

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018
6:00 PM

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4. Proclamation for William Pugh
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PRESENT: Supervisor Oliverio
Councilwoman Annabi
Councilman Luongo
Councilman Mackay
Councilwoman Whetsel

ALSO PRESENT: Town Counsel Florence
Town Clerk Sherry Howard

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

New Chief David Anderson reported on the Fire Department's month of December 2017 calls:

1 Chimney Fire
3 Mutual Aid Calls
4 PIAA's
7 CO Detector
1 Medical Assists
3 Automatic Alarms
1 Wires Down
2 Investigation

22 calls for the month - 401 man hours. Chief Anderson thanked his Firefighters for the great job they have done this year. There were two (2) fires which could have been very bad but they did a great job of keeping things under control.

Councilwoman Annabi also thanked the Fire Department for the great job they did with all the accidents that took place in the icy conditions that we had recently. Supervisor Oliverio also thanked the Highway Department for the great clean-up work they did during the same bad weather we experienced. They made sure that we were safe and did a superb job. He added that you should not put your snow back in the road. Think about your neighbors and our emergency vehicles. There are fines if you do that. Councilman Luongo said please clean your vehicle off. Take the extra time to do this it's for everyone's safety.

PROCLAMATION FOR WILLIAM PUGH

Presented by Councilman Mackay

Councilman MacKay said Mr. Pugh is retiring from the Putnam Valley Parks and Recreation Commission and is receiving this proclamation for all the volunteer work he has done.

Councilman MacKay read the proclamation to Mr. Pugh. Councilman MacKay said that Billy is another example of the amazing kind of people who live in our Town. He has dedicated himself to make this Town a better place. Mr. Pugh thanked the Putnam Valley Parks and Recreation Commission and Staff and suggested that everyone should become a volunteer.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT

County Legislator, Barbara Scuccimarra and County Legislator Bill Gouldman were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

PRESENTATION BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY ROBERT TENDY

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

District Attorney Tendy also thanked Billy Pugh for his volunteer service and commitment to our Town. He also mentioned the sad news of the passing of resident Jeanne Gallinger. She was a positive force for good in our Town. District Attorney Tendy went on to say that if you are a hand gun owner in Putnam County there is a law that requires you to recertify your pistol permits. You may be unaware of this and think your permit is good for life. If you received your permit before January 15, 2013 you must recertify it by January 31, 2018. After this date your permit is technically void. Theoretically you will be in possession of illegal hand guns. You can recertify your permit on line and it doesn't cost anything. You have five (5) years from the date of issuance to recertify.

He then spoke about the addiction problem that is now part of his daily job. Overdoses are drastically on the rise. It involves people of all ages and demographics. If you have an addiction of any sort tell people about so you can get help. Don't try to hide it there is no shame in it. We need to change the mindset. This is a sickness and you need to go to a Doctor just like any other disease you may have. Anthony Arrien will put the Putnam County Resource List on the scroll and District Attorney Tendy will leave some at the Town Hall so people will know where to go to get help. It will go on the Town's website as well. You can also contact District Attorney Tendy's office at 845-808-1050. We do try to get help for people who are involved in drugs in any way. Nobody wants to be an addict and we want to help them. Additionally, if you see something going on in your neighborhood call us. We will quietly do an investigation and those often lead to a real good arrest. You don't have to give us your name. If you are an immigrant and you are the victim of a crime please call we will not ask your immigration status. We only want to catch the people/person victimizing you.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R18-70

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

ADD:

9A – Correction of both Katherine Diomede and Joanne Carroll 2018 part time hourly wages.

9B – Acceptance of Minutes from 12/13 and 12/20/2017; and 1/3/2018 and 1/10/2018.

9C – Waive all permit fees for the VFW.

9D – Vote on either the acceptance or not of the addition of 8 and 8A Sections of the Senior Exemption law.

Seconded by Councilperson MacKay, unanimously carried.

SCHOOL REPORT

Dr. Wills was unable to attend tonight's meeting so Councilman Mackay spoke on her behalf.

Councilman Mackay said that the committee both himself and Supervisor Oliverio are on again discussed vaping - as it is an extremely large problem that keeps escalating. Parents should be very aware that it is not just tobacco products but it is also hash oil being smoked. Pay attention to what is going on with your kids. Marijuana is also dangerous for teenagers because their brains are not fully developed and it can open the door to other drugs. It comes down to where parents have to be parents.

SET DATE FOR VETERAN'S EXEMPTION PUBLIC HEARING

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said this will just be a discussion because we will not need a Public Hearing. We don't need a Resolution to accept this. We either adopt this or we don't as explained to him by our Assessor. The State has given us an option to either say Cold War Veterans will receive the same exemptions as those who served during war time. There are two (2) sides to this issue so I would like to set the date of February 7, 2018 and have this as the first thing on our agenda for discussion. Every time we do an exemption, those who do not get the exemption pay for it in their taxes. Also, it is equitable? As a veteran I never saw battle, so do I deserve what they deserve? If you never fought during a conflict do you warrant the same benefits that those who fought do? There is a deadline on this so we need to make a decision.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried

REQUEST FOR PERMIT WAIVER FROM TOMPKINS CORNERS CULTURAL CENTER

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION #R18-81

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to waive the one hundred dollar (\$100.00) 2018 Operating Permit Fee required by the Putnam Valley Building Department. They are a 501 (C) 3 nonprofit organization.

Seconded by Councilperson MacKay, unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO CORRECT KATHERINE DIOMEDE AND JOANNE CARROLL SALARIES

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION #R18-82

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to amend Katherine Diomede and Joanne Carroll 2018 part time employee salaries which were accepted incorrectly at the Reorganizational Meeting on January 3, 2018. They were accepted at \$12.00 per hour each, no benefits and the correct figure is \$12.50 per hour, no benefits.

Seconded by Councilperson MacKay, unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD MINUTES

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

RESOLUTION #R18-83

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the Town Board minutes of the December 13, and 20, 2017 meetings and the minutes from the January 3 and January 10th, 2018 meetings.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

WAIVE FEES FOR VFW POST 391

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION #R18-84

RESOLVED, that the Town Board waive the fees for VFW Post 391 to build a shed on their property for storage.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, Supervisor Oliverio recused himself as he is a member of the VFW. So by a vote of 4 to 0 the Resolution is carried.

OMIT SECTION 8 AND 8A IN THE TOWN'S SENIOR CITIZENS EXEMPTION STATUE

Presented by Councilperson MacKay

RESOLUTION #R18-85

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Town Assessor to omit Section 8 and 8A in the Town's Senior Citizen Exemption Statute (STAR). Section 5 adequately allows for and explains the health and death circumstances for missing and filing deadline for the Senior Citizen Tax Exemptions (STAR).

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT-DECEMBER 2017

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION #R18-86

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept the Building Department report for the month of December 2017, for filing with the Town Clerk.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2017 YEARLY REPORT

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION #R18-87

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept the Building Department yearly report for 2017, for filing with the Town Clerk.

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried.

PARKS & RECREATION REFUNDS

Presented by Councilperson MacKay

RESOLUTION # R18-88

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the following refunds:

To: Town Board
From: Frank DiMarco, Parks and Recreation
Subject: Refunds
Date: January 8, 2018

Joanne Patterson 80 Sunset Hill Road Putnam Valley, NY 10537	\$85.00 Basketball refund Unable to attend
Barbara Condon 427 Oscawana Lake Road Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$40.00 Basketball refund League canceled
Michael Demaio 10 Angela Drive Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$40.00 Basketball refund League canceled
Lisa Zegarelli 31 Brookside Avenue Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$50.00 Basketball refund League canceled
Ronald Chicotka 43 Hudson View Drive Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$50.00 Basketball refund League canceled
Jennifer Fowler 15 Gilbert Lane Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$50.00 Basketball refund League canceled
Jennifer Wassil 13 Hudson View Drive Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$50.00 Basketball refund League canceled
Kerri Haffner 26 Luigi Road Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$50.00 Basketball refund League canceled
Cheryl Soto 23 Gilbert Lane Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$50.00 Basketball refund League canceled
Carol Ressa PO Box 419 Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$50.00 Basketball refund League canceled

James Cioffi 5 Perry Street Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567	\$50.00 Basketball refund League canceled
Jennifer Fabiano PO Box 368 Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$50.00 Basketball refund League canceled
Anthony Williams 45 Argyle Street Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$50.00 Basketball refund League canceled
Nancy Ferraro 91 Walnut Street Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$50.00 Basketball refund League canceled
Stacy Nolan 10 Nob Hill Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$50.00 Basketball refund League canceled
AnnMarie Strauss 102 Hewitt Street Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$50.00 Basketball refund League canceled
Janet Weed 50 Laurel Road Lake Peekskill, NY 10579	\$50.00 Basketball refund League canceled
Francisca Moise 18 Sunrise Drive Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$50.00 Basketball refund League canceled
Peter Marsh 338 Peekskill Hollow Road Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$50.00 Basketball refund League canceled

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried.

PARKS & RECREATION- PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS/ ADJUSTMENTS

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

RESOLUTION #R18-89

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the following additions/changes to personnel:

1. Danielle Capodieci – PV Children’s Center, @ \$10.40 per hour.
2. Kaela Golanic, PV Children’s Center, @ \$10.40 per hour.

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilperson Annabi said that we will still be holding Town Day on the third Saturday of September but this year we may have to extend a small fee to the vendors for the usage as we no longer have Entergy as a supporter. The fireworks are beautiful but they are also pricey. She would like to start talking to the not-for-profits. She will also reach out to businesses to see if they would like to help us with grant money. Supervisor Oliverio said the State has a huge deficit of 64 billion dollars so we cannot count on them for any money including our CHIPS money. We have to provide to our residents what we need not what we want. Last year Town Day cost us \$12,000.00 so we may not be able to do that this year without charging. District Attorney Tandy said he thinks Town Day is a necessity to show the Town we are all neighbors. Maybe we can raise the money in different ways. People always say that this is the best event in the County.

AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION # R18-90

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

<u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
21777 – 21880	36,624.64
21828 – 21851	62,570.55
21760 – 21879	10,023.59
21629 – 21684	21,766.75
21411 – 21645	82,352.58
21514 – 21690	50,680.57

Seconded by Councilman MacKay, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 6:50 PM, no further business will take place afterward.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Sherry Howard
01-24-2018