

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
PROPOSED 2016 PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
6:00 P.M.
TOWN BOARD MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Departmental Reports
3. Proclamation: Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Dept.
4. Proclamation: Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corp.
5. Supervisor's Opening Comments
6. County Legislator's Report
7. School District Update-Superintendent Fran Willis
8. Approval of Town Board Minutes 9/14 and 9/21/16
9. Smartsky Antenna Installation: Discussion and possible Special Use Permit
10. Resolve to "opt-out" of Solar Panel Tax Exemption
11. Presentation of Recreation Center Architectural Plans – Joel Greenburg, Architect
12. Continued Discussion on Welcome Flyer
13. Continued Discussion on the proposed Permit/Zoning changes
14. Declaration of the Town of Putnam Valley as the lead Agency for the proposed Permit/Zoning changes

DEPARTMENTS

15. Building Department

Monthly Fee Summary

16. Parks & Recreation

- a. Personnel
- b. Refund

17. Districts

- a. Wildwood Knolls Facilities Report
- b. Authorize Supervisor to appoint Carp Fence Maintenance Person for Lake Oscawana

18. Public Comment

19. Budget Transfers & Amendments
20. Audit of Monthly Bills
21. Adjournment

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Councilman Mackay
Councilman Luongo

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Sherry Howard
Town Counsel Florence
Finance Director Angelico

Pledge of Allegiance

2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

SUPERVISORS OPENING STATEMENT

Supervisor Oliverio said that this is the first Public Hearing we have had on the 2017 Budget. The next one will be held on November 2, 2016. That one will include the Fire Departments 2017 budget. They need to have a separate Public Hearing, as required by law, as they are a separate taxing agency. The reason we need to have another Public Hearing on the Town's Budget is Supervisor Oliverio is confident that the current budget percent of 2.8% will be further reduced at that time.

AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R16-326

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

ADD:

- #14b. Waive Fees-Tompkins Corners Cultural Center.
- #14c. Set Public Hearing Date for Public Comment on the Proposed 2016 Town/Highway/District Preliminary Budget on November 2, 2016.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident, Patty Villanova, spoke at the podium – saying that she did not realize that even if you stay within the tax cap, the budget is still high. She said this is still not affordable for many people in Town. She asked how much money the Fire Department has been putting away for the new building. She was not aware that they were doing that. She thought the Fire House project was on hold. How much have they accumulated over the past nine (9) years or so? How much do they have in those reserves? She would like to see what they have in the reserves. Supervisor Oliverio said that the Fire Department will be holding their Public Hearing on November 2nd where they will be giving out all the information. Ms. Villanova then asked about the new Recreation Building. She said that the current bond will be paid off in two (2) years. So instead of retiring that you will be refinancing it. What is the tax impact on that? Supervisor Oliverio said that we will be having a presentation later on in the regular meeting so you should stick around for that. He then went on to explain that every \$120,000.00 is 1% and that these payments will be spread out over many years, so this should come out to less than ½ % per year. Ms. Villanova believes that when the Town is spending this kind of money a referendum would be wonderful.

Fire Department Representative, Ed McCarthy, came up to the podium with schematics of the new Fire House. He said that it will be built next door to the Ambulance Corp. and they will have a shared driveway. There will be nine (9) bays which will be tall enough for the new trucks to fit in. There will be an engineer's workroom, and decon. shower where gear could be washed, an exercise room, SCBA room and SCBA racks, bunk rooms and a day room. There will be a place for storage and training rooms which can be utilized in bad weather. In addition, there will be a conference room, kitchen, gym, and offices for the President, Vice-President, Chief, Assistant Chief, and the Officers. Right now there is only one (1) office that the entire Department has to use. The existing building was built in the 1940's when the apparatus was smaller so there are now dimension problems. Supervisor Oliverio also noted that where some mandates are concerned such as diesel fuel exhaust emissions; they are not compliant with State Mandates. Mr. McCarthy went on to say that the current compression room is tough on their hearing and that there is no place for them to wash up after a fire. This causes them to bring home contaminants to their homes and families. You can't even wash the apparatus inside due to the large size of the trucks. A sprinkler system will also be installed in the new building. The cost looks like it will be between 6-7 million dollars for the construction cost which will be financed by the Fire Department. The Town will then be able to use the old Firehouse to meet its own growing needs. Resident, Priscilla Keresey asked how many active members there are in the Fire Department. Frank Tansey replied that there are about 98 active members. He said the Fire House is heavily used on Tuesdays and Sundays. Resident, Dan Vera, said that it is a very old building and that the Fire Department is our most crucial service. He asked about plans for the old Fire House and how much would it cost to renovate it. That additional expense must be kept in mind. The old and new firehouses should be a package deal. Supervisor Oliverio said the old building is in good shape as a structure - just not as a firehouse.

Resident, Phil Keating got up to speak about the Putnam Valley Historical Societies request for an additional \$2,000.00 (A.7450.400; Page 9) for their budget. He said that previous Director, Kelley Howard, resigned and the Society would like to keep her on as their archivist. The Museum's archives are praised as the best in the County and we do not want to lose that. The job would then be split and covered by two (2) people. One (1) being the archivist and the other doing the important clerical work. The increase that is being requested is not really for salaries though; it is for advertising and expenses. We are offering more programs, such as the lecture series, that are well attended but it would be great if we could advertise and let more people know. The School District is interested in coming back as well. Councilwoman Annabi said that the money that is currently allocated as well as the increase is located all in 1 (one) salary line. She suggested that the budget should be broken out into a salary and separate expense line. Ms. Angelico said that will not be a problem. Mrs. Villanova commented on the fact that she thought that Kelley Howard, former Director, being the daughter of Town Clerk Sherry Howard, was an ethical and serious issue which she has again brought up to the Ethics Committee.

Councilwoman Annabi said that on page ten (10) (A.7989.400) of the budget there is a line for the Committee for the Arts. It is currently at \$1750.00 - she would like to remove \$450.00 from that line for a total of \$1,300.00 Ms. Angelico said they are trying to get up and running again, that's why they asked for the money. The Town Board agreed to remove the \$450.00. She then asked about the increase for the Assessment Contractual Postage expense which is listed on page four (4) (A.1355.424). Ms. Angelico explained that this line is the postage expense incurred when sending out the yearly assessment statements. It used to be in the Town Clerk postage line. It is just a reallocation.

Councilwoman Annabi was also concerned about the line for the new car which was discussed at the last meeting (A.1645.200) She thought it had been agreed upon that this line would be cut down to \$5,000.00 for 2017 which would be added to the \$5,000.00 that was still in the budget from 2016 for a total of \$10,000.00. Supervisor Oliverio thought that the \$15,000.00 was what was agreed upon and they need that money to acquire a new vehicle for the Building Department. The vehicle they are using now would then go to the Facilities Department. In addition, the Range Rover will be sold and that money will also go toward purchasing or leasing a new vehicle. Ms. Angelico suggested that maybe we purchase a used vehicle. We may not need that full amount but they do need a suitable vehicle to do their job. Councilwoman Annabi said we would still have \$10,000.00 to put down. Supervisor Oliverio said that \$10,000.00 is not enough to get a decent vehicle, and he would like to leave it alone. Councilman Luongo said we should get more information from Ms. Manno before a decision is made.

Councilwoman Annabi brought up the 2% Managerial Stipend. Supervisor Oliverio said a stipend is given when a Manager does a job above and beyond his hired duties. It's extra work, and it's a little bit of a thank you. There was a stalemate at the last meeting about this and she would like to discuss it again. Even though this is a small amount overall – every little bit makes a difference when it comes to this budget. She would like to bring it to 0%. Supervisor Oliverio said that it could be brought to a vote again. He said that Councilman Luongo abstained last time, and asked Council Florence if that was necessary. Council Florence replied that it was not

as this decision does not affect his wife, Sheryl Luongo, Town Assessor. Councilwoman Woman Whetsel asked how much this comes out to. Ms. Angelico said it comes out to about \$200.00 for the year.

The Town Board made a motion to remove from the 2017 proposed budget the 2% increase in the stipend for the Managerial Positions from the Town of Putnam Valley.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion carries with two (1) Ayes and four (4) Nays.

Sam Oliverio, Town Supervisor

Sherry Howard, Town Clerk

Supervisor Oliverio said our mortgage tax has gone up from what we had first assumed. This is the money the Town receives from home sales, refinancing, and new home building. It looks like we will be getting \$300,000.00 which is \$80,000.00 more than what we had originally anticipated. He would like to use some of that money to bring the tax rate down to 2%. This money would not come out of the General Fund. Ms. Angelico said that we need \$81,000.00 to get the budget down to 2%. Supervisor Oliverio does not want to vote tonight on this because he said that by the next meeting they should know exactly what they will be getting from the mortgage tax. Once this is confirmed we can use this to lower taxes. Ms. Angelico said that this money is one of our revenue sources.

Supervisor Oliverio moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:41 PM.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried

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Supervisor Oliverio opened the Town Board Meeting at 6:42 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R16-327

ADD: 14A – Set Public Hearing for the 2017 Fire Department Budget.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board add the following amendments to the agenda

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

Chief Keeler reported on the Fire Department's month of September 2016 calls:

66 days to Christmas!

9 motor vehicle accidents

2 community service

1 wires down

1 brush fire

5 vehicle fires

1 structure fire

3 EMS assists

2 mutual aid calls

1 CO Detector Call

25 for the month. Sadly, this is 40 more than last year. Mr. Keeler would like to thank his men and women because the structure fire that took place at Abele Park was not a raging fire - but there was some fire still live in the building and they found an arsenal of fireworks, which could have been dangerous. Thank you to all the residents that did come out for the 70th Anniversary parade for the Fire Department. It was a gloomy day, but everything turned out well. There were 70 members marching down the road for the parade. Mr. Keeler said that for him it is an honor and a privilege to serve with these men and women.

The cold weather is coming - check your chimneys make sure they are not full of soot. If you do get a chimney fire, please don't try to put it out yourself - there are special ways to put them out - call 911 immediately.

Highway Superintendent, Larry Cobb, spoke next. He said that much of the paving at Abele Park has been completed. They have paved 9-1/2 miles of road so far for the year and have come in well under budget. The 2017 Highway Tax will be coming in at 0% increase. They are fixing and cleaning catch basins all over town. They are currently in the process of getting ready for the bad weather. Supervisor Oliverio thanked Mr. Cobb and Mr. Hertelendy for working together to get us to the 2.8% tax rate we are at now. Thanks for the good work you do and so inexpensively.

Kathleen McLaughlin from the Putnam Valley Library reminded everyone that story time is at 10:15 AM on Wednesdays. The newly resurrected Friends of the Library will be hosting movies on Friday night. This Friday, The Wolf Man will be shown at 7:00 in the Community Room. The next one will be Abbott and Costello Meets Frankenstein. On October 26 there will be a Halloween Party with crafts and snacks for children of all ages from 4:30 – 6 PM. You need to RSVP for this and wear a costume. You can find all our events on our Facebook page. The Historical Society's next event will be held in the Common Room on November 12th at 10:00 AM. The subject is the story of Bannerman's Island Castle. The Library is holding a craft fair on November 19th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. It is \$10.00 to reserve a table. Please call 845-528-3242 to reserve your space. The Gingerbread House Party will be held on the last Wednesday in November.

Councilwoman Jackie Annabi announced that the Putnam Valley Historical Society is holding a Halloween event with Paranormal Investigator Penny Ann Osborn on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 PM. She is amazing. It is a free event being held at the Putnam Valley Grange. No RSVP is required.

Councilwoman Annabi said that she had the privilege of meeting Rabbi Yoni Stadlin from the Eden Village Camp, which is an organic farm camp for Jewish children. It is located at 392 Dennytown Road.

PROCLAMATION: PUTNAM VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY

Proclamation

- *Whereas the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department was established 70 years ago by returning GIs from World War 2;
- *And whereas the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department has provided for the Health and Safety of our community since 1946;
- *And whereas the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department is always the first to respond to any Town Emergency;
- *And whereas the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department has always been there when weather emergencies have occurred and they have also allowed their building to be used as an emergency shelter;
- *And whereas the volunteers of the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department have assisted on all occasions with so many Health and Safety situations while braving the coldest and hottest weather at all hours of the day;
- *And Whereas the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department has always put the Health and Safety of our residents above all else;
- *Now therefore be it known that the Town of Putnam Valley hereby recognizes the great and good works the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department has done for so many of our residents and the greater good of our community. We applaud and encourage their continued efforts and honor them on their 70th Anniversary.

***Presented this 19th Day
of October, 2016***

Sam Oliverio, Jr., Supervisor

Jacqueline Annabi, Councilwoman

Louie Luongo, Councilman

Steven Mackay, Councilman

Wendy Whetzel, Councilwoman

PROCLAMATION: PUTNAM VALLEY VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

Presented by Councilman Mackay

Mr. and Mrs. Stockinger accepted the Proclamation for the Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY

Proclamation

- *Whereas the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps was established 55 years ago by a group of concerned residents;
- *And whereas the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps has responded to all emergencies both large and small since 1961;
- *And whereas the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps is composed of an all dedicated volunteer force;
- *And whereas the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps has provided emergency service along with our Volunteer Fire Department since the Corps' inception;
- *And Whereas the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps has always put the Health and Safety of our residents above all else;
- *Now therefore be it known that the Town of Putnam Valley hereby recognizes the great and good works the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps has done for so many of our residents and the greater good of our community. We applaud and encourage their continued efforts and honor them on their 55th Anniversary.

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Councilman Mackay heartily thanked the membership and encouraged all the residents to get involved with these two (2) organizations, stressing how important they are to our community and the satisfaction you get from helping your fellow residents.

Councilman Luongo also stated that as the membership of these two (2) entities gets older, they need to replenish the membership. He proudly stated that there are three (3) 70 year members still remaining in the Fire Department. Anybody who can please give a few hours to the Fire Department or the Ambulance Corp would be greatly appreciated.

SUPERVISOR'S OPENING COMMENTS

Supervisor Oliverio said he will forgo any comments as the meeting is already very lengthy.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR'S REPORT

County Legislator Gouldman told the residents that the on October 23rd there will be a walk to fight suicide at 10:00 AM starting at the Carmel Fire Department. Please call 845-278-7600 if you are interested, and remember suicide is never an answer. On Monday, October 24th from 2:00 - 6:00 PM there will be a flu clinic for people 18 years old and above. The cost is \$25.00 if you are under 65; and free if you are over 65. It is open to all Putnam County residents. The clinic is being held at the Carmel Fire Department.

On November 5th the County will be holding a free rabies clinic at the Brook Farm Veterinary Clinic in Patterson, please call 845-808-1390 ext. 43127. Hudson Valley Restaurant Week is November 1 thru November 13th come out and experience all the good food our County has to offer. Please remember to shop local. There is nothing new to report on the cell tower project at the Senior Center. The 2017 budget process is currently underway at the County. Mark Rosa is here to give us an update on the Peekskill Hollow Road project. Mr. Rosa said that the Peekskill Hollow Road project will run from Oregon Corners to south of Adams Corners. The construction cost estimate will be approximately 6-8 million dollars. They are currently in the acquisition of easements/ takings phase. They do not need to take a lot of property as they are just widening the road and adding slopes to the roadway. The plan is to have the bids back by July of 2017; and begin the project in September. The DOT does have to approve their plans and everything else along the way. The bridge and the railings will be fixed on the bridge at Oregon Corners and Oscawana Lake Road. It will be made into a four (4) lane bridge. The bridge by the High School will also be widened and a left turning lane will be put in. They will be moving many utility poles back. It should be done by 2018. Supervisor Oliverio said that this will impact the schools located there. Councilman Luongo said it will destroy George's old property and inquired if there are any preliminary drawings or schematics yet? He thinks it will negatively impact any business that may want to go down there. Supervisor Oliverio said that perhaps we could have an informational meeting about this topic in the near future. Resident and Putnam Valley Business Owner Phil Keating commented on the fact that his business is located there and there is less traffic in that area than Mr. Rosa thinks. He does not believe that there is a real reason to put a turning lane by the bridge at Oscawana Lake Road and Peekskill Hollow Road and feels that it

will devalue George's old property. Supervisor Oliverio said this project has been on the docket for years and this is not the forum to discuss this.

Ms. Villanova discussed the Counties Economic Development and Tourism Bureau with Legislator Gouldman. Her concern is funding for projects (i.e. year-end promotions) which were stopped by the new Board of Directors until a new Director is hired. They have essentially shut down the agency for now. Ms. Villanova is concerned that Legislature does not know about this. Mr. Gouldman said he did not. He will be happy to confer with her about this later. Please call Legislator Gouldman at 845-808-1020 with any questions or concerns.

SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE-SUPERINTENDENT WILLS

Dr. Fran Wills, Superintendent of the Putnam Valley Central School District told the residents that the first six (6) weeks of school has already been completed. Thanks to all the people that came out for the CTC (Communities that Care) Key Leaders Meeting. This group helps with the challenges of social/emotional issues that face our students. It focuses primarily on giving students emotional support. Congratulations to Merit Semifinalist Senior Marianna Silver. Another congratulations to Assistant Superintendent Natalie Doherty and Melissa Cafaro who will be honored tomorrow evening for their work with Careers for Disabilities. There is currently a High School Later Start Committee. This is a 34 member team which is studying insufficient sleep in adolescent brains and how it affects their learning. They would like to start the High School at a later time in the morning but our bus transportation is on a triple tier system. A Transportation Consultant was asked for input to see if there is something that can be done to change the bus schedule time. A new law about lead testing was passed at the end of August. Some lead was found in the Elementary School which is an older building. They discovered that 13 out of the 81 faucets need remediation. There may some be State Aid available. The High School is currently heated by a geothermal system which the School District would like to see developed at the Elementary School as well. This would create a more effective energy plan. They are coming up with an anonymous alert app. which will allow students to report emergency situations and get an intervening helper. There will be a set of rules to make sure what is reported is appropriate. The School District received a \$10,000.00 grant for suicide prevention from Senator Serino. They are making a space for an outdoor classroom at the Elementary School. Fourth graders now run a safety patrol which allows them to help fellow students and gives them a feeling of leadership. The High School has a new achievement center which is a safe and supportive environment for learning. The Fall Production is entitled "Lend Me a Tenor" which is a musical comedy. It will run from November fourth (4th) - thru November sixth (6th).

APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD MINUTES

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION # R16-328

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approved the Town Board minutes of September 14th and September 21st, 2016.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

SMARTSKY ANTENNA INSTALLATION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said that this antenna is not typical of what we are used to. We had some concerns before we are able to grant a special use permit. This particular antenna will provide Wi-Fi for passing airplanes; and that's a whole new ballgame. He went on to say that we are not capable of making a decision tonight because we just received all the information today and have not had enough time to read it all and get it to the Planning Board. He introduced Beverly Ali from Smart Sky to explain the in's and outs of what this is exactly.

Ms. Ali said that this is an air to ground network, so people on airplanes and corporate jets can continue to use their phones and get on the internet throughout their flight. Typically satellites are used which can cause a lot of delays; Smart Sky uses antennae on the ground pointed up towards the sky, this lessens the delays. Six antennas will be installed on a tower with an equipment cabinet placed in an existing abandoned shelter that is already there. They will also be installing a 60 foot rad. center. Councilwoman Whetsel asked Council Florence to explain the Town's involvement with getting the permit. He said that the Town actually had little to do with getting the permit. Council Florence added that there is a Federal Law exempting certain communications from legislation by local authorities. They would be exempt if the application is for an existing tower or they are going to extend the tower more than 20 feet or 10%. In addition, the antenna cannot extend more than ten (10) feet off the structure of the tower and there would be more than four (4) cases of equipment on the ground - because this would need major construction. That is not what is going on here. In this case there would be only one (1) box - not more than four (4). They probably still need a building permit, but not a Special Use Permit. They would need the permit only because we have to make sure what is proposed is actually what is built. This is not a complete exemption and we should make that clear.

Supervisor Oliverio said that the Town Board will take action at the November 9th meeting when everyone has a chance to read the materials.

RESOLVE TO OPT-OUT OF SOLAR PANEL TAX EXEMPTION

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

RESOLUTION # R16 –329 This resolution was put on hold until November 9th meeting.

RESOLVED that Town Board authorize the Supervisor to opt out of the solar panel tax exemption. Councilman Mackay made a second for discussion.

Councilwoman Annabi said that a lot of people are going green with solar panels. She said that all Towns are automatically opted in and have to vote to be opted out. She believes that being opted in means giving any homeowner who installs solar panels a tax exemption because they see it as a capital improvement. She said if we give a tax exemption to those who put solar panels on their homes than those who don't have them would pay an increase in taxes to make up for those who got the exemption. She does not believe this is fair because it would be a burden on the rest of the residents. So she asks, how do we do this the right way?

Councilwoman Whetsel stated that the value of a home goes up when solar panels are put on. This causes the home to be reassessed for more money – that causes their taxes to increase. Sometimes people who put on solar panels have to pay out of pocket to have them installed and sometimes the company that provides them pays. People who do put the panels on should not be punished by being given additional taxes. Supervisor Oliverio understood after speaking to Assessor Luongo that the added value of the home only comes into play when the house is sold. The owner of the home also gains the benefit of having the solar panels. Supervisor Oliverio said we should opt out. If we don't opt out we have to reduce the assessment on all existing homes with solar panels.

Council Florence said that under current law anyone installing solar panels is exempt on any tax on that improvement. So the value that the assessor places on the house stays the same even after the solar panels are put on. The assessment cannot be increased unless the community opts out of that exemption. If the panels were installed before the enactment of the law they would be able to go back to the value of the home as if the solar panels did not exist if the community did not opt out of the exemption. The way he understands the current motion as written we are now going to opt out of the exemption - meaning on an annual basis the Assessor can look at the property and home with the solar panels attached to the ground or to a structure and they will be exposed to an additional tax based on whatever the assessment would be. The value comes back to the owner when the house is put up for sale they can attach an additional value to the selling price. That's an example of how you get your added value back.

Supervisor Oliverio would like to opt out as he does not want the tax burden to fall on the majority of the residents who do not have solar panels. Solar panels are considered a capital improvement. Many of these solar panels are installed for free. Councilwoman Whetsel said some people pay a good deal of money for them.

Councilman Luongo said we should either enact this or remove it as soon as possible. For now we should hold it over until the meeting on the November ninth (9th). We should have Assessor Luongo come to that meeting and clear up any confusion that still exist.

Councilwoman Annabi said you can enact it this law and remove it at any time. She asked if someone puts solar panels on their home as a capital improvement are the other residents in Putnam Valley being punished because their taxes are going to go up? Council Florence said the tax will go up if you opt out of the program. Your tax revenues will be higher if you opt out.

Supervisor Oliverio said the tax assessment on a house should be based on the value of the home with the solar panels because they should pay the taxes on what the house is worth.

Councilman Luongo made a motion to hold this matter over until the November 9th meeting.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION OF RECREATION CENTER ARCHITECTURAL PLANS – JOEL GREENBERG, ARCHITECT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Joel Greenburg, Architect and Philip Keating, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission made a presentation about the proposed new Parks and Recreation Building. Mr. Keating said that this has been an idea that has been a long time vision. He went on to say that there are a lot of reasons for it. The Parks and Recreation currently runs a 300 person basketball program for children which goes on now and right through the winter. The current location of this program is in the Putnam Valley Schools. Years ago there were no problems. The schools programs are now expanding and they are not allowing the Parks and Recreation the access that it needs to run their programs smoothly. There also used to be many other programs such as two (2) adult Men's Basketball league which no longer exist due to lack of space. Other programs suffered as well. A recreation building makes the most sense to remedy this situation. The location for the new building would be in the park where the roller hockey rink is now. The roller hockey program has dwindled over the years and the rink is rarely used. This is a level area. The building would be between 12,000 – 14,000 square feet and will be built with the Town's future needs in mind. This project will be bonded as was the original park construction with no tax increase to the residents. There was no increase because the current bond is being paid back by usage fees. We have leagues in there that pay to use the park and the pavilion is rented almost every single weekend. We feel that we can do the same thing with the new building, and the current bond will be paid off by then. The building will have a full size gym with the ability to have 2 games running at the same time, four (4) classrooms and will cost approximately 2.9 million dollars. Eventually our day camp can be moved there. Currently our day camp makes about \$30,000.00 a year, and we pay the CYO about \$75,000.00 a summer for rental fees. With this building we may even be able to get more kids into camp. Every adult program we run, we run at a profit. The Parks and Recreation also pays about \$8,000.00 a year to the school district for custodial overtime fees. That is another fee we don't have to worry about.

Joel Greenberg presented the plans and said that there will be plenty of parking for everyone. There will be a lobby area, handicap accessibility, locker rooms and bleachers for the gym, offices, storage and plumbing for a kitchen which will be added on later. They are at the sketch phase now.

Resident, Dan Vera, asked what the cost of maintenance will be? The answer was about \$12,000.00 to heat and electrical costs. There will also be an additional part time employee added to keep the building open in the evening. They would not be entitled to benefits. Mr. Vera asked for a spread sheet to look at the cost of expenses. Mr. Keating said that he will give it to him when they get to that point. He added they are also looking into solar heat to keep the costs down.

Supervisor Oliverio said that the Senator Serino was able to get this project a \$10,000.00 grant. That will be applied to the cost of construction.

Councilman Mackay said that he wants to make sure that the building is big enough to cover all future use 10-20 years down the road. He does not want it to become obsolete. Mr. Keating said planning for 20 years down the road is too hard but 5-10 years ahead is manageable.

Commissioner Keating said that due to the constant wear and tear the new gym floor will not be a wooden floor. They are looking at a floor which rolls over the surface to protect it and allow the floor to last a lot longer.

Ms. Villanova asked how much they have spent on architectural plans? Mr. Keating said \$160,000.00 and that is from soup to nuts. This money came out of the Parklands Fund which is not tax dollars. This money is being paid out as the job goes. The money is broken down as follows: \$98,000.00 for Insite Engineering and \$60,000.00 to Mr. Greenberg.

Supervisor Oliverio said the bond is like a mortgage. The current bond will end and we will apply for a new bond for 2.9 million or less. This is not a rollover. There is 1 ½ years left on the old bond, and then the new bond will be paid off monthly not all at once – the same as the current bond is. The Town can also apply for grants. Ms. Villanova believes this requires a referendum. Council Florence says it is not required. She asked if there is a contract already and Mr. Keating replied that there is. She also believes that the Town Residents would prefer a swimming pool. Supervisor Oliverio said that the park as it is – is a testament to somebodies vision.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON WELCOME FLYER

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

Councilwoman Whetsel said we should print 500 copies only. After speaking to Parks and Recreation Director, Frank DiMarco they decided to place on the back a coupon for a 10% discount on any one (1) Parks and Recreation program. This way we can judge how many people turn it in or just throw it away. It will only be sent to new residents. The cost will be \$130.00 to print the full 500 - which will come out of the Parks and Rec. budget. This is the cost to print it only. If after a year nobody brings in the flyer we will know that the flyer is not being used. It will also steer people to the website. If we mail out 300 in a year to new homeowners the postage will only cost around \$100.00. Councilwoman Whetsel said she would address them herself. If you are a commuter to the city every day you are not always aware of what the Town has to offer. Councilman Luongo said we just paid for a color copier why can't we do it in-house? Councilwoman Whetsel said by the time you pay for the paper and ink etc. you may as well send it out. Supervisor Oliverio said to the Town Board, if you have any changes please get them to Councilwoman Whetsel as soon as you can. This brochure is a good idea. Councilwoman Annabi still thinks it's redundant when we have everything on the website. Resident Priscilla Keresey said that Lake Peekskill Civic Association is doing the same thing for new residents of Lake Peekskill.

She said if you don't know that there is putnamvalley.com, how would you know to go to it. Resident, Dan Vera said this should be done in partnership with the Real Estate Agents. Resident, Patty Villanova said the old Putnam Valley Directory with phone numbers would be a great thing to bring back. You can't find a phone number anymore. You could even charge for advertising in it.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED PERMIT/ZONING CHANGES

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said that the Town Board received huge packages from Bruce Barber who has been working on the proposed permit/zoning changes. Council Florence and Jan Johansson have been reviewing it for illegal overtones. Our Planner is looking at it as well. We will have these details in about a week or so. What he would like to do is have Councilman Mackay declare the Town of Putnam Valley as the lead agency for the proposed permit/zoning changes.

DECLARATION OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY AS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE PROPOSED PERMIT/ZONING CHANGES

Presented by Councilman Mackay

RESOLUTION # R16-330

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to declare the Town of Putnam Valley as the lead agency for the SEQA Process for the proposed Permit/Zoning changes now under discussion.

Seconded by Councilwoman Whetsel, unanimously carried

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE -PUTNAM VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. 2017 CONTRACT

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

RESOLUTION # R16-331

RESOLVED, that the Town Board set the public hearing date to hear public comments on the 2017 Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Dept. Budget on November 2, 2016.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

WAIVE FEES THOMPkins FOR THE THOMPkins CORNERS CULTURAL CENTER

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

RESOLUTION # R16-332

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to waive the \$100.00 operating permit fee for the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR 2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET-TOWN/HIGHWAY/DISTRICTS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION # R16-333

RESOLVED, that the Town Board set the public hearing date to hear public comments on the 2017 Preliminary Town/Highway/District Budgets on November 2, 2016.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

RESOLUTION #R16-334

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept the Building Department report for the month of September 2016, for filing with the Town Clerk.

Seconded by Councilwoman Whetsel, unanimously carried.

PARKS & RECREATION- PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS/ ADJUSTMENTS

Presented by Councilman Mackay

RESOLUTION # R16-335

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

1. Teresa Vazquez, PVCC Ass't., @\$10.00 per hour.
2. Chelsea Connell, PVCC Ass't., @\$9.00 per hour.

Seconded by Councilwoman Whetsel, unanimously carried.

PARKS & RECREATION- REFUNDS

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION # R16-336

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the following refunds:

Stephanie Edwards 34 Pembroke Court Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$100.00 Refund Overpayment for pavilion rental
The Stadium 1308 Route 9 Refunds Garrison, NY 10524	\$175.00 Unable to field co-ed volleyball team

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

WILDWOOD KNOLLS FACILITIES REVENUE REPORT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R16-337

RESOLVED that the District Clerk, Judith Travis, requests the Town Board accept the 2016 year end Wildwood Knolls Facilities Revenue Report: 11 families @ \$100.00 per family = \$1,100.00. Please note that eight families chose not to use this facility in 2016, so we collected \$800.00 less than the \$1,900.00 Wildwood Knolls Facilities Warrant originally presented to the Town Board.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO APPOINT CARP FENCE MAINTENANCE PERSON FOR LAKE OSCAWANA

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

RESOLUTION # R16-338

RESOLVED that the Town Board appoint Frank Cassidy to maintain and clean the two carp barriers for Lake Oscawana for a fee of \$70.00 per cleaning. The cleaning will be done on an as needed basis.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay

**Councilman Luongo voted Nay
By a vote of 4 to 1 the Resolution passes.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Dan Vera spoke, saying he has children and grandchildren and understands how important a library is to a community. He read the Proposition at the podium (Chapter 414) as it is worded and as it will appear on the ballot and believes it is very misleading. Supervisor Oliverio did not want him to finish because this issue is not a Town Board issue, but ultimately allowed him to continue with the urging of Councilman Mackay and Councilwoman Annabi. Mr. Vera said that the library currently does not have an elected board. The Chapter 414 will enable the library to have the tax decision taken away from an elected board and move it to an unelected board. Ms. Villanova added that the way the proposition is listed on the ballot it looks like this is a onetime increase of \$27,778, when in fact it can never be reduced. It is a permanent increase to \$320,000.00 no matter what happens or it can only go up, and she feels that you must vote “no”.

Priscilla Keresey, President of the Library Board and Resident, said that currently the Library has a contract with the Town and if the Chapter 414 passes, the Library will then have a contract with the community. This has been presented to the public so they can decide for themselves - if they want sustainable funding for the Library. The language on the ballot comes from any other similar proposition and has been vetted by attorneys under Education Law, and by the Board of Elections from our own County. Please flip the ballot over and vote “yes”.

BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R16-339

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

Date Prepared: 10/17/2016 11:27 AM

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Budget Adjustment Form

Year: 2016 Period: 10 Trans Type: B1 - Transfer Status: Posted
 Trans No: 111454 Trans Date: 10/17/2016 User Ref: MANGELICO
 Requested: Approved: Created by: MANGELICO 10/17/2016
 Description: BUDGET TRANSFERS THROUGH 10/15/2016 Account # Order: Yes
 Print Parent Account: No

Account No.	Account Description	Amount
A.1010.400	TOWN BOARD.PLANNING/LEGAL CONSULTING	120.00
A.1010.424	TOWN BOARD.CONTRACTUAL	1,075.00
A.1420.400	LAW.SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL	114.48
A.1420.424	LAW.CONTRACTUAL	-114.48
A.1990.400	CONTINGENT ACCOUNT	-1,195.00
A.1990.400	CONTINGENT ACCOUNT	-203.14
A.1990.400	CONTINGENT ACCOUNT	-715.88
A.3310.200	SIGNS.TRAFFIC SIGNS	203.14
A.3620.200	INSPECTORS.EQUIPMENT	-110.06
A.3620.421	INSPECTORS.PERSONAL EXPENSE	110.06
A.7110.200	PARKS.EQUIPMENT	-381.53
A.7110.210	SPORTS.EQUIPMENT	381.53
A.8510.200	TOWN CLOCK REPAIR/BEAUTIFICATION	715.88
A.9040.800	WORKERS COMPENSATION	1,075.75
A.9050.800	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	-1,075.75
SM01.7111.400	COMMUNITY CENTER.CONTRACTUAL	500.00
SM01.7111.430	COMMUNITY CENTER.MAINT & REPAIRS	-500.00
SM04.7110.120	RECREATION.LIFEGUARDS	86.50
SM04.7180.200	BEACH.EQUIPMENT	-86.50
SM04.7180.200	BEACH.EQUIPMENT	-39.00
SM04.7180.471	BEACH.MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	39.00
SM05.7110.120	RECREATION.LIFEGUARDS	368.75
SM05.7180.200	BEACH.EQUIPMENT	-368.75
SM08.7110.120	RECREATION.LIFEGUARDS	-68.85
SM08.9030.800	SOCIAL SECURITY	55.80
SM08.9035.800	MEDICARE	13.05
Total Amount:		<u>0.00</u>

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R16-340

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

<u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
16664 – 16946	682,789.09
16717 – 16962	29,888.50
16900 – 16960	26,684.89
16989 – 17051	36,720.65

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss possible legal matter and a personnel matter with no further business to take place.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Howard
Town Clerk 11-01-16