

**PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING
6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, May 11, 2016**

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS ROLLOVER OF CABLEVISION CONTRACT

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Sherry Howard
Town Counsel Florence

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

Supervisor Oliverio explained that the utility that we receive from Cablevision does not give us revenue from the internet or phone service. He added that this technology is slowly being phased out and moving to Wi-Fi. He believes our new contract with cablevision is fair and generous.

Daniel Ahouse spoke on behalf of Cablevision. He explained that our franchise contract with Cablevision has expired. He believes that a fair and good renewal agreement with the Town of Putnam Valley has been reached. The proposal was based on the existing contract with updated policy regulations and business practices; adjustments were made for this. The Town now collects a fee on a broader category of services, which will mean more revenue. The contract will go for the length of 12 years. The franchise agreement will be for the entire incorporated portion of the Town of Putnam Valley. As part of the agreement the Town will get free cable service for ten locations such as the Town Hall, Library and School, plus one free internet account in Town Hall, or anywhere else the Town Board deems instead. The access program we receive is very important and they will continue to support it. There is a \$42,000.00 grant that is currently available. Finally, the agreement provides a 5% franchise fee, which is the federal maximum. This includes basic cable and added DVR services, pay per view and pay TV such as HBO, Showtime etc. It is a robust and fair agreement. Maryann Arrien asked if the Home Shopping Network was part of our revenue stream, to which Mr. Ahouse replied, "no" and that "it never was". Supervisor Oliverio said that we are getting 5% franchise fee, a portion of the pay per view market, the DVD add on plus the grant, free municipal cablevision channel and they are rebuilding our system here. This is a very good deal.

Supervisor Oliverio asked if there was any other public comment. There was not.

Supervisor Oliverio closed the Public Hearing at 6:28 PM

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

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

1. Discussion of Steven Bruno subdivision.
2. Authorize Charles Eberhardt and Ed McCarthy to be members of the Putnam County Hazmat Team.
3. School Superintendent Fran Wills and Jill Figarella to speak about the school budget.
4. Authorize additional expense of \$2,000.00 for the relocation and refitting of the carp barrier at Dunderberg Road.
5. Discussion of interment at Tompkins Corners Cemetery
6. Appoint Finance Department Assistant
7. Authorize Supervisor to sign contract with McKinney Landscaping for grub control.
8. Executive Session for personnel issue, contractual issues, and possible litigation.

**PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016
6:00 P.M.
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

PRESENT: Supervisor Oliverio
Councilwoman Annabi
Councilwoman Whetsel
Councilman Mackay

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Sherry Howard
Town Counsel Florence

ABSENT: Councilman Luongo

Supervisor Oliverio opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R 16-191

RESOLVED, that the Town Board add to the agenda:

ADD: #7A: Items to be discussed at next week's full meeting.
#8A: The audit of monthly bills.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF STEVEN BRUNO SUBDIVISION

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Mr. Bruno had presented a letter to the Town Board requesting the Town give him a small parcel of land which surrounds the water tower on Oscawana Lake Road near Tinker Hill. The water

tower used to service Wildwood Knolls. The property has on it the water tower, the outbuildings and the wells. The Town is no longer using the wells and water tower on this property and Mr. Bruno's property surrounds it. Mr. Bruno's current property is a two acre lot. This property represents .4 of an acre. The pipes that used to service the water tower are still there but they are disconnected. He would have them removed at his cost. The houses that this water tower used to serve now have wells. Mr. Bruno would like to trade this parcel of land, and in exchange, at his own cost, would remove the water tower, pipes and out buildings. Council Florence emphasized that the Town cannot give the land away. It must be advertised with a legal notice. The consideration for the property does not necessarily have to be money it could be the remediation of the property. This piece of land is not good to anyone else, as Mr. Bruno's property surrounds it, and we can get it back on the tax roll. Council Florence will put something together. Supervisor Oliverio said, we must go about it legally. Mr. Bruno has not gotten any estimate for what it would cost him to remove the water tower, out buildings and pipes; it may not be cost effective. If the price is too high, Mr. Bruno may change his mind. A selvage company may do it, he needs to get a price. Council Florence told Mr. Bruno that he must get the price to take down the water tower etc. because the bid needs as much information as possible so it can pass any audit that may occur.

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Steven Bruno
60 Saw Mill Rd.
Putnam Valley, NY 10579

Town Board of Putnam Valley
265 Oscawana Lake Rd.
Putnam Valley NY 10579

4-17-16

To: Town Board members
RE: Lot 5 "Subdivision of Steven Bruno"

Dear Board,

This subdivision was established in 1990 and two of the five lots have been developed. I am looking to update the Board of Health approvals on two of the three remaining lots, one of which surrounds the decommissioned water tower on Oscawana Lake Rd. near Tinker Hill Rd

I met with the Building Inspector, Town Engineer and the Town Supervisor last week questioning the property that the water tower sits on and its three existing wells since this property is no longer being used by the town and my property surrounds it.

Mr. Oliverio suggested that I should request to be put on your calendar for the Town Board Meeting for the first Wednesday in May which is May 4th to discuss this matter further.

Please let me know if this request could be accommodated. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Steven Bruno

Home: 814-528-1318
Cell: 914-772-5931

AUTHORIZE CHARLES EBERHARDT AND ED MCCARTHY TO BE MEMBERS OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY HAZMAT TEAM

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION # R16-192

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize Charles Eberhardt and Ed McCarthy to be members of the Putnam County Hazmat Team.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay unanimously carried.

SCHOOL BUDGET REPORT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio stated that our School District is one of the only ones in the area whose budget is coming in lower than last year. Please vote on May 17th from 6 AM- 9 PM at the Elementary School. Town Board member Steve Mackay reminded everyone to go to the spring concert June 2nd - 7:00 PM

Dr. Wills said that she is really glad Town Board member Mackay brought up the spring concert because the School District is really about advancing our kids. There are many programs being offered such as Girls in Sports who spent a day on a Sunday trying to get girls involved and learn about the different sports. There was also the performance of the school play for the senior citizens who loved it, and the Revolutionary War Reenactment at the Elementary School. From these things our students learn about perseverance. These are things they can be proud of and can use these skills for the rest of their lives. We do have a lower tax levy this year, and we can still increase our services.

Jill Figarella, School District Treasurer, said that the school budget issue will be in your mail box any day now. There is a lot of information about the budget in there. The budget is coming in at \$32,000.00 less than last year. Our tax levy is \$100,000.00 less than last year and this savings is passed on to the taxpayer. A bunch of things have made that possible, such as the New York State retirement system which has lowered its rates, and the Employees Retirement System has also lowered its rates, some teachers have retired and we have lowered our spending. The tax cap stipulation makes things hard for us, but the State did restore the GAP elimination aid at the last minute which was \$250,000.00. We have entered into some contracts that have also allowed for some savings. The enrollments seem to be increasing which can occur at any grade level. The equalization rates and the assessments will ultimately decide the final amount. There are absentee ballots available.

AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE OF \$2,000.00 FOR THE RELOCATION AND REFITTING OF THE CARP BARRIER AT DUNDERBERG ROAD

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

The original location where the second carp barrier was going to be placed was in the wrong location. It was on someone's private property who had not given permission. It had to be moved to the neighbor's property who had given the Town an easement. The fence had to be recreated and we were charged.

RESOLUTION # R16-193

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the expense of \$2,000.00 for the relocation and refitting of the carp barrier at Dunderberg Road. The work which included an additional day and ½ was performed by Fred I. Adams, 610 Route 292, Holmes, NY 12531.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF INTERMENT AT TOMPKINS CORNERS CEMETARY

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio received a call from Owen Zurhellen. He would like to purchase a plot for himself and members of his family in the Tompkins Corners Cemetery where much of his family is interred. He is interested in purchasing 15 plots. Supervisor Oliverio called the State and spoke to David Fleming who told him that even though the cemetery is closed you can still arrange to sell plots. You have to make sure that they were not previously sold. The survey map says that there are still about 30 plots available in that cemetery. The frontage is all wetlands. We would need to set a standard rate just as they do in Rose Hills. Councilman Mackay asked who does the opening and closing of the graves? Supervisor Oliverio said that we would only sell the plots; the Town is not responsible for anything else. He will get more information. Perhaps Sallie Sypher, Town Historian, can walk the cemetery and plot it out. This cemetery is on the State Registry. Councilman Luongo said we need to find out who is buried there and who has papers on the unused plots left. Council Florence said that we must make sure that since we are maintaining the grounds, when the money comes in for the sale of the plots it can be used to maintain the property so it does not cost the Town any money. Supervisor Oliverio said that there are numerous family plots there. We have received a legacy grant from an anonymous donor to maintain this cemetery. The Town Board agreed that they would like more information and they are in favor of selling the remaining plots.

APPOINT FINANCE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

She is the replacement for Mary Ulrich. Mary we are going to miss you! Laura will be working 16 hours per week and is a CPA.

RESOLUTION # R16-194

RESOLVED that the Town Board appoint Laura Monaghan as Part time clerk to function as assistant to the Finance Director at a salary of \$15.00 effective May 11, 2016.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi unanimously carried

**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH MCKINNEY
LANDSCAPING FOR GRUB CONTROL.**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION # R16-195

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with McKinney Landscaping in the amount of \$350.00 for a grub control application at the Tompkins Corners Cemetery located on Peekskill Hollow Road. This expense is covered by the Anonymous Donation to the cemetery.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo unanimously carried

ITEMS FOR NEXT WEEKS MEETING

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

There will be proclamations for Helen Forcina from the Putnam Valley Senior Center, the Putnam Valley Children's Center and Jeannie Gallinger, who has been instrumental in providing programs to youths in Lake Peekskill. In addition, there will be referrals for the Districts and items from the Assessor which might be in Executive Session. Also, if everyone agrees the Cablevision Contract will be approved

AUDIT MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION # R16-196

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

<u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
14937 – 15257	\$43,739.40
15062 – 15275	\$56,456.10
15215 – 15274	\$42,210.24

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

An executive session was called to discuss personnel issues, contractual matters and possible litigation.

Supervisor Oliverio moved to close the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

No new business will be conducted after the Executive Session.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Howard
Town Clerk 5-17-16