

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018
6:00 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Departmental Reports
3. Supervisor's Opening Comments
4. Presentation of certificate to Florence Clifton on her 100th birthday
5. County Legislator Report
6. School Report
7. Vote on Exemption to residency requirement
8. Appoint Michael Usai to Environmental Commission
9. Laberge Group Discussion
10. Shuttle Bus Discussion
11. Town Day Discussion
12. Approve Minutes from March 14 and March 28, 2018.
13. Authorize Supervisor to sign Contract with Hocon Gas, Inc.

DEPARTMENTS

14. Building Department

- a. Daily Fee Summaries

15. Parks and Recreation

- a. Approve lifeguard pay scale
- b. Personnel additions/changes

16. Districts

- a. Accept lowest bid for grass cutting on Town and Beach Properties.
- b. Appoint Alexis Acevedo as the Lake Peekskill Beach Monitor for 2018.
- c. Appoint Linda Lee Turtenwald as the Lake Oscawana Beach Monitor for 2018.
- d. Appoint Joseph Aviles as a seasonal, temporary laborer for Lookout Manor.
- e. Appoint Natalia Gorniak as the Roaring Brook Lake Superintendent for 2018.

17. Budget Transfers.
18. Public Comment
19. Audit of Monthly Bills

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PRESENT: Supervisor Oliverio
Councilwoman Annabi
Councilwoman Whetsel

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Sherry Howard

ABSENT: Councilman Mackay
Councilman Luongo
Town Counsel Florence

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

Gretchen Weiglein from the Putnam Valley Historical Society reported first:

Ms. Weiglein said that the Museum's 2018 opening will be on May 19, 2018 at 10:00 AM. This season's exhibit is about the Revolutionary War. It is also the Museums 50th anniversary of its Charter. The next lecture is being held on May 12, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Library. The subject is the movie Gettysburg that was made. We will be holding scanning days at the Museum where residents can bring their Putnam Valley/County artifacts, photos, documents etc. – we will share them and scan them for our records.

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

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

Mrs. Clifton came up to the podium where Councilperson Annabi gave her proclamations from State Senator Serino, the County Legislators, County Executive Mary Ellen O'Dell and the Putnam Valley Town Board recognizing her and wishing her a very happy birthday. Councilperson Whetsel read the Town Boards proclamation which gave a summary of her life and contributions.

SUPERVISOR'S OPENING COMMENTS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio was asked why he salutes the flag when the pledge is said at the Board Meetings. He told them about four (4) years ago the Federal Government passed an ordinance that stated anyone that served in the Armed Forces can salute the flag during the Pledge or during the singing of the National Anthem. It is a special sign of respect awarded to former Military Service Men and Women.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said the two (2) Legislators could not be here tonight. Councilperson Annabi read County Legislator Gouldman's report:

****April is National Donate Life Month. With an adult population of 73,000, 41% are registered organ donors in Putnam County. 32% of the over 15,000,000 adults in NYS and 56% of the over 323,000,000 adults nationally are registered organ donors. NYS ranks last, of all the states, in percentage of adult organ donors. Let's bring NYS up in the ranks. Please become an organ donor and save a life.**

**** Spring is here. Bill will be coordinating our Annual Town Clean Up. It will be sometime in May so please watch for details. The county will supply bags, safety vests, gloves and the necessary equipment to pick up the garbage.**

If you are interested in putting together a team to clean up a specific area, please email the location and the number of people to Bill at William.Gouldman@putnamcountyny.gov or call his office at 845-808-1020. He will make sure you get the proper tools to do the job.

The last few years were such a success with many groups participating. Let's all continue to work together for the betterment of our community.

**** The Public Service Commission will be holding Public Statement Hearings in Putnam County on Thursday, April 26th at 2PM and 6PM, in the auditorium, at the Putnam County Training & Operations Center.**

112 Old Route 6 in Carmel

All residents are welcome to attend to express their concerns about the NYSEG response to the recent storms. This is your opportunity to speak up. Bill hopes to see you there.

****Speaking of the recent storms, everyone is urged to participating in the NYS Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program.**

Date: Tuesday, April 24th & Tuesday, May 22nd

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services
112 Old Route 6 in Carmel

Being well prepared makes it easier to get through difficult times.

**** There will be a Putnam County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, May 5. From 9am to 12 noon.**

Location: Canopus Beach parking lot at Fahnestock Park, Route 301 in Kent. Preregistration is required.

We live in a beautiful community, with natural surroundings, let's keep it that way. For a complete list of acceptable items and to, go to "Special Waste" on the Green Putnam webpage at the county website.

**** Bill would like to thank our community for letting him know about your concerns. He has been made aware of a some issues in the last few weeks and will update you on the status as they progress.**

**** If you have a county problem or concern, please reach out to Bill. His door is always open. Once again, you can reach him at his office at 845-808-1020.**

Thank You.

Councilperson Annabi said that we have a medication take back box in the Putnam Valley Town Hall given to us from a grant by the Community that Cares Coalition. You can deposit all unwanted or unused medications in it and it is available to everyone. You can use this drop box anytime Town Hall is open; which is Monday thru Friday from 8AM to 4PM. You can also use it anytime there is a meeting in the evening and Saturday's when the Town's garbage drop off is open. You can also drop off your medications when you come to get your shuttle passes.

SCHOOL REPORT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio introduced Dr. Jeremy Luft and District Treasurer Jill Figarella who came to speak about this year's upcoming school budget and other relevant information.

Dr. Luft said that this year's budget has been challenging as we have seen increases in our retirement system and health care costs and at the same time there has been a decrease in State Financial Aid and other revenue sources. Despite that, we have put together a fiscally responsibly budget, and have stayed under the tax cap. We will not be adding a lot of new programs but we will remain dedicated and continue to enrich the programs we currently have. Tomorrow is the Senior Citizen preview of our play, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels.

Ms. Figarella said she left copies of the budget presentation if anyone wants one (1) or you can find it on the website. The School Budget Vote is being held on May 15th at the Elementary School from 6 AM to 9 PM. The proposed budget does carry a tax levy which is below the allowable CAP - - 2.72% is the tax levy increase for the coming year. The good news is that residents who qualify for the Tax Relief Credit will get it because we did stay under the CAP. Unfortunately we did receive a very low amount of State Aid and were given less Foundation Aid than we were told we would be given. In fact, we only received an additional \$87,000.00 this year in aid which does not come close to covering the increased pension and health care premium expenses. Regular contractual and vendor payments have also increased; so we will have to again make use of reserves. We have to be careful about how much of that we use. It is important to note that we have stayed under the Budget CAP for the last seven (7) years. The second thing on the ballot this year is for school bus financing. This has nothing to do with the new later start time. It is simply to keep up with the District's own fleet of buses. We not only use the Montauk Bus Company but we have our own fleet of buses as well. Buses cost between \$65,000.00 and \$90,000.00 depending on the size of the bus. The Proposition is asking for the approval the District to go out and borrow the money to buy a bus - which would allow us to get a five (5) year payment plan.

Ms. Figarella added that there are also two (2) seats open on the School Board as Mr. Spittal has resigned from the School Board. Lastly, there is always the possibility of a Contingency Budget. Under the Tax CAP Law the School District would have to revert to last year's tax levy amount. This would be \$971,000.00 less than what is in this year proposed budget. So those cuts could be significant and devastating – so don't be lax about coming out to vote this year.

AMBULANCE CORPS REPORT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Captain Stuart Wells from the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps was next. He reported the following for the month of March 2018:

Captain Wells said that March has been a very crazy month with all the storms. They had about 63 calls in Town last month. There were over 566 roster hours; and 400 of them were in-house. Our membership stepped up last month with 100% coverage which was asked of us by the County. The Ambulance Corps is also looking at becoming a warming center/shelter in the future. There are a lot of hoops to jump through to get this done. They are looking to see what the regulations are. They will check with the Red Cross who has many supplies available for emergencies.

The week of May 20th to the 27th is EMS Week. We expect the State Police and the helicopter to come again this year to our Open House. The Fire Department also comes and helps with the landing of the helicopter. Hopefully the weather cooperates. There will be refreshments served.

VOTE ON EXEMPTION TO THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio would like to move this vote to the meeting on May 9th because two (2) Board Members are not here tonight and they should be able to express their opinion. Councilperson Mackay and Councilperson Luongo both requested this be tabled and Supervisor Oliverio will honor their request.

RESOLUTION # R18-151

RESOLVED to table the vote on the exemption to the residency requirement until the Town Board Meeting on May 9, 2018 after the Public Hearing.

Seconded by Councilperson Whetsel unanimously carried

APPOINT MICHAEL USAI TO THE ENVIORNMENTAL COMMITTEE

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION # R18-152

RESOLVED that the Town Board appoint Michael Usai to the Commission for the Conservation of the Environment. Term to commence on April 18, 2018 and end on December 31, 2019.

Seconded by Councilperson Whetsel, unanimously carried

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R18-153

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

#13A – Highway Department Bond Renewal for purposes of buying vehicles that need replacement.

#13B – Authorize Supervisor to accept ground lease agreement from Homeland Towers for construction of a cell Tower by the Town Garage. Public Hearing to be set for May 9th at 6PM.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried

LABERGE GROUP DISCUSSION

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

The Laberge Group was here a week ago and Supervisor Oliverio would like to hire Laberge to study Oregon Corners and give us feedback about what we can do to reconfigure our Business District. They do apply for grants and they could give us options. We could get a roundtable discussion going because we need to take some kind of action. Councilperson Annabi agreed and said Laberge will be working with the County. Councilwoman Annabi asked if we should we get a letter to the County stating we know this project is going ahead but would they be willing to work with Laberge? We need to get those landlord vacancies filled. Supervisor Oliverio thought that was a good idea. Putnam Valley needs specialized services and unique businesses. Councilperson Whetsel said it's important to get feedback from both Laberge and the community. We need to know what kind of businesses the residents will support at Oregon Corners. The work that needs to be done there could happen in small increments. We cannot compete with the Cortlandt Town Center.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

- 8 CO Detectors
- 3 Controlled burn/rubbish
- 1 Propane Leak
- 2 Rescues
- 2 Brush Fires
- 1 Chimney Fire
- 6 PIAA's
- 1 Structure Fire
- 29 Wires Down
- 5 Pump outs
- 3 Automatic Alarms
- 6 Investigations
- 8 EMS Assists
- 1 Public Service

76 calls for the month – 1861.73 man hours. Chief Anderson thanked his Firefighters for the great job they have done so far this year with all the bad weather.

SHUTTLE BUS DISCUSSION

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said you must apply in person because you must prove that you are a resident of Putnam Valley in order to get a pass for the shuttle bus.

Councilperson Annabi said thanks to Vinnie Tamagna and Sandra Fusco from the Putnam County Transportation and Planning Department. They were able through Federal Grant Money get us a shuttle bus that will take our residents from Town Park to the Peekskill Train Station. There is also a stop at Hollow Brook where you can get the B Line Bus which will take you to the Hospital or to Shoprite. The passes must be displayed on your car and there are is limited amount. It is a hanging pass and we already have quite a few residents who have signed up. The schedule will be available when you pick up your pass. The cost of the bus is \$1.00 a ride or .50 cents per ride for Senior Citizens. If you have any questions call Town Hall at 845-528-2121. There are three (3) buses running in the morning and three buses returning in the evening. It is an 18 seater bus and when it's filled that's it.

TOWN DAY DISCUSSION

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Councilperson Annabi said Town Day is being held on September 15, 2018. The Rat Pack has been secured with Marilyn Monroe. There will also be classic cars on display. The cars and the Rat Pack will be there from about 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Please hurry up if you need electricity because that is limited. There will be no duplications of food or products being sold. There have been over 80 vendors in the past. Supervisor Oliverio assured everyone that the Fire Department will be there selling food and the Zeppole guy will be there as well. It is open to profits and non-profits. You can get in touch with Councilperson Annabi at Annabipvtb@putnamvalley.com.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 14TH AND MARCH 28TH, 2018

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

RESOLUTION #R18-154

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to approve the minutes from the March 14 and March 28, 2018 Town Board Meetings.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH HOCON GAS, INC.

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Councilperson Annabi said that Council People Luongo and Mackay had some questions about the generator. This contract though is about the propane itself not the generator so it is okay to go ahead with it.

RESOLUTION #R18-155

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign a five (5) year contract with Hocon Gas, Inc. pending approval by the Town Attorney for delivery of propane on an as needed basis for the Town Hall generator. Price of propane will be based on a sliding scale determined by industry standards as is normal practice

Presented by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BAN RENEWAL

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

RESOLUTION #R18-156

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the Highway Department's Bond renewal so they may continue to upgrade the equipment that needs replacement. The bond will enable us to purchase two (2) 2019 International Dump Trucks and a VACALL sweeper/catch basin cleaner. These purchases will have no effect on new taxes, and will be repaid by the Highway Department's Budget

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio added that the Highway Department's Bond is running out and they are just reinstating the \$500,000.00 Bond for equipment that they need. The winters up here are not mild and the trucks need to be on a steady replacement schedule. There will be no tax increase - this is already budgeted for.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ACCEPT GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT FROM HOMELAND TOWERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A CELL TOWER ON THE HILLSIDE BY THE TOWN HIGHWAY GARAGE. PUBLIC HEARING TO BE SET FOR MAY 9, 2018 AT 6:00 PM

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said the Tower will be placed on the high elevated granite area behind the Highway Garage which will improve cell reception. The County lacks good communication with all the Emergency Services Groups. They want to place it here instead of the area behind the Senior Center. We do need a Public Hearing on this; but first we need to accept the Ground Lease Agreement from Homeland Towers.

RESOLUTION # R18-157

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to accept the Ground Lease Agreement from Homeland Towers for construction of a cell tower on the hillside by the Town Highway Garage. A Public Hearing will be set for May 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

Councilperson Whetsel questioned the possible negative health impacts people are afraid they may suffer if they are living/working too close to a cell tower. Supervisor Oliverio asked Vincent Xavier, Regional Manager from Homeland Towers to come up and address Councilperson Whetsel's concerns. Mr. Xavier said that the health effects do come up as a question in relation to cell towers. He added that many moons ago the Federal Government decided not to allow this to be a determining factor for a cell tower construction on private property - as long as you can show compliance with the Federal Standards. If this Board agrees to enter into a lease, Homeland Towers will have to go before the Planning Board and all the documents will be submitted. He said generically if the threshold for the maximum permissible exposure level is set at 100 (if fully loaded), these towers come in at under 5% of that. You can also look at the American Cancer Society's website which does discuss this. It says on their website that there are no conclusive negative health effects. Supervisor Oliverio said this tower will also not be close to any resident's homes or businesses. Emergency services have to put a tower somewhere because their communications is not good. We have two (2) cell towers here already. This will be a much bigger one though. In addition, the Town will be able to make some money from the Tower as well. Mr. Xavier added that a part of the lease will allow the top of the tower to be free for the Town's use for our own Emergency Services. Councilperson Whetsel said she understands the benefit but wants to be aware and cautious of the other side as well.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT- MARCH 2018

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION #R18-158

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

Seconded by Councilperson Whetsel, unanimously carried.

PARKS & RECREATION- PERSONNEL LIFEGUARDS

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

RESOLUTION #R18-159

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the following Lifeguard personnel. Lifeguards will be selected pending verification of required certifications and availability. Per hour salary based on number of seasons employed as a lifeguard. Starting salary is \$12.00 per hour with Junior Guards at \$11.00 per hour.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

To: Town Board
Date: April 12, 2018
From: Frank DiMarco, Parks and Recreation
Re: Lifeguard Salaries

Request for approval of the 2018 Lifeguard pay scale.

The following is a list of potential lifeguards for the 2018 season. Lifeguards will be selected pending verification of required certifications and availability.

Per hour salary based on number of seasons employed as a lifeguard. Starting salary is \$12.00 hr. with Jr. Guards at \$11.00 hr.

1. Dennis Berdecia III	@ \$12.25 hr.
2. Jacqueline Brown	@ \$12.75 hr.
3. Austin Fabiano	@ \$12.25 hr.
4. Julianne Frey	@ \$12.25 hr.
5. Caleigh Jacobs	@ \$12.25 hr.
6. Quinn Kelly	@ \$12.75 hr.
7. Mark Mazzarisi	@ \$13.00 hr.
8. Anthony Narciso	@ \$13.25 hr.
9. Cole Patterson	@ \$13.00 hr.
10. Ryan Patterson	@ \$13.25 hr.
11. Eric Rein	@ \$12.25 hr.
12. Joseph Rusin	@ \$13.00 hr.
13. Sarah Sainz	@ \$13.50 hr.
14. Tim Sainz	@ \$12.75 hr.
15. Caitlyn Schroeder	@ \$13.00 hr.
16. Zachary Smith	@ \$12.25 hr.
17. Elizabeth Tarrant	@ \$13.00 hr.
18. Desiree Turtenwald	@ \$14.00 hr.
19. Michael York	@ \$13.00 hr.
20. Victoria York	@ \$13.00 hr.
21. Reilly Nolan	@ \$12.25 hr.
22. Joseph Saez	@ \$12.75 hr.
23. Zulema Dath	@ \$13.25 hr.
24. Adam Rukaj	@ \$12.75 hr.
25. Matthew Waring	@ \$12.25 hr.
26. Brianna Venditti	@ \$12.25 hr.
27. Lauren Pateman	@ \$12.75 hr.
28. Kaitlin Cohen	@ \$12.00 hr.
29. Lea Frenkel	@ \$12.00 hr.
30. Madelyn Deegan	@ \$12.00 hr.
31. Jessica Denike	@ \$12.00 hr.
32. Meredith Conlin	@ \$12.00 hr.
33. Alexandria Moore	@ \$12.00 hr.
34. Jaycen Fowler	@ \$11.00 hr.

35. Kaiden Patterson	@ \$12.00 hr.
36. Dominic Gencarelli	@ \$11.00 hr.
37. Melissa Clements	@ \$12.00 hr.

Day Camp Lifeguards:

1. Desiree Turtenwald	@ \$15.75 hr. Water Safety Instructor
2. Michael York	@ \$14.25 hr. Lifeguard Manager
3. Charles Staffieri	@ \$14.00 hr. Sub
4. Brianna Venditti	@ \$12.25 hr.

PARKS & RECREATION- PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS/ ADJUSTMENTS

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

RESOLUTION #R18-160

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

To: Town Board
From: Frank DiMarco, Parks and Recreation
Subject: Parks
Date: April 3, 2018

Please approve the following additions/changes.

1. Krysta Murray Kroohs, Youth Activities Specialist Day Camp @ \$4,000.00 season.
2. Michele Muniz, Rec. assistant @ \$12.25 hr.
3. Justin Piacente, Rec. assistant @ \$12.25 hr.
4. Rosemarie Walters, Rec. assistant @ \$12.00 hr.
5. Jill Bunyea, Rec. assistant @ \$12.00 hr.
6. Michael Monaghan, Rec. assistant @ \$11.00 hr.
7. Stephanie Monaghan, Rec. assistant @ \$11.00 hr.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

ACCEPT LOWEST BID FOR GRASS CUTTING ON TOWN AND DISTRICT PROPERTIES

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION # R18-161

RESOLVED that the Town Board accept the lowest bid for grass cutting on Town and District property for the 2018 season received from Landwork Contractors, Inc., 2127 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567. The total lump sum bid is \$8,895.00 for the season.

Seconded by Councilperson Whetsel, unanimously carried.

APPOINT ALEXIS ACEVEDO AS THE LAKE PEEKSKILL BEACH MONITOR FOR 2018.

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION #R18-162

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve Alexis Acevedo as the Lake Peekskill Beach Monitor for the 2018 season for a salary of \$2,000.00. The job will begin on June 30 and end on September 5, 2018.

Seconded by Councilperson Whetsel, unanimously carried

APPOINT LINDA LEE TURTENWALD AS THE LAKE OSCAWANA BEACH MONITOR FOR 2018

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

RESOLUTION #R18-163

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve Linda Lee Turtenwald as the Lake Oscawana Beach Monitor for the 2018 season for a salary of \$2,000.00. The job will begin on June 30 and end on September 5, 2018.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried

APPOINT JOSEPH AVILES AS A SEASONAL TEMPORARY LABORER FOR LOOKOUT MANOR

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

RESOLUTION #R18-164

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoint Joseph Aviles as a seasonal, temporary laborer for the Lookout Manor District for 2018 at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried

**APPOINT NATALIA GORNIK AS THE ROARING BROOK LAKE
SUPERINTENDENT FOR 2018**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said he would like to delay the vote on this Resolution until the first meeting in May we have two (2) individuals that have applied and only one of them has been interviewed as of yet.

RESOLUTION #R18-165

RESOLVED, that the Town Board table the appointment of the Roaring Brook Lake Superintendent until the first meeting in May.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R18-166

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

Assemblyman Kevin Byrne spoke at the podium. He said he would like to say hello to everyone and give some updates. He said the State did pass its budget and there are always some good things and some bad things - and lots of compromise. We were able to maintain our CHIPS funding which is always important to our communities. It was initially excluded but we were able to lobby for it and get it back into the budget. There were some increases in school aid but it is always disproportionate compared to New York City and Long Island. This does impact property taxes. On June 8th at 8:30 AM Assemblyman Byrne will be at the Putnam Valley Library to have some conversations with the residents and to hear their concerns and comments. Please come by, it will be informal with coffee being served. We can talk about all sorts of issues. He would like to keep it at State level issues but will listen to what his constituents have to say. On Monday a Legislative Proposal Bill in the Assembly to redesign our ballots was passed. There is always confusion when a proposal/referendum to be voted on is printed on the back of the ballot. In addition, they made changes in the Election Law having to do with Absentee Balloting and giving greater access to voters. Assemblyman Byrne said they voted on a State Constitutional Amendment last week that he supported called "no excuse absentee balloting" this is a way to increase your access to the ballot box.

Right now to get an absentee ballot you must state that you will not be in the County on Election Day; this would make voting easier for people who may still be in the County but cannot get to their Election Site due to their job or another similar reasons. It has passed the Assembly but not the Senate yet.

Supervisor Oliverio told Assemblyman Byrne that the Town Board postponed the vote on the Residency Law until May 9th because two (2) of our Council People are not here tonight. Assemblyman Byrne asked him to still send the language so they could get started on it - otherwise they will run out of time and it won't be done until next year as the Assembly is about to go on break in June. Assemblyman Byrnes' office can then start with the Bill Drafting. Supervisor Oliverio said we haven't passed it yet but it will be. Councilperson Annabi thanked Assemblyman Byrne for his bill you got out for the Inland Waterways. Now we can get some grant money to be able to do something for Oregon Corners.

AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION # R18-167

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

<u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
22728 - 22885	91,786.47

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried

Supervisor Oliverio made a motion to close the meeting at 7:13 PM.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Sherry Howard
04-27 -2018