

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018
6:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Open hearing Re: increased veteran's exemption for Cold War Veteran's.
3. Discussion of Residency Law
4. Request by Peter Belefant to attend the NY Planning Federation Conference.
5. Request by Tom Patterson and Tom Carano to attend the NY Planning Federation Conference.
6. Appoint Hydro Environmental Solutions to perform quarterly sampling of Town Hall well.
7. Appoint Hydro Environmental Solutions to perform semi-annual sampling of ground water in Croft Corners.
8. Appoint Hydro Environmental Solutions to perform semi-annual sampling of groundwater at 11 Seifert Lane.
9. Authorize Supervisor to sign contract with Hydro Environmental Solutions, Inc.
10. Authorize Supervisor to sign maintenance agreement with Coastal Clock and Chime.
11. Appoint Friedel Mueller-Landau as egg addler for the Lake Peekskill Improvement District for the year 2018 at a salary of \$200.00.
12. Appoint Friedel Mueller-Landau as egg addler for the Roaring Brook Lake Park District for the year 2018 at a salary of \$300.00.
13. Appoint Friedel Mueller-Landau as egg addler for the Barger Pond District for the year 2018 at a salary of \$200.00.
14. Authorization to bid open top containers for bulk drop off.
15. Consent judgement and order re: tax certiorari proceeding brought by Jemab Family.
16. Award annual turf care bid to McKinney Landscaping.
17. Authorize the Supervisor to accept Richard Quaglietta's resignation from the Sewer Connector Inspection position effective 2/1/2018.
18. Appoint Mark Backus as the Sewer Connector Inspector effective 2/1/2018 at a salary of \$5,000.00 per year.
19. Discussion updating various parts of our code book.
20. Discussion regarding Town Day

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Counsel Florence
Town Clerk Sherry Howard

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for the victims of the mass school shooting in Florida.

SUPERVISOR'S OPENING COMMENTS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said that the first thing on the agenda is an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

RESOLUTION # R18-91

RESOLVED that that Town Board go into Executive Session at 6:05 PM to discuss a personnel matter.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried

RESOLUTION # R18-92

RESOLVED that the Town Board end the Executive Session at 6:35 PM; and restart the Work Session Meeting. No actions were taken in the Executive Session.

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried

OPEN HEARING RE: INCREASED VETERAN'S EXEMPTION FOR COLD WAR VETERANS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said that this is an informational meeting not a Public Hearing. We spoke about this subject at the last meeting. The State is allowing Municipalities to give the same rate of tax exemptions to Cold War Veterans who did not serve in war time as the veterans who did actually fight in a war. Supervisor Oliverio's opinion, as he is a Cold War Veteran who did not fight during war time, is that this should not be allowed. All veterans are wonderful; but of those who actually fought many were injured, they suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and they are faced with a lot of stress. They do deserve the full exemption. Those who served in peace time do not deserve that exemption. Councilperson Whetsel said her Husband who served for ten (10) years in the Cold War Era also is in full agreement with Supervisor Oliverio. Councilperson Annabi and Councilperson MacKay agreed as well. Supervisor Oliverio went on to say that since they do not wish to increase this exemption, no action has to be taken. A Local Law would only need to be passed if they wanted to add this. We will just leave it alone.

DISCUSSION OF RESIDENCY LAW

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said that he would like to bring this forward. The Residency Law would allow (for some specific positions in Town) us to hire from outside the immediate Municipality. This would include Public Officers Positions such as Building Inspector, Deputy Building Inspector and Deputy Clerk. We would then be allowed to advertise outside of Putnam Valley - but he would not go beyond Putnam County. This law would exempt those positions which now state that they have to be filled with residents of Putnam Valley. We would be able to hire the most qualified. We need a Public Hearing on that and then a week later a vote. He would like to set the Public Hearing Date for March 14 at 6:00 PM before the work session. Many towns and municipalities have done this already. We will then vote on this the following week.

APPROVE ATTENDANCE OF PETER BELEFANT AT NY PLANNING FEDERATION CONFERENCE

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION # R18-93

RESOLVED that that Town Board authorize Peter Belefant be able to attend the NY Planning Federation Conference which will be held in Bolting Landing, NY on April 22nd thru April 24th 2018. The Planning Registration fee is \$215.00 for full registration. The hotel cost is \$318.00. Peter Belefant is requesting the registration fee and the hotel cost for a total cost of \$533.00.

Seconded by Councilperson MacKay, unanimously carried.

APPROVE ATTENDANCE OF TOM PATTERSON AND TOM CARANO AT NY PLANNING FEDERATION CONFERENCE

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION # R18-94

RESOLVED that that Town Board authorize Tom Patterson and Tom Carano be able to attend the NY Planning Federation Conference which will be held in Bolton Landing, NY on April 22 thru April 24, 2018. The Planning Registration fee is \$215.00 for full registration, and \$200.00 for one day registration fee. The hotel cost is \$318.00. Tom Patterson is requesting the registration fee and the hotel cost. Tom Carano is requesting registration fee for one day. A total cost of \$733.00.

Seconded by Councilperson MacKay, unanimously carried.

AMEND RESOLUTION # R18-48 REGARDING HYDROENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS –TOWN HALL WELL

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

RESOLUTION #R18-95

RESOLVED that the Town Board amend Resolution # R18-48 to now say:

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2018 contract with Hydro Environmental Solutions, Inc. to perform quarterly sampling of the Town Hall water supply well for 2018, annual cost of \$4,685.00; associated laboratory fees in the amount of \$798.00 to be paid by the Town.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried

Supervisor Oliverio said there was an increase in the amount they are charging so the Resolution is being amended. We are bound to do this water sampling by the Board of Health as we are a public building, and it has to be done by a group that can properly test the bacteria levels etc.

AMEND RESOLUTION # R18-49 REGARDING GROUNDWATER SAMPLING BY HYDROENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS IN CROFTS CORNERS AREA

Presented by Councilman Mackay

RESOLUTION #R18-96

RESOLVED that the Town Board amend Resolution # R18-49 to now say:

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2018 contract with Hydro Environmental Solutions, Inc. to perform semi-annual samplings of groundwater for road salts in the Crofts Corners area, annual cost no more than \$6,457.50; associated laboratory fees in the amount of no more than \$2,576.00 to be paid by the Town.

Councilwoman Annabi pointed out that they changed quarterly in the original Resolution to semi-annual in this amended one.

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried

AMEND RESOLUTION # R18-50 REGARDING GROUNDWATER SAMPLING BY HYDROENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS AT 11 SEIFERT LANE

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION #R18-97

RESOLVED that the Town Board amend Resolution # R18-50 to now say:

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2018 contract with Hydro Environmental Solutions, Inc. to perform semi-annual samplings of groundwater for road salt at 11 Seifert Lane area, annual cost no more than \$382.50; associated laboratory fees in the amount of no more than \$184.00 to be paid by the Town.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH HYDROENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC.

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION #R18-98

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2018 contract with Hydro Environmental Solutions, Inc. to perform semi-annual samplings of groundwater for road salt at 17 Harper Lane, Lake Peekskill, NY cost for this service \$382.50; associated laboratory fees in the amount of no more than \$184.00 to be paid by the Town. These fees have been included in the 2018 budget.

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE 2018 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH COASTAL CLOCK AND CHIME

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

RESOLUTION # R18-99

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2018 Maintenance Agreement with Coastal Clock and Chime in the amount of \$675.00 for the town Pedestal Clock located at Oregon Corners. This agreement will provide normal maintenance and service as stated in the attachment. This item has been included in the 2018 budget.

Seconded for discussion by Councilperson Luongo.

Councilperson Luongo stated that he did not like the contract as he has a lot of crossings out and striking's on the numbers. It has no initials or anything else. He felt it should be a clean and clearly understandable contract. The Town Board agreed with him.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried

LAKE PEEKSKILL-APPOINTMENT OF EGG ADDLER

Presented by Councilperson MacKay

RESOLUTION #R18- 100

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoint Friedel Muller-Landau as egg addler for the Lake Peekskill District for the year 2018 at a salary of \$200.00

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

ROARING BROOK LAKE-APPOINTMENT OF EGG ADDLER

Presented by Councilperson MacKay

RESOLUTION #R18- 101

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoint Friedel Muller-Landau as egg-addler for the Roaring Brook Lake District for the year 2018 at a salary of \$300.00

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried

APPOINT BARGER POND EGG ADDLER-F. MULLER-LANDAU

Presented by Councilperson MacKay

RESOLUTION #R18-102

RESOLVED that the Town Board appoint Friedel Muller-Landau as an Egg Addler for the Barger Pond Park District for the 2018 season at the pay of \$200.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO BID OPEN TOP CONTAINERS-BULK DROP OFF

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION # R18-103

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Facilities Manager, Susan Manno to bid Open Top Containers for the Bulk Drop Off 2018 season. Bulk drop-off will be held for the months of April, June, August and October 2018.

Seconded by Councilman Mackay, unanimously carried.

**CONSENT JUDGEMENT AND ORDER RE: TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDING
BROUGHT BY JEMAB FAMILY**

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION #R18-104

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize VanDeWater & VanDeWater, LLP, Kyle W. Barnett, Esq., of counsel, is authorized to enter into the attached Consent Judgement and Order, settling the tax certiorari brought by the JEMAB Family Limited Partnership against the Town of Putnam Valley for the tax year 2017 and to sign such other and further papers as are necessary to effectuate the settlement.

Dated: February 14, 2018

Moved by: Councilperson Annabi

Seconded by: Councilperson Whetsel

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

By a vote of 5 to 0 the Resolution passes.

AWARD ANNUAL TURF CARE BID TO MCKINNEY LANDSCAPING

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

RESOLUTION # R18-105

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to award the Parks and Recreation annual turf care bid to McKinney Landscaping Corporation and allow the Town Supervisor to sign the contract in the amount of \$8,500.00 for the Town Park and the Rotary Field on Sunset Hill Road. McKinney Landscaping Corporation was the lowest bidder of those who responded.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi

**AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO ACCEPT RICHARD QUAGLIETTA'S
RESIGNATION FROM THE SEWER CONNECTOR INSPECTION POSITION
EFFECTIVE 2/1/2018**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio would like to put off this Resolution and the next one until next week's meeting. This is pending some further corrections. Councilperson Annabi asked if it was being tabled to which Supervisor Oliverio said no it is just being moved.

RESOLUTION #R18- 106

RESOLVED that the Town Board move this Resolution re: Richard Quaglietta' s resignation from the Sewer Connector Inspection Position effective 2/1/2018 and the following Resolution which appoints Mark Backus as the Sewer Connector Inspector effective 2/1/2018 at a salary of \$5,000.00 per year to the Regular Town Board meeting to be held on February 21, 2018.

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried

**APPOINT MARK BACKUS AS THE SEWER CONNECTOR INSPECTOR EFFECTIVE
2/1/2018 AT A SALARY OF \$5,000.00 PER YEAR.**

See Resolution above

Councilperson MacKay said that he was asked by Assessor Luongo to remind everyone that all exemptions including enhanced STAR, Senior Disability and Veterans Exemptions are due in her office by 4 PM on March 1, 2018. If there are questions please call her at 845-526-2517 or email her at luongo@putnamvalley.com.

DISCUSSION UPDATING VARIOUS PARTS OF OUR CODE BOOK

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said we have come across some conflicts in our coding books brought to our attention by the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Wetlands Inspector, and Town Engineer. We are slowly going to be updating them and then present the few changes we want to make. For instance, our maps do not coordinate with our zoning code. In addition, we also need to say when the maps were made. It is not a huge task and I hope to have it before the Board in March. The changes will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Boards; we will then have a Public Hearing on it. After that we can pass it. We want to make sure everything is consistent.

DISCUSSION REGARDING TOWN DAY

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Councilperson Annabi announced that Town Day will be the third Saturday in September. Supervisor Oliverio reminded everyone that the topic of Town Day was discussed a few meetings ago. He asked the residents if they could make a strictly voluntary contribution to ensure that we can still hold Town Day. Last year it cost \$12,000.00 to run and that is financially tough for us. We would still like to hold Town Day as it is a great day for families and our community. We may wind up having to charge a slight fee to our vendors. Councilwoman Annabi will be reaching out to all past vendors. Entergy used to donate a large grant for it; but Entergy is no longer in business which accounts for what is going on. She acknowledged that Tompkins Mahopac Bank also makes a large donation to Town Day.

Supervisor Oliverio moved to close the meeting at 6:56 PM.

Seconded by Councilperson MacKay, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Sherry Howard
02-15-2018