

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
SPECIAL PRE WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 06, 2016

6:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk, Sherry Howard

Supervisor Oliverio opened the meeting at 6:02 PM

Supervisor Oliverio called for an executive session to discuss (2) two matters. One of which is a personnel matter regarding the Highway Department, and the other was to discuss a contractual matter concerning the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corp. contract.

The Town Board returned at 6:18 with no action taken.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R-58

RESOLVED that the Town Board amend the agenda:

Add 1A – Discussion on moratorium on development of cemeteries and burial grounds.

DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTION REGARDING TACONIC OVERPASS

The Putnam Valley School District sent a letter to our State Representative asking that quick action be taken to” immediately begin the process of constructing a way to provide safe passage across the Taconic State Parkway at the Pudding Street interchange.” Supervisor Oliverio would like the Town to send the same letter, signed by himself from the Town to encourage faster action. Councilman Luongo suggested that the Town Board approach the Town’s emergency services, senior center and Highway Department to write their own letter as well. Councilman MacKay agreed and added that Town residents should also be encouraged to do the same. Supervisor Oliverio will contact the emergency services.

**DISCUSSION ON MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT OF
CEMETERIES AND BURIAL GROUNDS**

Many of the Towns burial grounds are not cemeteries. The current law does not differentiate between the (2) two. There is a shortage of burial space and there is a fear that someone with burial grounds on their property can sell burial space to someone. Town Attorney Florence would like to codify the law to let legally licensed cemeteries, i.e. Rose Hills which is registered with the State of New York, expand but not allow the same for burial grounds. Attorney Florence is concerned that burial grounds will become cemeteries.

DISSCUSSION OF WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS FOR 1-13-16

Supervisor Oliverio would like to discuss some changes in Lake Peekskill. He would also like to pass a resolution to send out the letter regarding the Taconic Overpass and a resolution on the cemeteries and burial grounds moratorium.

Supervisor Oliverio moved to close the meeting at 6:26 PM

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Howard
Town Clerk