responses have picked up tremendously in the last couple of months so Kudos to the Department for stepping up. Mr. Wells said the Department is making good strides after having had a slow start in the beginning of the year.

### **SUPERVISOR'S OPENING COMMENTS**

Supervisor Oliverio announced that there is a Sunset Series Concert tomorrow night at the Town Park at 7:00 PM. It is Southern Rock with Aunt Betty's hot dog truck serving food.

Town Day 3 PM - 9:30 PM on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Non-profit Organizations contact us as quickly as you can so you can get a good space especially if you need electricity. Please remember that you cannot park at the Elementary School this year, it will be closed off. Parking will be at the High School/Middle School Complex. It will be much safer this way.

### **COUNTY EXECUTIVE MARY ELLEN O'DELL'S REPORT**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

County Executive O'Dell said she grew up here and on her way down it brought back many memories. She said mobility is a very important aspect of our lives in Putnam County. How are we moving our veterans? Are we getting them to their appointments? Are we getting our seniors to where they need to be? We need to look at our transportation system that we have had for years that nobody knew that it existed. The millennials don't want cars they want to hop on and hop off. We recognize that Uber and Lyft is coming- how are you going to allow them to come in - and what will the parameters be in your community? We've got to keep people moving. Through the Deputy Commissioner of Planning, and Transportation Manager, Vinny Tamanga, Putnam County has been able to secure some funding for a five (5) location commuter shuttle service from Putnam Valley to the Peekskill Train Station. (She added that in the future she and Representatives Scuccimarra and Gouldman would be open to a discussion about a Recreation Center). We should ask the community where the "hubs" to get the shuttle should be located to best serve everyone's needs. This is a Federal Grant with an annual renewal. It will begin in January of 2018, and this gives everyone time to get the word out that this is coming; but keep in mind if it is not used it can be taken away. The ridership needs to be there.

Resident Pam Acevedo said there are a lot of people that need a bus. She suggested Lake Peekskill as a bus stop.

Resident Patty Villanova said you made a reference to the Rec. Center. The people voted this down, are you going to do something in the County to get around that? County Executive O'Dell said no, this would just be a dialogue. She said that the vote was a close one so you have a divided community. If this Board decides to continue the dialogue maybe your County Legislators can make suggestions on the topic of recreation for the benefit of the community. Many of our Senior Centers were built for only senior access, but the County Government now would like to include the community i.e. the Butterfield Project. We've changed the ways we are looking at these facilities. Supervisor Oliverio said the Rec. Center cannot be considered for a year that is mandated by State Government. Ms. O'Dell said we are a home rule state and she would never insert herself into any home rule decision. Ms. Villanova likes the idea of using the Senior Center for recreation classes etc. County Executive O'Dell said the credit for this idea goes to Legislator Scuccimarra.

### **PROCLAMATIONS:**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said that the two (2) Eagle Scouts were unable to be present so he will give Scouts, Usai and Donnelly their certificates at the next meeting.

Supervisor Oliverio called Putnam Valley Historical Society former Director Kelley Howard up to the podium to receive her certificate. Councilwoman Whetsel read the proclamation. Supervisor Oliverio said the award came from the recognition she received from the County as Kelley has been preserving, cataloging and digitizing our Town's artifacts. He went on to say that the work that you are doing is phenomenal.

### **COUNTY LEGISLATOR'S REPORT**

Legislature Scuccimarra said that she is sorry that the Recreation Center was voted down. She said that ten (10) years ago they were offered a building in Phillipstown which she did not want. They took it anyway, turned it into a Recreation Center, and it is used all the time for all age groups. She realized she was happy to be proven wrong in not wanting it as it is a vital part of their community. After this went down she called the necessary people and maybe we will be able to use the Senior Center in the park for classes. The building is there and there are a lot of rooms in it. She then discussed the opioid crisis. Senator Murphy came through with the five (5) day rule which is now a law.

A Doctor can only prescribe opioids for five (5) days and when that time is up you have to return to the Doctor to get another five (5) days. This is a great law. We have to do everything we can to stop this. The State Senate and the Assembly are getting great support in trying to mandate that chain pharmacies take back medication without cost to the consumer. Supervisor Oliverio said our take back box gets filled and has to be cleaned out quite often.

County Legislator Gouldman reported next. He said we live in a beautiful County so please keep it clean, if you see someone throwing garbage outside please call the Sheriff's Department at 845-225-4300. The 4-H fair is July 28-30<sup>th</sup> at the Veteran's Memorial Park. Be safe and take the necessary precautions while swimming. The Putnam County Industrial Development Agency has an opening on their Board. Currently there is no one representing Putnam Valley. They are looking for members. They are the economic vitality for Putnam County. If you feel you could be an asset to this Board - please send me a resume. It is mosquito season; get rid of all standing water around your home and the County has Dunks available if you need them. The metal plate on Church Road is on the docket to be fixed this year. There are many potholes, especially on Peekskill Hollow Road, - he reached out to the County Highway Department and they have fixed some - but more are scheduled to be repaired. Next year a good portion of Peekskill Hollow Road is going to be paved. Have a safe summer, and if you need anything please call 845-808-1020 or email at [william.gouldman@putnamcountyny.gov](mailto:william.gouldman@putnamcountyny.gov).

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Dr. Fran Wills reported that the School District has been involved with the Library. She then introduced the District's new Director of Learning and Educational Opportunity/Innovation Initiatives, Dr. Jeremy Luft, who was a long time resident of Putnam Valley. He started working on July 1, 2017. Dr. Luft said he is excited to be back in Putnam Valley, and to service the community he got so much out of. Dr. Wills went on to say that the School's District Offices which were at the High School need to be moved - as they are offering more classes for students and needed the room for that. The offices will be put in a modular at the Elementary School. A letter was sent out to the community to explain what is going on. In addition, a letter is posted on their website. A Facilities Committee has been established which was established before they realized they needed to move - if anyone wishes to be a part of that please email Dr. Wills. She added that maybe the School District can be a part of meeting the needs of the Town as far as gym space is concerned. Their debt service for the High School ends in a couple of years and when it does there will be money for a facility. We want to make that something for everyone to use. She cannot speak for what the Facilities Committee will decide; but Supervisor Oliverio thinks adding a new gym will be great.

Dr. Wills said, how do we share our resources? One of the District's big themes for this year is "sustainability" – our energy performance contract (which will place solar panels on our roof) will allow us to really demonstrate what we can do to contribute to preserving natural resources in our community.

### **PUTNAM COUNTY FIRE AND EMS MUTUAL AID PLAN**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

Councilman Luongo said that one (1) of the positions he holds in the County is that of Deputy Coordinator at the Bureau of Fire and EMS, as well as being a Fire Fighter here. When there is a major incident either in Town or anywhere in the County he can respond to assist Chiefs or Ambulance Corps Captains with additional resources. This is what we have done for years but now with this plan we are bringing it up so the Towns that are sponsoring the Fire Department and Ambulance Corps. understand what's going on. There is nothing to be decided about at the Town level. This is just that the Town will support the efforts of the Bureau of Emergency Services just like when we decided last year, by Resolution, that the Town's Insurance will cover the members of the Special Teams. Without this document the Bureau of Emergency Services will have a hard time operating

### **RESOLUTION #R 17- 243**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign and adopt the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services Mutual Aid Plan.  
Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried

### **REQUEST TO WAIVE APPLICATION FEE FOR SIGNS TO BE ERECTED BY THE PUTNAM COUNTY LAND TRUST**

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

Councilman Mackay asked what size the signs will be. Supervisor Oliverio said they are standard sized signs - 20" by 24". It's not that many signs. This is Putnam County not Hudson Highlands.

### **RESOLUTION #R17-244**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to waive the application fee for preserve signs to be erected by the Putnam County Land Trust.

Judith Terlizzi  
President  
Carol Ross  
Secretary  
Valerie Mora  
Treasurer  
Jenny Hinsman  
Recording Secretary



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July 8, 2017

The Honorable Sam Oliverio Jr.  
Supervisor, Town of Putnam Valley  
265 Oscawanna Lake Road  
Putnam Valley New York 10579

Re: Request for Fee Waiver for Putnam County Land Trust Preserve Signs

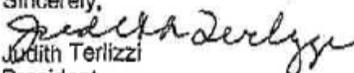
Dear Mr. Oliverio

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Putnam County Land Trust, I am requesting that the Putnam Valley Town Board kindly consider waiving fees for sign applications for its preserves in Putnam Valley.

These PCLT Preserves include the Koestner Preserve on White Road, the Chase Family Preserve on Peekskill Hollow Road, the Rick Dill Preserve on Quincy Road and the Feiden Preserve on Silleck Boulevard

These preserve signs are an important part of providing awareness to both residents and visitors alike of the PCLT mission – conservation, education and passive recreation.

The Putnam County Land Trust thanks you for the consideration of our fee waiver request and appreciates your support of our mission and of our organization.

Sincerely,  
  
Judith Terlizzi  
President

Cc: The Honorable Jacqueline Annabi  
The Honorable Louie Luongo  
The Honorable Steven Mackay  
The Honorable Wendy Whetsel

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Presented by Councilman Mackay

**RESOLUTION #R17-245**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board accept the June 2017 Building Department Report.

7/6/2017

**TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY**  
**OFFICE OF BUILDING & ZONING**  
 265 Oscawana Lake Road  
**Daily Fee Report - Summary**

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From: 6/1/2017 To: 6/30/2017

Fee Type	Count	Amount
ADDITION/ALTERATION	2	\$1,840.00
BEDROOM COUNT REQUEST	1	\$50.00
CW	9	\$675.00
DECK	1	\$202.00
DEM/R	3	\$300.00
ELECTRI APP/NY ELEC	5	\$150.00
ELECTRIC APP/SWIS	17	\$510.00
FENCE/WALL	1	\$75.00
GAS/PROPANE	4	\$325.00
GENERATOR PERMIT	2	\$150.00
HVAC	11	\$975.00
MI	5	\$550.00
OIL TANK	3	\$325.00
OPERATING PERMIT	2	\$200.00
PERM	31	\$9,896.00
PL	3	\$225.00
RE	5	\$4,237.00
RHCS	2	\$500.00
RU	5	\$875.00
SEARC	22	\$3,300.00
SOLAR PANELS	1	\$734.00
TREE	1	\$75.00
WELL	1	\$75.00
WETADM	6	\$300.00
WETL	6	\$900.00
WT/S	4	\$400.00
<b>Total Fees Collected:</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>\$27,844.00</b>
<b>Cash</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$1,635.00</b>
<b>Check</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>\$26,179.00</b>
<b>Money Order</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

**REQUEST TO HAVE LASERFISHE PROGRAM PURCHASE THROUGH GENERAL CODE**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R17-246**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to have the Laserfishe Program (\$9,994.00) purchase through General Code put on the July Town Board Agenda. The funds for this program are to be taken from the proceeds of the sale of the Range Rover proceeds. Upon the approval to release the said funds, the request to sign said contract will be submitted to the Town Board and Supervisor forthwith.

Supervisor Oliverio said that the Range Rover sold for \$21,750.00 Councilman Luongo asked about a vehicle for the Building Department. Supervisor Oliverio said the balance will be used for the vehicle so we saved a lot of money from our budget.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

**REQUEST TO RELEASE FUNDS DUE THE CONTRACTOR WHO PERFORMED THE DEMOLITION OF 31 ORCHARD STREET, PVNY**

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

**RESOLUTION #R17-247**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to release the funds due the Contractor who performed the demolition of 31 Orchard Street, PV, NY 10579 based on the site inspection done by Putnam Valley Code Enforcement Officer, Richard Quaglietta.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

**PARKS & RECREATION- PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS-**

Presented by Councilman Mackay

**RESOLUTION #R17-248**

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

1. John Orlando, Rec. Assistant @ 10.75 per hour.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

**PARKS AND RECREATION REFUNDS**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R17-249**

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

To: Town Board  
 From: Frank DiMarco, Parks and Recreation  
 Subject: Refunds  
 Date: June 27, 2017

Heidi Ganno 186 Peekskill Hollow Road Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$65.00 Refund PV Children's Center Child not attending broke arm and had surgery.
Maria Angelico 2 Mountain View Road Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567	\$297.47 Refund from PV Day Camp Child not attending last week of camp.
Janice Spennato 21 Cedar Ledges Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$1,350.00 Refund PV Day Camp Medical, broke ankle and unable to attend.
Joumana Astrologo 118 Lockwood Road Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567	\$150.00 Refund from Intramural Camp Unable to attend.
Kathleen Moriarty 53 Lincoln Road Putnam Valley, NY 10759	\$135.00 Refund from Intramural Camp Unable to attend due to Strep throat.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

**REQUEST APPROVAL TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE BLUEPATH SERVICE DOGS ORGANIZATION**

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

**RESOLUTION #R17-250**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board, authorize the Supervisor to approve making a donation to the BluePath Service Dogs Organization in the amount of \$300.00. They are a non-profit and cannot charge for the day camp presentation they are bringing about service dogs and their training. They do welcome donations.

Seconded for discussion by Councilman Luongo – He asked if we can do this. Councilman Mackay asked Attorney Florence if we are allowed to donate as a

Municipality. He responded by saying he would like to defer this as he has reservations about it.

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

**RESOLUTION #R 17-251**

**RESOLVED** to table the Resolution to make a donation to the BluePath Service Dogs Organization until the first meeting in August 2017.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Resident, Patty Villanova, thanked everyone who helped with the Referendum that was held last week. She thanked, Town Clerk, Sherry Howard, for doing a great job running the vote and added that the Ambulance Corp. building was great. She continued by saying, "contrary to what Mr. Oliverio said in the PCNR this was not a victory for the naysayers it was actually a victory for the taxpayers of our Town". She believes that the majority of them are getting tired of the ever increasing expenditures and that's why there was a "no" vote. She was surprised that there was nothing on the agenda about this tonight. She commented on the appointment of a proponent of the Rec. Center being appointed tonight as a Rec. Assistant. She added that your behavior in the months prior to the vote and the fact that not one you stood up for the taxpayer and everyone followed Mr. Oliverio's lead is incredible. She also said that after the vote there was a lot of name calling and recriminations. In addition, she heard that the vote will keep being put up much the same as the High School vote was. She continued by saying, a substantial amount of money was spent prior to the vote and requests that an accounting be done of all the money that was spent and it believes that it should be deducted from the Parks and Rec. budget for 2018. Supervisor Oliverio responded that the money spent was Parklands Money which comes from contractors when they build a house and so we did not incur any tax increase what-so -ever, but he will take it under advisement.

Resident, Pam Acevedo, said she was really hurt that she saw in the paper that she was considered a naysayer because she was a taxpayer who voted. She believes that people who have different opinions in this Town are insulted and are disrespected. You, as the Town Board, should stop the disrespecting because the "buck stops here". She continued by saying the word propaganda was used against the opposition but she

feels the propaganda came from the people giving out the positive information about the Rec. Center. She hopes the Town Board will not keep putting this up for a vote over and over until they get what they want.

At this time the two (2) Eagle Scouts, Ben Donnelly and Ryan Usai arrived and the Town Board gave them their certificates. Supervisor Oliverio said that he was at their Eagle Scout Award Presentation and he is honored to be able to see them get their certificates; and there is no more of a prideful occasion. There is nothing more precious. Councilman Mackay and Councilman Luongo presented them with their certificates and Councilman Mackay read it aloud. Councilman Mackay gave praise to both the Scouts and their Leaders for the hard work and dedication it takes to get to Eagle Scout. Councilman Luongo told them that the Eagle Scout projects make our Town a better place. We get to see the work that you have done, these projects are not here today and gone tomorrow. It takes a lot of time to be an Eagle Scout.

Councilman Luongo reiterated what County Legislator Gouldman said about water safety. Swimmers in Lake Oscawana have to watch out for the boating traffic. It would be wise to wear a colorful swim cap or something bright so boaters can see you. Let's share the lake safely. He added, if you are on Facebook please look at the historical photos Dan Ricci has been posting on the "You know you grew up in Putnam Valley if page." There is lots of stuff to learn about our Town, it's fascinating."

### **BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS**

Presented by Councilman Mackay

#### **RESOLUTION #R17-252**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the following budget transfers and amendments as submitted by Finance Director Angelico:

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

**AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

**RESOLUTION #R17-253**

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

<b><u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNTS</u></b>
18296 – 18700	33,911.50
18831 – 19050	95,030.32
19441 – 19689	57,435.48
19512 – 19751	80,112.69
19708 – 19746	552,623.37
19815 – 19948	55,870.61

Seconded by Councilwoman Whetsel, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:10 PM on a contractual matter. There will be no business conducted after the Executive Session.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Howard  
Town Clerk 7-27-17