

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018
6:00 PM

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2. Departmental Reports
3. Supervisor's Opening Comments
4. Presentation of certificate to Florence Clifton on her 100th birthday
5. Presentation by County Executive Odell and Putnam County Highway Superintendent Fred Pena
6. County Legislator Report
7. School Report
8. Approve Minutes from February 14 and February 21, 2018.
9. Amend Resolution #R17-268 to accept bid for the 2018 Explorer.

DEPARTMENTS

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Counsel Florence
Town Clerk Sherry Howard

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

Chief David Anderson reported on the Fire Department's month of February 2018 calls:

1 CO Detector
1 Vehicle Fire
1 Brush Fire
3 Dispatched and cancelled enroute
6 PIAA's
1 Pump outs
2 Automatic Alarms
3 Investigations
5 EMS Assists

23 calls for the month – 239.80 man hours. Chief Anderson thanked his Firefighters for the great job they have done so far this year with all the bad weather. He reminded everyone that there is no burning between March 14th and May 14th.

Councilperson Annabi reiterated Chief Anderson's gratitude for all the hard work that the Fire Department did during the storms. She noted how sad it is for our community that we lost a child during one of those storms.

Alison Hague from the Putnam Valley Free Library gave her report next. On April 3rd, 10th and 17th there will be a program about metaphysics run by Rose Christmas. On April 4th there is a "Kids Can Cook" program. Please make reservations.

On April 6th there will be a Paint and Sip program for adults. On April 7th there will be an author reading her book. On April 14th there is a program in conjunction with the Putnam Valley Historical Society centered on the old Palisades Park. They are also working on a community read. The first book is called A Man Called Ove, by Fredrik Backman. There will be group meetings all over town beginning in April to discuss the book. Please join one (1) of these conversations. She added that the Putnam Valley Friends of the Library have provided museum passes for the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art in Peekskill. Those passes are also good at museums nationwide. You can find the list of museums that accept these passes on their website. A new learning platform has been rolled out which includes 180,000 on-line courses. It is called Lynda.com – there are many varied courses available through this program. In addition, the Library offers passport services. They are also looking for volunteers if anyone is interested.

SUPERVISOR'S OPENING COMMENTS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said that last week's meeting was cancelled because of the snow storm.

Supervisor Oliverio thanked our Emergency Services (both County and Town), Law Enforcement and our Highway Superintendent and his men for the great job they did with our March snow storms. They got the streets cleared right away. The School District also responded immediately by opening their building right away and providing comfort dogs and counseling services from BOCES in response to the trauma of our losing a young child during one (1) of the storms. The County also provided counseling for our First Responders which was needed and is much appreciated. Supervisor Oliverio chastised NYSE&G for their slow response to the Town's power outages. Some people went eight (8) days without power which is completely unacceptable. This was a longer period than during Hurricane Sandy.

Councilperson MacKay expressed appreciation to County Legislators Gouldman and Scuccimarra for opening up the Senior Center and allowing us to give out ice and water to those who needed it. He also thanked the County for going after NYSE&G so the next time they will be more prepared. Councilperson Luongo added that between the County, the Bureau of Emergency Services and having the Commissioner of Homeland Security and the National Guard here we all got it done and it is again much appreciated.

PRESENTATION PF CERTIFICATE TO FLORENCE CLIFTON ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Ms. Clifton was unable to make it tonight so we will give her the certificate at a future meeting.

PRESENTATION BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE ODELL AND PUTNAM COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT FRED PENA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

County Executive Odell also had a certificate in honor of Ms. Clifton's 100th birthday. County Executive Odell expressed her thanks to all who aided in Putnam County getting through the many March storms. She said that at her State of the County Report this year she declared 2018 as "the year of the volunteer." Very apropos because we needed many volunteers who assisted to get us through this. We are a wonderful example of what was done right.

The New York State Health Department gave Putnam County about \$75,000.00 specifically earmarked for Lake Oscawana. It is not very clear how this will roll out; but is part of the "Clean Water Infrastructure Act" In order to qualify to use it there must be a total septic repair which is important to know. It is a good start in addressing the problems we have identified.

Clean Water Infrastructure Act in Putnam County

- Program is partnership between Putnam County the NYSDEC and the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation(EFC)
- First year of the 5 year program
- Only systems in homes and small businesses in the Oscawana Lake area may be eligible
- The Oscawana area was selected by the NYSDEC and EFC as the priority eligible water body and geographical area in Putnam County
- Steps for undertaking a project
 1. Putnam County will notify eligible property owners that they may be eligible for financial assistance through this program should they conduct a septic system project
 2. Property owner submits grant application to Putnam County
 3. Putnam County will review grant application and make determination on if the grant will be awarded based on the eligibility criteria
 4. After review applicant will be notified by Putnam County if they qualify for reimbursement
 5. Property owners must fully accept the grant award and conditions by signing and returning grant award letter to Putnam County
 6. Property owners may proceed to hire professionals and contractors to complete work on septic projects
 7. Once the work is completed and inspected and approved by the PCDOH the applicant may submit the reimbursement request
 8. Putnam County will review request and reimbursement of up to 50% of the eligible costs not to exceed \$10,000 per septic project

The shuttle bus to the Peekskill Train Station is finally here. It will be rolling out shortly. It will enhance mobility in the western part of the County. Transportation Manager Vinny Tamagna will be speaking about it next.

This afternoon at 4:00 PM, County Legislator Scuccimarra hosted the first meeting of the opioid taskforce. In the first 100 days of our administration the State defunded our drug treatment court which we immediately refunded. We continue the fight against addiction and substance abuse and the County has taken on big pharma. Any monies recovered from the litigation will directly go to the “boots on the ground” groups helping to fight against drug addiction and substance abuse. The drug treatment court graduations are life changing and emotional. Some of these graduates were facing many years in jail and this gives them a chance to change their lives around. Families are kept together, and people are given another chance. Thanks to everyone who was there this afternoon. We will stay focused and make sure Putnam County is in the forefront of fighting addiction.

The Peekskill Hollow Project will also be addressed tonight. There was a grant that was dormant and was able to be recovered.

County Legislator Odell noted that Bob Bennett passed away and paid a beautiful tribute to what a wonderful man he was. Supervisor Oliverio also added that he was a great man and was sorry to hear of his passing.

On April 21st is a craft beer festival at Tilly Foster Farm.

PUTNAM COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT FRED PENA – PEEKSKILL HOLLOW ROAD PROJECT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Mr. Pena said this is just a Peekskill Hollow Road project update in case there are any additional questions. He displayed an outline of the project and gave a brief history. It was decided on in 2008 but had stalled due to funding until 2012. Currently, they had to put in an action plan to revive it – which they did - and the Legislature allowed them to bring this project back to life. They are looking forward to begin construction. Supervisor Oliverio said there is concern about the construction of turning lanes at Oregon Corners. Are they a necessity? There will be a loss of parking spaces at what is our only business district. Mr. Pena said the project was fundamentally designed by the time he got it in 2012. They did go through the traffic analysis and provided as much parking as possible.

Thomas C. Baird, from Barton & Loguidice spoke next. He said that there was a complete traffic analysis done for the area, and when Federal Funding is used they make sure that the improvements made are indeed improvements - and we don't get ahead of ourselves. This design has been created to meet the economic needs of Oregon Corners for the time period of 2019-2029. This intersection was given a failing grade of F if left as is. When the project is completed the grade will move up to a B. There is currently a delay of about one (1) minute with the way the traffic signal is now. In 2029 you are looking at a delay of about five (5) minutes without the turning lanes being put in. The turn lanes will dramatically impact and lessen the congestion because cars will get more green light time at the intersection.

As far as eliminating parking spaces, we worked diligently to get as many back as we could. The deli will lose 2 spaces – giving them 8 spots instead of the 10 they have now. Sidewalks will also be put in so people can walk around there. Supervisor Oliverio asked about parking spaces available for the new classic car showroom. Mr. Baird responded that on the street there will be none. The bridge is going to be widened by six or seven feet. People will have to pull in and park in front of the bay doors in parallel fashion. The plan was conceived before the business was there. Supervisor Oliverio asked if concessions could be made to allow parking for this business.

He was told it was a possibility that they may be able to allow for two cars. The parking in front of the Post Office will not change. Councilperson Luongo is concerned that our small town is getting the same intersection that you see on Route 6 and West Brook Drive leading into the Cortlandt Town Center. He wants to improve the economics in our Town but one (1) seems to be outweighing the other with the design as is. The parking on the right side of the car showroom belongs to the Post Office so the business owner may or may not be able to use those spaces. Supervisor Oliverio added that we want our businesses to thrive and parking is a major concern. A lengthy discussion occurred between Mr. Baird and the Town Board about the project. Councilperson MacKay asked when the traffic study was done. Mr. Baird said it was done in 2008 and updated in 2010 and again in 2014. Councilperson MacKay said that he understands that you need to plan for the future but in our case Putnam Valley is already built out – what you see now will not be changing much in the next ten (10) years. There will be no major developments. Councilperson Annabi said she believes “if you build it they will come”. Hopefully this will build up our Business District and she likes the idea of sidewalks. The sidewalks will not go as far as the High School; that will be a project for the future. Supervisor Oliverio thanked them for coming and expressed his pleasure that they were able to get the grant money back. Please remember that our businesses are important to us and they have to be kept in mind. The Town Board looked at the displayed map and had some questions answered about what they saw. Supervisor Oliverio asked Tony Arrien to put the display on Channel 20 so the residents can become familiar with the project and what is going to happen. Mr. Arrien said he can also get it on the website. The County would like to get the project completed before school starts in 2019.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R18-132

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

- #5A – Shuttle Bus Service to the Train.
- #9A – Sign Contract with Magna 5 Telephone Company.
- #11C – Appoint James Brazee to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Seconded by Councilperson MacKay, unanimously carried

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE TO TRAIN – VINCENT TAMAGNA AND SANDRA FUSCO

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Transportation Manager Vincent Tamagna spoke about our new shuttle bus service from the Town Park to the Peekskill Train Station. He thanked Ms. Fusco for her time and energy in getting this project together. Mr. Tamagna started by saying that he has had many requests from the residents of Putnam Valley for public transportation. The contract just came in a week ago Friday - it took the State a long time. The funding for this is \$200,000.00 which is coming from CMAC money (Congestion, Mitigation, and Air Quality). Their goal is to get as many cars as they can off the roads. Mr. Tamagna eventually partnered with Metro North and now he needs to prove to them how much Putnam Valley needs this by getting the residents to use the service. He is also working with Supervisor Puglisi because the bus also stops twice in Cortlandt Manor as well. One of the stops there is at the Morabito Community Center and the other is at Hollow Brook Estates. His expectation for bus use is only about eight (8) Putnam Valley residents per day. That would be sufficient. The bus itself is not large, it is an 18 passenger bus going to the Peekskill Train Station three (3) times per morning and then returning from the Train Station to the Park three (3) times in the evening. There is a tentative schedule set up but it is not ready for public distribution. Councilwoman Annabi said they will check with Parks and Recreation Director Frank DiMarco as to where he would like the riders to park their cars. Mr. Tamagna said we could put signage there. We also want to make sure the riders getting on at the Park are Putnam Valley Residents; so we will give out placard's or passes to indicate that. Since the bus will only take a small number of people get your pass as soon as you can. This is just a shuttle bus so you need to be at the Park on time. The cost for the bus is .50 cents per ride for seniors and \$1.00 per ride for non-seniors. Please use it so we can keep it! Also at the Peekskill Train Station you can catch another bus which goes to the Westchester Medical Center. This bus is not available on weekends or to any other locations. If you have any questions please call Mr. Tamagna's office at 845-878-RIDE. Supervisor Oliverio said to call his office at 845-526-2121 to get your pass quickly because there are not a lot of spaces on the bus. First come, first serve. We will provide a hanging parking permit. When you buy your monthly train ticket for Metro-North you can add on the price of the bus which is another bonus. Supervisor Oliverio and the Town Board expressed their appreciation for this great service.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT

County Legislator, Bill Gouldman and County Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra reported next.

County Legislator Bill Gouldman thanked the Putnam County and Putnam Valley Highway Department's along with all the First Responders for the great job they did during all of our Nor'easters in March.

The County does a lot of great things for the Town of Putnam Valley such as the Oscawana Lake Septic System Program. Please take advantage of this program if you live in that District.

The shuttle is also a great thing. Please use it so it doesn't disappear. Peekskill Hollow Road – this project has been around for a while and it will revitalize and build the infrastructure of the down town area. This area is the future of our Town and County.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Department is offering a Boater's Safety Class on April 14th and May 5th. If you are interested you can register on line at Putnamsheriff.com. This is a required course if you want to operate a personal watercraft.

Please consider participating in a NYS Citizen's Preparedness Course Training Program, especially after all the storms we have been having. They are being held on April 24th and May 22nd at 6:30 PM at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services Training Center at 112 Old Route 6 in Carmel.

Please make sure your house is clearly numbered so the Emergency Services can find you. The address numbers must be displayed clearly on the front of your house. This could save your life. Many homes are not numbered so they will not be able to find you.

Thank you to everyone who has come to me with their issues. There was a problem on Peekskill Hollow Road with a family whose driveway looks like part of the road and this has led to some problems. There are three (3) signs there now telling people not to enter. Additionally, there have been many complaints about litter being thrown around. Some people have asked to have movable cameras put in on County Roads. I have brought it to the Legislature to review the law and we will see if we can actually do it. I will keep you updated.

If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 845-808-1020.

Supervisor Oliverio added that our Code Enforcement has been going around making a list of the houses that do not have numbers on them and a letter has gone out to those residents. When they go out and check again if you have not fixed this it is a \$75.00 fine - which increases daily. Councilman Luongo said that some homes are accessed from the same driveway so having numbers on your house is really important.

County Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra said the trash is an important concern but she believes that this is a home rule issue.

When County Legislator Scuccimarra took office, her mission was to bring services to the western side of the County. Transportation is an important asset to come to Putnam Valley. She is also working on another shuttle for Philipstown, which would be a senior shopping bus. If you think Putnam Valley would benefit from this service as well we can look into it.

County Legislator Scuccimarra said that she is proud to chair "The War on Addiction Task Force" as drug addiction is a national tragedy. The task force is not exclusive to opioids. The task force membership includes many people in our County, Towns, Drug Treatment Services and concerned residents working together towards a common goal.

We must have protection in our schools like SRO's. This committee will concentrate on three (3) issues to keep us on track - today's topic was vaping. People must be educated of the perils of this. Seventy percent of today's High School students are vaping. Some are vaping serious drugs in them. Ms. Scuccimarra will keep the Town Board up to date after her meetings.

SCHOOL REPORT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Councilperson MacKay announced the High School is putting on a production of "Dirty, Rotten, Scoundrels" you must come and see it. The dates are April 21st and 22nd. They do an incredible job year after year. PTA booster ads are due this Friday. Putnam Valley Little League has their yearly golf outing on June 14th. Please look on Facebook or contact Dana Barti. The Putnam Valley Business Network has a \$500.00 scholarship for a graduating High School Senior to use for higher education. Contact your guidance counselor to find out how to apply for it. The deadline is April 20th.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 14 AND FEBRUARY 21, 2018

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION #R18-133

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to approve the minutes from the February 14 and February 21, 2018 Town Board Meetings.

Seconded by Councilperson MacKay, unanimously carried.

AMEND RESOLUTION #R-17-268 TO ACCEPT BID FOR THE 2018 FORD EXPLORER

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION #R18-134

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to amend Resolution #R17-268. The original Resolution authorizes the Supervisor to accept the bid for the 2018 Ford Explorer purchased by the Building Department for \$27,848.00. The actual price for the 2018 Ford Explorer is \$27,858.00. This is a difference of an additional \$10.00.

Presented by Councilperson MacKay, unanimously carried.

SIGN CONTRACT WITH MAGNA 5 TELEPHONE COMPANY

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

RESOLUTION #R18-135

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign a three (3) year contract with Magna5 Telephone Company. The cost for telephones and installation is \$6,920.00. This is a cloud based system which will run over the internet. The only hardware required are the actual phones. Each are programmed and link to the internet. Magna5 is the Town's current provider and was able to provide the Town with competitive pricing. The Town's existing phone system was damaged beyond repair with the numerous surges during the storm on March 2, 2018 putting us in an emergency situation.

Supervisor Oliverio seconded for discussion. He said the system that we had was a Nortel System who has since declared bankruptcy so we were unable to get parts. That system had been installed in 2002 so when the power came back on it burnt to a crisp. It was also wire based and was not attached to the cloud as this new system will be. Councilperson what is being done to protect all the electronics in the Town Hall? Supervisor Oliverio said we are slowly doing this by separating everything so if one (1) portion burns out, it doesn't all burn out. We are also installing surge protectors. He added that what is really needed is a generator that works. That is the next thing on the list. Councilperson Luongo asked about maintaining the one we have for now. Supervisor Oliverio said we now have a contract with the people who take care of the one the Fire Department has. They will be taking care of the generator we have now. Councilperson Annabi was concerned that with the cloud service we would not be able to have 9-1-1 find us. Councilperson Luongo said that because it is still a landline that would not be a problem.

Seconded for discussion by Supervisor Oliverio, unanimously carried.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT- FEBRUARY 2018

Presented by Councilperson MacKay

RESOLUTION #R18-136

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept the Building Department report for the month of February 2018, for filing with the Town Clerk.

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried.

PARKS & RECREATION- PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS/ ADJUSTMENTS

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION #R18-137

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

1. Joe Howard, Basketball Referee, @ \$25.00 per hour.
2. Tom McMahan, Basketball Referee, @ \$45.00 per hour.

Seconded by Councilperson MacKay, unanimously carried.

PARKS & RECREATION REFUNDS

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION # R18-138

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the following refunds:

Katy Morley 17 Sassinoro Drive Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$90.00 PV Children's Center District took away 3/9
Stephen Teshar 77 Lake Drive Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$100.00 Refund for basketball Now Coaching

Seconded by Councilperson MacKay, unanimously carried.

APPOINT JAMES BRAZEE TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION #R18-139

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve James Brazee to the vacant Parks and Recreation Commission position.

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R18-140

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the budget amendments and transfers for fiscal year:

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Councilperson Annabi said if you have not received an email from her about Town Day she will send out another one. It is being held on September 15th and all are welcome including non-profits and for profits. Electric is limited so get your application in right away. Parking will be at the Elementary School – you can get the bus there or you can walk. South Street will be closed during parts of the day so you need to make sure you park at the school. This will make things safer for everyone. There will be a small fee charged to for-profit vendors. Please email Councilperson Annabi at Annabipvtv@gmail.com for more information.

AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION # R18-141

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

<u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
22346 - 22657	111,908.12
22388 – 22637	70,239.66
22405 – 22550	71,934.41
22412 – 22563	38,598.36

Seconded by Councilman MacKay, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio made a motion to go into Executive Session on a personnel matter, no business will be conducted afterward. The Town Board Meeting closed at 7:40 PM. There will be no meeting next week.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Sherry Howard
04-14-2018