

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
PRE-WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2016
6:00 P.M.

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

Also Present: Town Counsel Florence
Town Clerk Sherry Howard

Supervisor Oliverio opened the Work Session at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

DISCUSSION COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF AMERICA - OPTIMUM

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Joe Mayhew of the Communication Workers of America would like to come before the Board at a work session to discuss the Optimum takeover of Altice. He feels that this would not be to the consumer's advantage. The Town Board unanimously agreed that this would be a great idea and would like it set up for early next month at a work session. Councilwoman Annabi suggested Mr. Mayhew email his questions and concerns prior to the meeting so the Board would have time to do some research.

DISCUSSION LAKE PEEKSKILL DPW PUMPING STATION

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio had a meeting with Bruce Barber and Todd Atkinson – the pumping station needs to come down, but we have a five year window in which to do it. It will come at a cost of \$50,000.00- \$100,000.00 if there is no asbestos found, and there are no wetlands issues. There is a meeting scheduled for March 12, 2016 at 10:00 AM to discuss this issue with the people who live in Lake Peekskill. There is no grant money available for this project; it would have to be bonded out. Bruce Barber will do the wetlands delineation, as the pumping station is located in the middle of wetlands. Councilman Luongo said that the reason it was held up was due to the vagueness of the contract. Supervisor Oliverio responded that we are responsible for this.

DISCUSSION ON ADDITIONAL HEAT FOR HISTORIC SCHOOL HOUSE

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

The school house museum is shut down in the winter to save money on heating. Sallie Sypher called Supervisor Oliverio and said that the cold was destructive to the photos and artifacts stored there. Supervisor Oliverio said that it would cost less than \$500.00 to keep the heat on at 60 degrees during the winter months. This would also allow the Museum's Director to go there if any work needed to be done. The cold is also causing the building to deteriorate because it is so old. This will be put on the next work session as a resolution.

DISCUSSION ON NEED FOR A FLOATING SUB

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio believes there is a need for a floating sub. to cover in Town Hall if someone is sick or an office is left empty by an emergency or if lunch coverage is needed. This would be a job that will be posted and would pay \$10.00 per hour. Their main function would be to answer the phone and take messages. Supervisor Oliverio cited the Assessor's office as an example, saying there are only two people that work in there and when they are both out at the same time the sub. would answer the phone and take messages for them. Audit time is coming and an extra set of hands would really help. Councilman Luongo said that this is long overdue and that the same situation exists in the Highway Department. This will be finalized at the next work session

DISCUSSION ON PARK AND RECREATION NEED FOR SUMMER CAMP

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

The 2016 contract with the CYO has been finalized so this summer's camp season is set. The cost is astronomical. Maybe if there is an appropriate property we could buy it and make our own summer camp. It is just talk right now. A bond would cost less than we are currently paying to rent. Councilman MacKay may know a good property that would suit our needs. All parcels that may be viable should be discussed in executive session.

DISCUSSION ON BULDING DEPARTMENTS NEED FOR A DIGITAL COPIER

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

The building Department had put a \$25,000.00 digital scanner in their budget and it was cut. The Building Inspector, Rich Quaglietta, has done some research and found a basic scanner that is \$9,500.00. He wants to start scanning short forms, and use those as back up to get rid of all the paper. That price would be to own, not lease. Supervisor Oliverio supports the digitizing of the documents. Councilwoman Annabi thought that it was a lot of money and they should look into leasing. Supervisor Oliverio was not certain if that price was for leasing or buying.

The digital copier would also allow them to digitize blue prints and could give them out to the people who need them for a fee. Councilman Luongo wondered what a service would cost? Town Council Florence mentioned that there are refurbished machines that are cost effective and work equally as well. That should be looked into as well. Building Inspector Quaglietta will come to the next work session to discuss the need for the copier.

DISCUSSION ON CONTINENTAL PARK DISTRICT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

A resident was wondering if she could be dropped from the Continental Park District. She is paying about \$300.00 per year to be in the District, and does not use any of the services? You cannot be dropped from a District, once you are in, you're in.

DISCUSSION ON UPDATING LIGHTING LAWS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

A resident, who lives in Roaring Brook, has a neighbor who has very bright security lights. She had to put blankets on her window to try to mute some of the light. Supervisor Oliverio would like explore any laws on the books that pertain to this issue, with the permission of the Board. The Board started to look at this problem two years ago. They agreed that some security lights are needed and wondered what neighboring towns do. Maryann Arrien commented on the fact that she assisted in helping other towns with lighting ordinances. The neighbor tried tilting the lights down but they still shine much too brightly.

DISCUSSION ON MEETING START TIME

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

The start time of all meetings should be at 6:00 PM. The individual reports that occur at 6:30 during the regular monthly meeting don't get the audience they should and will now be part of the regular meeting. This will be passed by resolution and begin in April of 2016.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY WIDE MEDICAL WASTE CONTAINER

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

The group Community that Cares funds medical waste containers for residents to put unused and unwanted prescription medication in. They would like to put one in the main hallway in Town Hall. This would be changed once or twice a month. Councilwoman Annabi spoke to the Sheriff's Office and said a camera would be needed as would a drop box list. Councilman MacKay responded by saying that we meet the criteria to have one, to which Supervisor Oliverio concurred. It would be bolted into the floor and no lists are needed.

The Sheriff's Office monitors and maintains it. We are also not responsible for it, the County owns it. Councilman Luongo said that we have already had a few security issues and thinks it may be unsafe to put in Town Hall. He suggested a drop box or mail slot in the Sheriff's substation in Town. A lively debate followed with Supervisor Oliverio saying he will call Mr. Kelly to get more information. He would like to have one here in Town and the residents would benefit from it as well.

- Councilmen Luongo and MacKay emphasized the need for clearly visible house numbers on all homes in Putnam Valley. Sometimes the resident's mailbox is located far from the home, so the house is where the number is needed. There is a law on the books regarding that when we changed over to 911.
- Councilman MacKay commented on all the road litter on Peekskill Hollow Road, Church Road and Oscawana Lake Road. He noted that they are County roads but there has been little snow and they are highly littered. They should do a better job cleaning them up.
- Two individuals have already been violated for "zombie houses". The laws will be tightened up.
- Councilman Luongo said that the welcome sign on Mill Street by Lovers Lane is deteriorating. He would like it fixed. Beverly Kelly had gotten estimates for this and it came in at around \$6,000.00 to get it done. Supervisor Oliverio felt that kind of money could be used for something better. This would make a good Eagle Scout project; or perhaps Hector could look at the sign.
- The door to get into the courtroom should be made into a one entrance in and one exit out. The doors will be locked when court is not session, they will be opened when court begins. Councilwoman Annabi said that a magnetic door would work well. This is another topic for the next work session.
- Councilwoman Annabi announced that this is tax season. Many people are getting phony phone calls from people who are attempting to scam residents. The IRS will not call you. If you feel you are being scammed please call the Sheriff's Department. These people are using something called a "magic jack" to hide their real identity and make it look as if the phone call is official. Senior citizens are most at risk, and a couple of our seniors have already been bilked out of a lot of money.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Howard
Town Clerk 2-08-16