

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
PRE WORK SESSION
6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 04, 2017

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Presentation of 2017 Budget from Town Clerk with a formal second and vote
3. Resolve to sell tax map lot # 91.8-1-22-6 property to Kevin Molnar – the highest bidder for \$2,000.00
4. Distribution of resumes of possible Town Attorney candidates to the Town Board.
5. Discussion of Cold War Veteran’s Exemption. Set Public Hearing on Law.
6. Accept Bob Lusardi’s resignation from the Zoning Board.
7. Discuss appointment of Pat Lennon as ad hoc member of ZBA.
8. Set date for a Public Hearing on the Fire Departments preliminary budget.

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
PREWORK SESSION AND WORK SESSION
6:00 P.M.
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PRESENT: Supervisor Oliverio
Councilwoman Whetsel
Councilwoman Annabi
Councilman Mackay
Councilman Luongo

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our armed forces.

**PRESENTATION OF 2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET FROM THE TOWN CLERK WITH
A FORMAL SECOND AND VOTE**

Presented by Councilman Mackay

Supervisor Oliverio asked the Town Clerk to present the 2018 budget to the Town Board. He added that this is just the Tentative Budget not the Final Budget. The Public Hearing is being held on October 18, 2017 at 6:00 PM. This budget will be put on the Town's Website tomorrow. The Board only received this budget very recently and is still perusing it, but he and Ms. Angelico have been working on it since the summer. The next four (4) meetings will be devoted to the Budget. The Fire Department's Public Hearing will be held next week on October 11th. The Town/County/Districts/ Public Hearing will be held on October 18th at 6:00 PM. Please hold all questions until next week. Please see Maria if you have anything you do not understand or need any extra detail. The budget right now is coming in at 1.94%, which is under 2%. We still may be able to cut some more, but it will not increase; this number includes our agencies and contractual obligations. Whenever a change is made the website will be updated.

RESOLUTION #R17-300

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept the Town Clerk's Tentative 2018 Budget as presented at the October 4, 2017 Pre-work Session Meeting.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

**RESOLVED TO SELL TAX MAP LOT # 91.8-1-22-6 PROPERTY TO KEVIN MOLNAR
– THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR \$2,000.00**

Presented by Councilman Mackay

RESOLUTION #R17-301

RESOLVED, that the Town of Putnam Valley sell tax map lot # 91.8-1-22-6 property to Kevin Molnar, the highest bidder, for \$2,000.00.

Supervisor Oliverio explained that this is a little strip of land on the brook side of Oregon Corners near the Thompkins Bank. Originally, the Town put the property out to bid and Mr. Molar came in with a bid of \$4,000.00. Then, in doing the final survey, we found out that the County owned a little bit more than one-half of the property. This became a much reduced property and since the size was reduced, it was determined that \$2,000.00 is a fair price. He is using it as a small parking area for the architectural business he is opening up. Supervisor Oliverio asked Counsel Florence if we could have a revised “Quit Claim Deed” to give to Mr. Molnar. Counsel Florence said that this has already been drafted and he is waiting for the Realty Company to give him a description. He has been asking the Title Company for it for the last ten (10) days.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

**DISTRIBUTION OF RESUMES OF POSSIBLE TOWN ATTORNEY CANDIDATES TO
THE TOWN BOARD**

Presented by Wendy Whetsel

Councilwoman Whetsel said they will be looking at Town Attorney resumes. Supervisor Oliverio said that this will be discussed in Executive Session; and that here is no movement needed on that one.

**DISCUSSION OF COLD WAR VETERANS EXEMPTION. SET PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE LAW**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said that they have discovered that this can be a permanent exemption rather than the ten (10) year exemption it is currently. So with a legal change and proof that you were in the Cold War (with your DD 214 and other necessary documentation) you can have this exemption for life - so you don't have to keep applying at the end of ten (10) years. You would just have to show up once a year and say you are still a resident and still qualify.

This would be an amendment to an existing law we already have. The Public Hearing will be on October 18th at 6:00 PM. The Public Hearing on the budget will take place right after.

RESOLUTION #R17-302

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to set a Public Hearing on October 18, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Putnam Valley Town Hall to amend the current Cold War Veteran's Exemption. This amendment will make it a permanent exemption rather than a ten (10) year exemption.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

ACCEPT BOB LUSARDI'S RESIGNATION FROM THE ZONING BOARD

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

RESOLUTION #R17-303

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to accept the resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals Ad Hoc member Bob Lusardi as of August 4, 2017.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF PAT LENNON AS AD HOC MEMBER OF ZBA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said the name of Pat Lennon came forward to be the Ad Hoc Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. He added that if you have any other names you want to bring up or put forward we can do that too. Councilman Mackay would like to have Mr. Lennon's resume. He knows that there is a need but he would like more information on the nominee. Supervisor Oliverio said his resume is forthcoming.

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION #R17-304

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to set the date of October 11, 2017 as the date for a Public Hearing on the Fire Department's Preliminary 2018 budget thus rescinding Resolution #R 17-287.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio discussed a subject of interest in respect to recent occurrences and the way the world is today.

There is some security here at Town Hall on certain days such as court days; but he would like to add to that. But on an on-going basis he worries about things that could happen. He would like to add to the amount of time a guard is here or install a panic button device for the employees. Councilman Mackay suggested reaching out to the surrounding Towns in Westchester and Putnam and see how they are handling this. Supervisor Oliverio said Carmel has a desk you have to stop at; but Councilwoman Annabi noted that they are located in the Police Department Building. Councilman Mackay asked if this would be armed security. Supervisor Oliverio said that the schools have a Resource Officer, or we could get a retired Police Officer who would be here that has police training in case we need that. Councilman Mackay said that it would be costly and what would we do if that person is out sick? Supervisor Oliverio said that if we did it through the Sheriff's Department, they would provide a back-up in the case of illness. Councilman Luongo said we should do the work on finding out the facts of having either a panic button installed or a security guard. We need more information and this building is something that also needs to be looked at. Supervisor Oliverio commented on the fact that if you press a panic button there is still a wait time for help to arrive. We live in a low crime rate area but you never know in this day and age. This is just the beginning of the discussion; we just want the staff to know we are serious about this. The staff is very concerned about this.

Supervisor Oliverio moved to go into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue regarding the Town Attorney position. No further business will be discussed.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Howard
10-11-2017