

**PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2016**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Department Reports
3. Supervisor's Opening Comments
4. Proclamations
5. Presentation by Putnam County concerning cell tower near Senior Center
6. Discuss Public Hearing on Civil Fines for building violations
7. Vote on smoking resolution
8. Discussion of licensing tow trucks in Putnam Valley
9. Ratification of the CSEA Contract
10. Remove Annette Lindbergh from the ad hoc position on the Planning Board due to inability to attend meetings

DEPARTMENTS

11. Parks & Recreation
 - A. Personnel
 - B. Addition of Recreation Assistant
12. Building Department Report
 - A. Report for June 2016
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14. Budget Transfers & Amendments
15. Audit of Monthly Bills
16. Adjournment

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Howard
Town Counsel Florence

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

Pledge of Allegiance

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Presented by Councilwoman Jackie Annabi

Larry Cobb, Highway Superintendent reported that a 24" pipe on Oscawana Heights Road has been changed because it was much rotted. A 36" pipe on Wood Lawn Road was also changed for the same reason. The Highway Department is still working on cleaning catch basins. The mowers are also out now. Kramer's Pond Road is ready to be blacktopped, be patient as there will be some delays; we plan on starting around August 8th.

Kathleen McLaughlin from the Putnam Valley Free Library said that the Mid-Hudson Library System now has established e magazines which can be downloaded like books. The entire magazine including ads can be downloaded. There are a lot of summer programs going on. There will be a movie tomorrow night. The first movie begins at 5 PM and the second movie begins at 7 PM in the community room. This Saturday, the llamas are coming back from 12 noon to 2 PM - with an ice cream party directly afterward. Please register so there will be enough ice cream. All our events are posted on the Libraries Facebook page. A representative from the Putnam County Community Action Program will be at the Library to talk about Health Care Plans, please come and talk to them you may be eligible for free or low cost health insurance. A grant was written for the pedestrian bridge and \$33,000.00 was awarded and will be given to the library next year. The pedestrian bridge will be built before the vehicular bridge, this way there will still be access to the library. These projects will be brought before the Planning Board on

August 8th. Also a grant of \$8,000.00 from Bullet 8 (which the Republican Legislature gives out) was graciously granted to our library, and is much appreciated. This was a grant we did not apply for - it was just given to us. Storytime is back on for the summer and all events are also listed on the Town's Website.

The next Department Report is from Fire Department Chief Shawn Keeler.

Chief Keeler reported on the Fire Department's month of April 2016 calls: 157 days to Christmas!

8 motor vehicle accidents

1 fuel spill leak

4 wires down

1 rubbish fire

2 vehicle fires

1 structure fires

3 automatic alarms

6 good intent calls

5 EMS assists

31 for the month - 210 year to date. Sadly, this is 32 more than last year. The Department has spent 413 hours out at these calls plus much more at drills and work details. In the last few months we had some people taking Firefighter One which is a very difficult course, everyone passed – congratulations. There were other members who also took various courses and all passed. Remember swimming safety this time of year. Also if you are planning on going away you can have a nox box attached to the outside of your house. You put a house key inside and the other key goes to the Fire Chief. If something happens at your home the Department would have the ability to get into your home if necessary. 911 would have to release the box. If you would like a nox box please call Chief Keeler at 845-526-2879. Don't forget the Fire Departments 70th anniversary parade on October 1st at 2 PM.

Councilwoman Annabi reminded everyone that the next Sunset Series Concert is on Friday, July 29th. There are only three (3) concerts left, these events are free. July 30 at the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center at 7:30 PM there is an event.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R16-252

RESOLVED that the Town Board amend the agenda to add the following:

#4A - Legislator's Report

#10A - Set date of August 10th for Public Hearing on Septic Pump Out Law for Roaring Brook Lake.

#11C – Accept Resignation of Mike Kinane effective August 1, 2016.

#11D – Approve advertising of Groundskeeper/Recreation Assistant position.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

SUPERVISOR'S OPENING COMMENTS

Reminder - Town Day is September 17th from 4-9 PM. All not-for-profit groups please get an application on our website. We are going back to an Old Tyme Town Day with concerts and fireworks. Two weeks later is the Fire Department Parade and 70th anniversary celebration.

Email alert - go to our webpage and sign up for email alerts; there are almost 300 families signed up for this.

We have dunks! A dunk will kill all mosquito larvae in a 10 x 10 square foot area. This will only harm mosquitos. This is great for all standing water such as baby pools or bird baths.

Our medication drop off box has collected over 100 lbs. of medication so far. Get rid of all that old stuff from your homes. We don't take sharps or liquids in glass. Councilman Mackay announced that the light at Adams Corners is now working again. He would like to thank Supervisor Oliverio, Legislature Gouldman and Larry Cobb for being diligent.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Two (2) proclamations were given to the following lifeguards:

Bryce Fowler (who was unable to attend); and Ryan Patterson for saving the life of a two (2) year old who had run off from his mother and had fallen into the water. Supervisor Oliverio said thanks to their rescue the baby was fine and his mother was extremely grateful. Great job, keep up the good work!

Councilwoman Annabi and Councilman Mackay presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout:

Mark Yetter – his outstanding project was building two (2) boat ramps at Carrara’s Beach in Lake Peekskill. Councilman Mackay said that this accomplishment will serve you through college and beyond. Councilwoman Annabi said that he is a phenomenal young man and we are grateful for the job you have done.

Stephen Brown – His amazing project was putting a huge running track at the High School dedicated to Caitlyn Bagnato who lost her battle with cancer. This is a great way to always remember her. The property he cleared was very overrun and hard to get to, so this was not an easy task.

Supervisor Oliverio gave a proclamation to Mrs. Berz’s family to give to her on the occasion of her 101st birthday. She was born July 23, 1915.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR’S REPORT

County Legislator Gouldman reported Legislature Scuccimarra could not be at the meeting because she is interviewing candidates for a new Commissioner of Health for Putnam County. He also said that the Oscawana Lake Road repave project should be done shortly. It was a long process. 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 29-31st at the Veteran’s Memorial Park. Be safe and take the necessary precautions while swimming. Have a safe summer, and if you need anything please call 845-808-1020 or email at william.gouldman@putnamcountyny.gov.

PRESENTATION BY PUTNAM COUNTY CONCERNING CELL TOWER NEAR SENIOR CENTER

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio introduced Mr. Sutton, Commissioner of Emergency Services, Tom Landon, Director of IT for Putnam County and Captain Frank Christian from the Sheriff’s Department. They have been working for many years on a communication project within Putnam County. They are in the very beginning stages of looking for a place to put four (4) cell towers to enhance communications in Putnam County. Right now they are looking at the Senior Center property in the Town Park for one of the placements. A lot of studies have been done. They are looking to go to a trunking system which would give them better communication. Now they are looking to see where they could erect towers needed to enhance the emergency system. Four (4) sites around Putnam County are being investigated. There would have to be a public hearing at each site before the project could move forward. The Putnam County Legislative Committee will be the lead agency on this project. County Executive, Mary Ellen O’Dell would like to hear from

the public, and feedback is needed before anything else is done. She wants this to be an open process with the public being well informed along the way. The bottom line is the more towers the better the coverage for our emergency services. The old system has been experiencing problems for years. The new cell towers would have antennas on top so the microwaves can link the towers and spread the signals out so all the emergency services can get the messages and nothing is dropped. This makes everyone coordinated and makes our residents safer. Mr. Sutton said that this is a system that has been struggling for 40 years and recently a 3 ½ million dollar grant for a microwave system (which expires December 31, 2017) was received, so time is an issue. We are worried about the current system- we will continue to maintain it but we need to move ahead. The sites that have been selected are all on County owned property. This County has many challenges with the amount of hills and mountains in the area. There are very serious holes in the current communication system throughout the County. We need a line of site connecting the different towers. This means the towers would have to be in the right places to shoot a microwave signal for one tower to the next which would make a big circle throughout the County - so the towers have to be strategically placed. At present, with our communications system on poles, they are subject to cars hitting the poles and taking them down or back hoes accidentally digging up the wiring. The transmission equipment will be stored in a little air conditioned house on the property. Rent will be charged to any cell phone company such as Verizon or other cell phone carriers which is also beneficial to the residents of the County. Councilwoman Whetsel understands the benefits and the challenges but is concerned about the health risks that may be a side effect of the microwaves. The response was that cell towers have been around for 20-25 years and there is no data either way. Councilwoman Whetsel suggested they put the tower in a place where there are not a lot of people. Supervisor Oliverio suggested an uninhabited parcel the Town owns on Piano Mountain as an alternative spot for the Tower. The Representatives said that they will look into that. They still need the environmental reports and other reports as well before they can proceed – this will be a transparent process. Supervisor Oliverio asked when the Public Hearings will be held. The response was in a couple of months. Councilman Mackay said that no one lives in the Park and there is no definite science on the health risks. He added that the Deputies need to be in contact with Carmel at all times and that there is no choice here. Councilwoman Annabi cited all the dropped calls that occur on Mill Street alone. She stated that the Officers need reliable communication; and you can't leave calls unanswered. Highway Supervisor Cobb suggested a vendor that the Fire Department uses that they find gives great signals which is called Goosetown.

DISCUSSION FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON CIVIL FINES FOR BUILDING VIOLATIONS

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

Discussion

A Public Hearing has been set up for August 17th to discuss raising the civil fines on building code violations. The fines will see increases up to \$3,000.00 for multiple infractions. These fines will only be imposed on people who break these codes knowingly.

VOTE ON SMOKING RESOLUTION

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

We had a public hearing and this law will make it illegal to smoke in the Town Park or at the Town Beaches. It will take effect on October 2, 2017, so there would be time for people to become aware of this and signage could be put up.

Councilman Mackay gave a second for discussion. He asked if this law includes vaping too. After reading the law as is, Councilman Mackay concluded that this does include vaping as §44.2 states that what is outlawed is any smoking material where smoke is exhaled. Supervisor Oliverio said that vaping was not discussed at the Public Hearing and what comes out of an e-cigarette is water vapor. He added that this could be added on later. Councilman Mackay says it is an incomplete law and he is not sure how it can be enforced. Councilman Luongo is also not happy with the law as written. He feels that there should be sections in the Park where smoking is allowed, far away from the fields, like in the parking lot. You could make an area on South Street so you can see your child play and still be far enough away to enjoy a smoke. Our park is huge. He is looking for a little leniency. Supervisor Oliverio says that no parks in the County allow smoking anymore; and he sees no good argument to allow smoking anywhere in the park. The cigarette butts will still be making a mess as well. People can walk to the end of the road if they really need to smoke. He added that you can smoke in your car in other parks but that is as far as it goes. Maureen Kenny, Director of POWER Against Tobacco spoke. She stated that this agency is part of the American Lung Association of the North East, which is funded by the New York State Bureau of Tobacco Control, under the auspices of the New York State Department of Health. She concurred with Supervisor Oliverio that you can only smoke in your own personal car in Putnam County Parks. If you do see people smoking in the driveway of these parks - that is not part of the law, and is not built into the law. Councilman Luongo was satisfied now with people's ability to smoke in the car. He is a little more at ease now. He understands the benefits but he wants smokers to be shown respect as well.

RESOLUTION #R16-253 That the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign into law the following:

Chapter 44: Smoking

Parks and Public Beaches:

§44.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to prohibit smoking at all Town of Putnam Valley Parks and their facilities as well as on the public beaches owned or operated by the Town of Putnam Valley, and/or any of the Town of Putnam Valley Park Districts and their facilities. The Town Board hereby finds that a potential health hazard exists from allowing smoking on said beaches both from smoke and from the debris created by discarded cigarettes and other smoking materials.

§44.2 Smoking Prohibited.

The smoking or carrying of lighted cigarettes and other smoking materials, including but not limited to cigars, pipes and the like in which smoke is exhaled, at all Town of Putnam Valley parks and their facilities, as well as on the public beaches owned and operated by the Town of Putnam Valley and/or any of the Town of Putnam Valley park districts and their facilities is hereby prohibited.

§44.3 Penalties for offenses; enforcement.

- a. Any person convicted of a violation of this article shall be guilty of a violation and punished by a warning for a first offense.
- b. Any person convicted of a second violation or more of this article shall be guilty of a violation and punished by a fine of not more than \$50.00 for each offense.
- c. The Putnam County Sheriff's Department, or any other agency, officer or employee designated by the Town Board by resolution shall be charged with the enforcement of this article.

ROLL CALL

Councilman Luongo- Aye

Councilman Mackay- Aye

Councilwoman Whetsel- Aye

Councilwoman Annabi- Aye

Supervisor Oliverio- Aye

Motion carried with five Ayes.

Sam Oliverio, Town Supervisor

Sherry Howard , Town Clerk

DISCUSSION OF LICENSING TOW TRUCKS IN PUTNAM VALLEY

Presented by Councilman Mackay

Discussion

Councilman Mackay would like Council Florence to put together an ordinance or a licensing fee to regulate tow truck operators in the Town of Putnam Valley. The fees that are being charged to car accident victims are high and insurance companies may not cover this. Many tow trucks that are coming are from out of town; and sometimes you have to go a long way to get your car back. This would also protect our local businesses. Our local town tow truck businesses should pay \$50.00 for a yearly license and much more should be charged to out of town tow truck businesses. We should show an allegiance to our local companies. Councilman Luongo would also like a schedule of fees added. He said if you break down on the Parkway the State regulates that and you pay almost nothing. Council Florence wants to make sure the Sheriff's Department and the State Troopers know we have this when it's completed. Council Florence added that the dispatchers are the ones who call the tow trucks after an accident; and if they have a friend on that list they may get the majority of the calls. Supervisor Oliverio said that we would like to prevent that from happening; that's why we want this. We don't want to see our towns people abused. Councilwoman Annabi said that this would be like what we do with the garbage companies. When Council Florence gets it together we will have a Public Hearing on it.

RATIFICATION OF CSEA CONTRACT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

The Union met today and the contract was passed by all the Union Members with the exception of one. Councilman Mackay said he wanted to thank Glenn Blackman, the Union Representative, and the members of the CSEA because this was handled in a very professional manner on both sides. We got the terms we had negotiated for. Councilwoman Annabi wanted to make sure it was being ratified at this time. Supervisor Oliverio said that it is.

RESOLUTION #R16-254

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement for the Collective Bargaining Agreement with CSEA Local 840 effective January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2022.

ROLL CALL

Councilman Luongo- Aye
Councilman Mackay- Aye
Councilwoman Whetsel- Aye
Councilwoman Annabi- Aye
Supervisor Oliverio- Aye

Motion carried with five Ayes.

Sam Oliverio, Town Supervisor

Sherry Howard , Town Clerk

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

REMOVE ANNETTE LINDBERGH FROM THE AD HOC POSITION ON THE PLANNING BOARD DUE TO INABILITY TO ATTEND MEETING

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R16-255

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to remove Annette Lindbergh from the adhoc position on the Planning Board due to her inability to attend meetings.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

SET DATE OF AUGUST 10TH FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTIC PUMPOUT LAW

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

August 10th at 6:00 PM will be the public hearing on the Roaring Brook five (5) year Septic Pump-Out Law. A survey was sent out and there was a district meeting and most of the community would like to go ahead. There was a lot of positive feedback. Make sure it is posted on our website.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

PARKS & RECREATION- PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS-

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION #R16-256

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

1. Adam Mirabal, @ 10.50 per hour, as a lifeguard.
2. Jackie Brown, @ \$10.50 per hour, as a lifeguard.
3. Alyssa Anderson, @ \$10.00 per hour, as a recreation assistant.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MIKE KINANE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2016

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

RESOLUTION #R16-257

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, the Parks and Recreation Department, and its Commission authorize the Supervisor to accept the resignation of Michael Kinane effective August 1, 2016.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

APPROVE ADVERTISING OF GROUNDSKEEPER/RECREATION ASSISTANT POSITION.

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

RESOLUTION #R16-258

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, the Parks and Recreation Department, and its Commission authorize the Supervisor to post the vacant Groundskeeper/Recreation Assistant position as per Putnam County and State personnel requirements.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Presented by Councilman Mackay

RESOLUTION #R16-259

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept the June 2016 Building Department Report.

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

From: 06/01/2016 To: 6/30/2016

Fee Type	Count	Amount
ADDITION/ALTERATION	2	\$4,846.00
BEDROOM COUNT REQUEST	3	\$150.00
CW	9	\$675.00
ELECTRI APP/NY ELEC	9	\$270.00
ELECTRIC APP/SWIS	10	\$300.00
FENCE/WALL	1	\$75.00
GAS/PROPANE	7	\$576.00
GENERATOR PERMIT	1	\$75.00
HVAC	3	\$300.00
MG	1	\$200.00
MI	9	\$1,197.00
OIL TANK	7	\$675.00
PERM	32	\$13,708.00
PERNC	1	\$9,443.00
PL	10	\$860.00
RE	2	\$1,538.00
RHCS	3	\$750.00
RU	2	\$375.00
SEARC	23	\$3,450.00
SOLAR PANELS	1	\$222.00
TENT	1	\$75.00
WELL	1	\$75.00
WETADM	1	\$50.00
WOOD STOVE PERMIT	1	\$75.00
WT/S	3	\$400.00
Total Fees Collected:	143	\$40,360.00
Cash	12	\$805.00
Check	130	\$39,479.00
Money Order	1	\$76.00

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R16-261

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

<u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
15577-15818	78,247.09
15792-15839	23,849.28
15745-15854	44,111.94
15889-16149	646,713.49

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio motioned to close the meeting at 7:24 PM.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Howard
Town Clerk 7-20-16