

**PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Supervisor's Opening Comments
3. County Legislator's Report
4. School District Report: Dr. Wills
5. Resolve to accept bid from Park Ford of Mahopac for \$27,848.00 for a 2018 Ford Explorer.
6. Resolve to lower the water heater fee from \$75.00 to \$20.00.
7. Resolve to place Eileen Reilly on the Environmental Commission effective immediately with term expiring on December 31, 2017.
8. Accept minutes of Town Board meetings from July 12 and July 19, 2017.
9. Resolve to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Retainer Agreement with the law firm of Daniels, Porco and Lusardi concerning the Rabbinical Society without any modifications or changes to the contract.
10. Appoint Frank Cassidy as Temporary Maintenance Staff.
11. Appoint Ina Cholst to the Roaring Brook Lake Preservation Committee effective 8-23-17 to 12-31-17.

DEPARTMENTS

12. Building Department

Building Department Report for July

13. Parks & Recreation

- A. Refunds
- B. Personnel

14. Public Comments
15. Budget Transfers & Amendments
16. Audit of Monthly Bills

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PRESENT: Supervisor Oliverio
Councilwoman Whetsel
Councilman Mackay

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Sherry Howard
Town Counsel, William Florence

ABSENT: Councilman Luongo
Councilwoman Annabi

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

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

Larry Cobb, Highway Superintendent, sends his regrets because he cannot make it tonight.

David Anderson, Fire Department Chief was also unable to be here tonight.

Gretchen Weiglein, the Director of the Putnam Valley Historical Society spoke at the podium. She said that they have recently gotten ten (10) new members, which is great. They will have a booth at Town Day so please stop by and visit. There is another trip to Bannerman's Island scheduled for September. Seats are limited so please sign up by September 1, 2017. You have to preregister and it is \$38.00 per person. You can now use Pay Pal to pay to reserve your spot, or pay for your membership. We are in the early stages of planning "community days", where you can bring your old photos and other memorabilia and share it. We can always use volunteers so contact us at Putnamvalleyhistory@gmail.com, or come in on Saturdays from 10AM to 2 PM or call us at 845-528-1024.

Stuart Wells, Captain of the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps. He reported the following:

I am Stuart Wells, Captain of Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps

In the Month of July the Ambulance Corp was dispatched to

69 Calls – 34 Patients treated

50 - Medical Emergencies

9 - MVA / Car Accidents

2 - Standby – Structure Fire

0 - Standby / Other Training

0 - Transport

0 – Public Assist

Mutual Aid -

11 - Mutual aid in to town

9 - Mutual aid out to other agencies

We logged 941 miles on our ambulances

Our members put in 648 roster duty hours, 404 of them staffing our headquarters

Our schedule for classes in CPR, First Aid, and Blood Borne Pathogens classes, have been posted on our website for September and early October, additional classes are added regularly. Currently 2 FA, 1 Combo, 3 HS CPR, and 1 HCP CPR

If you have a group that wants to schedule a class or the posted dates don't fit, please contact our training officer Sandra Bohl at 845-526-3119 x202, or myself at x201. We will work to get a class to fit your needs

We are always looking for new members, both on our ambulances and behind the scenes. Please visit our webpage pvvac.org or on our Facebook page for more information.

If you have any questions for our membership committee, they can be reached at 845-526-3119 x258.

Thank you

LEGISLATORS REPORT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

County Legislator Gouldman 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 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. If you have any questions please call me at 845-808-1029 or email at William.gouldman@putnamcountyny.gov.

The metal plate is being removed on Church Road so there is a new traffic pattern. That section of road will function as one lane with alternating traffic until the road is complete. So please slow down and take the proper precautions so everyone is safe. The Putnam County Highway Department still has some more work to do on Oscawana Lake Road - the center line will be painted very soon. He would like to thank the residents that have reached out to him with various issues. If you have a problem his door is always open. Please call him at 845-808-1020 or email at William.gouldman@putnamcountyny.gov.

County Legislator Scuccimarra said she spent the other day (which was Senior Appreciation Day) at the Golf Course with about 200 senior citizens. She said Supervisor Oliverio was there as was Sheriff Don Smith, Councilwoman Annabi, the County Executive, County Legislator Gouldman, etc. – it's amazing what Putnam County does for their seniors. There was a nice lunch, a band and dancing. It tells a lot about a County the way they treat their senior citizens. Not every County does this. Everyone had a very good time; it was so nice to see.

It's almost back to school time; the Health Department is saying the vaccines to go back to school are very important for toddlers all the way up to college students. This includes the flu shot. There is a trend not to vaccinate - but you are putting other children at risk if you do not give your children the necessary shots. The Health Department will be giving free flu shots at schools this year – it's a new initiative. Please call the Health Department at 845-808-1332, or go on the website which is www.putnamcountyny.gov/health so you can see what vaccines are required to go to school. If you are eligible they will do it for free.

Another current County initiative (along with AT&T, the County Executive, the County Clerk and the Sheriff's Department) is to educate the public on the dangers of distracted driving due to the use of smartphones. This initiative is called: "It Can Wait." People are tempted to look at their phone while driving; in fact, research shows seven (7) in ten (10) people engage in smartphone activity while driving.

An Emergency Preparedness Training class will be held at the Kent Library on October 18th from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. They will be providing information on how to respond to a natural or man-made disaster. This program is free; but please register in advance at 845-225-8585.

SUPERVISOR'S OPENING COMMENTS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

The Sunset Series tomorrow night at the Town Park is 50's and 60's music along with the Grilled Cheese Food Truck.

Town Day – please fill out your vendor application (not-for-profits) quickly, especially if you need electricity, so we can get you a spot. You will also receive a parking pass. No one will be allowed to park in Town Park without a pass or a handicap sticker. Everyone must park at the HS/MS Campus. There will be two (2) large buses to shuttle you to the Park. It was a dangerous situation last year with people walking in the street in the pitch dark to get back to their car.

Sheriff Smith at the Senior Day yesterday made a speech in which he used the phrase “e pluribus unum” which means “out of many (one)” he was talking about our County and especially in our Town we are one. There is no room for racism or discrimination. Supervisor Oliverio thought what the Sheriff said yesterday was important. He remembers when it was a bucolic place, full of dirt roads and fields, now we have over 12,000 residents and we are much more diverse. We all care for each other.

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

Presented by Councilman Mackay

School opens Tuesday, September 5th. The buses are back so the roads will be more crowded. Parents if you have a senior student driving to school please tell them to be careful and cautious. They shouldn't be driving other kids to school. Again, please caution your children to be safe and aware.

RESOLVE TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM PARK FORD OF MAHOPAC FOR \$27,848.00 FOR A 2018 FORD EXPLORER.

Presented by Councilman Mackay

RESOLUTION #R 17-268

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to accept bid (2018 Ford Explorer) for the Building Department at a vehicle price of \$27,848.00. There were five (5) bids put in, two (2) of the five (5) were automatically dismissed for not meeting our specifications. The remaining three (3) bids were a 2017, 6 cylinder, 4WD Jeep Cherokee for \$29,397.34, a 2018 Ford Explorer for \$28,429.59 and another 2018 Ford Explorer for \$27,848.00. In addition to the bids listed above, we went out for mini bids and received a total of 11 responses, none of which met our expectations of 6 cylinder and 4 WD. For this reason, all 11 mini bids were rejected. The bid accepted, and before you for approval, is from Park Ford for \$27,848.00. Supporting documentation is attached.

Seconded by Councilwoman Whetsel, unanimously carried.

RESOLVE TO LOWER THE WATER HEATER PERMIT FEE FROM \$75.00 TO \$20.00

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

RESOLUTION #R17-269

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to lower the Building Permit cost for water heaters from \$75.00 to \$20.00.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay for discussion.

Councilman Mackay would like to thank a Town Resident who pushed this item with me and to Supervisor Oliverio who took the ball and ran with it. This is what we are supposed to be doing, trying to save tax payers some money.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R17-270

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

ADD: #11A – Discuss candidacy of Julia Diana Robertson for ABACA committee.

Seconded by Councilwoman Whetsel, unanimously carried

RESOLVE TO PLACE EILEEN REILLY ON THE ENVIORNMENTAL COMMISSION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY WITH TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Presented by Councilman Mackay

RESOLUTION #R17-271

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor place Eileen Reilly on the Environmental Commission effective immediately with term ending December 31, 2017

Seconded by Supervisor Oliverio for discussion.

Supervisor Oliverio said Eileen has a great resume for this position. She is very much involved in the League of Women Voters, the Economic Development Corporation, and our own Business Network

Seconded by Supervisor Oliverio, unanimously carried

ACCEPT MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS FROM JULY 12 AND JULY 19, 2017

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

RESOLUTION #R17-272

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept the Town Board meeting minutes from the meetings held on July 12 and July 19th 2017.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried

RESOLVE TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE RETAINER AGREEMENT WITHH THE LAW FIRM OF DANIELS, PORCO, AND LUSSARDI CONCERNING THE RABBINICAL SOCIETY WITHOUT ANY MODIFICATIONS OR CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT

Presented by Councilman Mackay

RESOLUTION #R 17-273

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign retainer agreement with the Law Firm of Daniels, Porco, and Lusardi in the case of Putnam Valley v. The Rabbinical Society without any modifications or changes to the contract.

Seconded by Councilwoman Whetsel, unanimously carried

APPOINT FRANK CASSIDY AS TEMPORARY MAINTENANCE STAFF

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

RESOLUTION #R17-274

RESOLVED, that the Town of Putnam Valley Town Board appoint Frank Cassidy as temporary Maintenance Staff at the rate of \$15.00 per hour, for the remainder of 2017. Frank will cover when Mark Backus the Town's full-time maintenance staff is on vacation.

Supervisor Oliverio seconded for discussion.

Supervisor Oliverio said that this allows us the flexibility, just in case Mr. Backus is sick or goes on vacation, to not have to go to the Board every time something like that happens. We will also be asking for other floaters for this position.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried

APPOINT INA CHOLST TO THE ROARING BROOK LAKE PERSERVATION COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE 8-23-17 TO 12-31-17.

Presented by Councilman Mackay

RESOLUTION #R17-275

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to appoint Ina Cholst to the Roaring Brook Preservation Committee effective 8-23-17 to 12-31-2017.

Seconded by Councilwoman Whetsel, unanimously carried

DISCUSS CANDIDACY OF JULIA DIANA ROBERTSON FOR ABACA COMMITTEE

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said that this is just a discussion about Ms. Robertson's candidacy. We are not appointing her tonight. He just wants to know if the Board needs more information. We can appoint her at our Work Session in September. The Board was pleased with her qualifications and will move ahead in September.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Presented by Councilman Mackay

RESOLUTION #R17-276

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

Seconded by Councilwoman Whetsel, unanimously carried

PARKS & RECREATION REFUNDS

Presented by Councilman Whetsel

RESOLUTION #R17-277

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the following refunds:

Bruce Lowder 1 Seneca Road Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$240.00 PV day camp Withdrawal
Christine Engeleit 41 Birch Road Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567	\$46.00 Before and after camp care Unable to attend
Karen Carroll 18 Lent Street Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567	\$43.800 PVCC Overpaid for July 2017

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

PARKS & RECREATION PERSONNEL

Presented by Councilman Mackay

RESOLUTION #R17-278

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

1. Maria Horyt, PVCC Rec. Assistant, @ \$10.25 per hour.
2. Jose Mendoza, PVCC Rec. Assistant, @ \$9.70 per hour.
3. Eric Keogh, PVCC Rec. Assistant, @ \$10.00 per hour.
4. Carol Espineira, PVCC Rec. Assistant, @ \$10.25 per hour.

Seconded by Councilwoman Whetsel, unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Horton Hollow Resident, Ken Kuritzky, spoke at the podium. He said this is a follow-up from last week's meeting. He would like to hand in his petition from 12 residents of Horton Hollow Road who would like to have the road paved.

RESOLUTION #R17-279

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept the petition as presented by Mr. Kuritzky pertaining to Horton Hollow Road.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried

BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS

Presented by Councilman Mackay

RESOLUTION #R17-280

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

The Town Board found that there were no budget transfers and amendments as Ms. Angelico will be submitting them for the September meeting.

Seconded by Councilwoman Whetsel, unanimously carried.

AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

RESOLUTION #R17-281

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

<u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
19872 – 20008	58,982.10
19956 – 20115	103,300.27
20034 – 20109	88,959.48
20139 – 20328	180,270.84
20179 – 20341	48,196.37
20182 – 20366	87,602.47

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio motioned to close the meeting at 6:26 PM.

Seconded by Councilwoman Whetsel, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Howard
Town Clerk
08-26-2017