

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
WORK SESSION

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Supervisor Oliverio
Councilwoman Whetsel
Councilwoman Annabi
Councilman Luongo

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Town Clerk Kimberly McKeown
Town Counsel Florence

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

Supervisor Oliverio noted Councilman Mackay's absence due to a medical issue

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio:

RESOLUTION #16-59

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

ADD #10A Discussion of increase in budget line number 1420.400 to \$17,400.00 per year for the Town Attorney, Gordon Fine.

ADD #10B Authorize expenditure of \$125.00 for Wendy Whetsel to attend the Annual Association of Towns meeting.

ADD #10C Authorize Supervisor to sign contract with Kellard Sessions Consulting.

ADD #10D Appoint Pat Fiorentino to Roaring Brook Lake Preservation Committee for the term of 01/01/2016 to 12/31/2017.

ADD #10E Assessors Letter regarding Exemption application deadline.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo
Unanimously carried.

**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH THE PUTNAM VALLEY
VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS.**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION # R16-60

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize Supervisor Oliverio to sign the 2016 Contract with The Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps. for the year 2016 in the sum of \$258,188.00.

Councilman Luongo recused himself from voting.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi and Councilwoman Whetsel.

Supervisor Oliverio noted that we have the 3 vote majority needed to pass the Resolution. All agreed.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO EAGLE SCOUT –
CHRISTOPHER BURGARD.**

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

On 11/28/2015 Christopher Burgard was promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout. Proclamation by Senator read on the Senate Floor. Councilwoman Annabi read the Senate Proclamation. Which reads in part, Christopher Burgard a member of Boy Scout Troop 41 of Putnam Valley, has achieved the most prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Christopher attended Putnam Valley Central Schools and has taken numerous advanced placement classes. Christopher graduated PVHS in June of 2015. Christopher is currently studying Engineering at Manhattan College in the Bronx. Known as a hard worker, Christopher's 1st job was working at the Rectory at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, in Shrub Oak, NY at the age of 13. Christopher began as an Altar Server and was promoted to Senior Altar Server. Christopher is a role model for his peers. Christopher currently works at Putnam Valley Market, in order to pay his expenses. Eagle Scout is the highest achievement in Scouting earned by only 5% of all boy scouts. Christopher constructed benches at the Putnam Valley Schools as part of his community project. Rising to Eagle Scout shows an ability to master difficult tasks. Christopher is a credit to his family, school, community, State and The Nation. Supervisor Oliverio presented Christopher with a Certificate of Appreciation from The Town of Putnam Valley and The Putnam Valley Town Board. Congratulating Christopher and telling him, he has brought us great pride. Congratulations to mom and dad, as well.

**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN RESOLUTION REGARDING NEED FOR
TACONIC OVERPASS**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION # R16-61

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize Supervisor to sign Resolution regarding the need for overpass of the Taconic at Pudding Street.

Supervisor Oliverio stated that it has recently come to light that there have been some egregious errors on the part of the DOT oversight. Things such as ignoring pleas and making promises.

Resident Patty Villanova asked the Board what Senator Sue Serino is doing to move this forward.

Councilwoman Annabi assured the resident that the Senator is 110% behind this project. The Senator is keeping the Town Board and Putnam Valley Central School District apprised every step of the way.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION REGARDING MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT OF CEMETERIES

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R16-62

RESOLVED that a 9 (nine) month moratorium be placed on the development of cemeteries.

Supervisor Oliverio stated that part of the problem is the definition of a cemetery and the definition of a burial ground. There is a distinct meaning for each. The additional time will allow us to define each appropriately. Councilman Luongo asked if the moratorium is one year or nine months. Supervisor Oliverio and Town Counsel William Florence stated 9 months, with Mr. Florence adding that it may be extended if necessary.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi and Councilman Luongo
Councilwoman Whetsel recused herself.

DISCUSS LPID STAFF SUPERVISION

Supervisor Oliverio stated the need for staff supervision of the Lake Peekskill Improvement District Staff. Supervisor Oliverio stated that the staff answers to a Foreman and there is no oversight from Town Hall. Supervisor Oliverio suggested Larry Cobb Highway Superintendent oversee the Foreman and his staff at a yearly compensation of \$5000.00. Supervisor Oliverio also stated that in the 1990's the Highway Superintendent supervised the LPID Employees, past Superintendents who fulfilled the position were Mitzi Eagen and Earl Smith. Supervisor Oliverio said when there was an independent person supervising it cost the town 10,000.00 to 15,000.00 per year and the 5,000.00 is quite a savings. Councilman Luongo asked what the job title would be. Supervisor Oliverio also suggested that Joe Hertelendy would fill in for Superintendent Cobb as the overseer of the LPID and also the Highway Department when Superintendent Cobb is not available. Supervisor Oliverio suggested additional compensation of \$2,000.00 per year for Mr. Hertelendy for the additional responsibility. Supervisor Oliverio iterated that this is open for more discussion if necessary.

DISCUSS CABLEVISION CONTRACT

Supervisor Oliverio stated that he would like a Town Board Member to sit in the discussion of the Cablevision, he also requested Maryann Arrien our Videographer and William Florence, Town Counsel to sit in as well. Councilman Luongo stated that he has spent many hours on the phone with Fios and they are not expanding their cable market. Supervisor Oliverio said that he was surprised when a representative of FIOS told him that cable is a dying market and will probably be obsolete in five years as all signals will come off a satellite.

REAPPOINT DR. FRIEDMAN TO THE LAKE OSCAWANA MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R16-63

RESOLVED that the Town Board reappoint Dr. Ellen Friedman to the Lake Oscawana Management Advisory Commission.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi unanimously carried.

DISCUSS CORNU PROPERTY

Supervisor Oliverio stated that The Town of Putnam Valley is now out of this and will not spend any more money on this. Supervisor Oliverio stated that as far as the Town goes this situation is over. Councilwoman Annabi said not necessarily there can be an appeal that the Town would then have to address. Town Counsel, William Florence agreed there could be an appeal but that the Supreme Court handed down their decision. Town Counsel also stated that the Supreme Court has given a very limited time to cure or present a plan to cure, and if that does not happen their right is then forfeited.

REAPPOINT JAMES LAPORTE TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R16-64

RESOLVED that the Town Board Reappoint James Laporte to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Councilman Luongo asked why did he resign and then come back. Supervisor Oliverio stated that Mr. Laporte initially thought he would have limited to devote to the position, but then realized his time constraints were not as severe as he first thought.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R-16-65

RESOLVED that the Town Board accept Meeting Minutes from Pre-Work Session Meeting of January 6, 2016.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

AMEND TOWN PROSECUTOR BUDGET LINE

Tabled until Town Board Meeting 01/20/2016

APPROVE W. WHETSEL ATTENDENCE AT ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS

Tabled until Town Board Meeting 01/20/2016

APPOINT PAT FIORENTINO TO ROARING BROOK LAKE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R16-66

RESOLVED that the Town Board Appoint Pat Fiorentino to Roaring Brook Lake Preservation Committee for the term of 01/01/2016 to 12/31/2017.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi unanimously carried.

LETTER FROM ASSESSORS OFFICE

Presented and read by Councilwoman Annabi

Unfortunately I am unable to attend tonight's meeting in person but I still want to share some very important information with you. It is that time of year when exemption applications are accepted by my office for the upcoming tax year. For those of you who currently receive the Enhanced, Senior or Disability exemption it is imperative that you file your renewal with my office on or before March 1, 2016. For those of you who are turning 65 years of age during the 2016 calendar year you may qualify for the Enhanced Star or Senior exemption depending on your income. For those residents who purchased a home after March 1, 2015 you should have already received a Basic Star application in the mail from my office. If not please call me and I will make sure you have all of the necessary documentation to file the Basic Star.

I cannot stress enough the fact that these applications are due in my office on or before March 1, 2016. I cannot, by law, accept any applications that come in after that date.

As always I am available during normal business hours for questions or comments.

Sheryl Luongo, Assessor

REVIEW OF 1-20-16 AGENDA

County Legislators Report
School Report
LPID Staff Supervision
Town Prosecutor Budget Line Item
Kellard Contract

AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R16-67

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

| <u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u> | <u>AMOUNTS</u> |
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| 14083-14219 | 31,596.11 |
| 14026-14144 | 632,528.35 |
| 14058-14217 | 30,751.69 |

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly McKeown
Deputy Town Clerk