

**PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD**  
**PRE WORK SESSION**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Appoint Natalia Gorniak as Roaring Brook Lake Superintendent
3. Continued Discussion Regarding Laberge Group
4. Town Day Discussion.
5. Homeland Towers Cell Tower
6. Review of the new Highway Bond Anticipation Note by Councilpersons Mackay and Luongo (previously absent).
7. Accept resignation of Mark Backus.
8. Authorize advertisement for the Maintenance/Repair position.

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**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**PREWORK SESSION**  
**6:00 P.M**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 02, 2018**

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

Also Present: Sherry Howard, Town Clerk  
Absent: William Florence, Town Attorney

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

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

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R18-168**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board appoint Natalia Gorniak as the Roaring Brook Lake Superintendent for the 2018 season at a salary of \$3,500.00. The job will begin May 14<sup>th</sup> and end September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio said that Ms. Gorniak was the only applicant and they could no longer wait for any others because two (2) of the beaches in Roaring Brook are opening at the end of May for Memorial Day.

**CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING LABERGE GROUP**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said that Ben Schneider told him that the new grant cycle begins now. It would be a good idea to try to apply for a grant under his auspices to get a revitalization plan going for our Business District. Laberge could put something together so we can study the configuration of our Business District. A grant would cover 80% of Laberge's fees for the drawings. If we do get the grant Laberge would do the drawings.

It does cost money to apply for the grants, but if we don't get one we don't have to go any further with it. If we obtain the grant to get the drawings done – we would continue to apply for other grants to get the work done. CFA (Consolidated Funding Application) grants come out in September. Councilperson Luongo asked about the drawings we already have. Councilperson Whetsel said that those are at least ten (10) years old. She added that the County could still do the bridges and the roadway and Laberge could tie the two (2) projects together for the most benefit to Oregon Corners. Councilperson Whetsel continued by saying that because we have gotten the Inland Waterway Designation we may have a better chance in obtaining grant money. Supervisor Oliverio said we have talked about this for many years; it may not cost us anything. Councilperson Luongo said it's a 50/50 shot at getting it and this may be our only chance to move ahead. Supervisor Oliverio will contract Laberge tomorrow.

### **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 along with Marilyn Monroe. There are also D.J.'s for the children. There will also be classic cars on display and Karaoke. The cars and the Rat Pack will be there from about 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Councilperson Annabi said that the Fire Police will be closing South Street from 2 PM – 4 PM and then again from 7 PM to 10 PM in order to get everyone in and out of the park safely. You can walk from the Elementary School or take the shuttle bus to the park. The only people who will be allowed to park in the Town Park are vendors or people with handicap stickers. There will be plenty of signage placed around Town to assist everyone. Supervisor Oliverio said that if you need to drive in that area from 2PM – 10PM on that day, you should take Church Road to Peekskill Hollow Road or continue down Mill Street. This is all being done for safety reasons – we don't want any injuries. He also assured everyone that the Fire Department will be there selling food and the Zeppole guy will be there as well. There will be more bouncy toys for all ages this year. It is open to profits and non-profits. You can get in touch with Councilperson Annabi at [Annabipvtb@putnamvalley.com](mailto:Annabipvtb@putnamvalley.com) or Beverly Kelly at [Bkelly@putnamvalley.com](mailto:Bkelly@putnamvalley.com).

### **HOMELAND TOWERS CELL TOWER**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio announced that on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM there will be a Public Hearing on the cell tower being proposed for placement behind the Highway Garage. It was originally proposed to be erected behind the Senior Center. It is being moved because of the seniors and kids in the park. He opined that some people don't like these things. All we have done so far is approve their application process. We have not signed or authorized any contracts. This is a Federal Mandate and considered an essential utility.

After that there will be a presentation from the NRI (National Resources Inventory), which will include Michele Smith from the Hudson Highlands Corporation. Councilperson Luongo said that the cell tower will benefit and tie together our Emergency Services. We are losing radio communication now and we need help with this. There are many times we get into a building and lose radio communication. He added that those call buttons that seniors can use in case of emergency are cellular which is why you can take them anywhere – so this is another important use for the tower. Councilman Mackay said our residents complain all the time about no cell service and their reception being limited at best especially in the Hollows, i.e. Bell Hollow etc.

**REVIEW OF THE NEW HIGHWAY BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE (BAN) BY COUNCILPERSONS MACKAY AND LUONGO (PREVIOUSLY ABSENT)**

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

Supervisor Oliverio said that at the last Town Board meeting there was a vote on the Highway Departments BAN renewal but Councilperson Mackay and Councilperson Luongo were not there. Supervisor Oliverio asked for an assurance from them that they are okay with renewing the Bond Anticipation Note to replace needed worn out Highway Vehicles. Both Council People were in complete agreement with the Bond renewal.

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MARK BACKUS**

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

**RESOLUTION # R18-169**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board accept the resignation of Mark Backus, with great regret, as Maintenance Staff with the Town of Putnam Valley effective May 11, 2018. Further, the Town Board will approve Mark Backus to remain with the Town on a per diem basis until May 31, 2018 until the vacant position is filled.

Seconded by Supervisor Oliverio, unanimously carried.

The Town Board wished Mr. Backus good luck and you will be missed!

**AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE/REPAIR POSITION**

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

**RESOLUTION #R18-170**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board authorize the Facilities Department to place an advertisement for the full time maintenance/repair position open by the resignation of Mark Backus. Public Notice will be provided through the Putnam County News and Recorder. Notice will be posted on the Town Hall Public Notice Board and the CSEA Bulletin Board.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio explained that the job pays between \$43,000 - \$47,000.00 per year with full benefits, and New York State retirement. You need some plumbing and electrical experience. We are also incorporating the supervision of our sewer system at Oregon Corners this is a substation that needs to be monitored. The application will be due by a week from this Friday. Call Beverly at 845-526-2121 or go to the Town's website. Please include a short resume.

Councilperson Annabi said that the Town Board discussed the oil for the generator at the last meeting and now getting a new generator needs to be discussed. Supervisor Oliverio said Sue Manno is getting what size we need so we can be prepared for the next winter storm. He added that we will have specs before the summer is out. Supervisor Oliverio said he spoke to Todd who told him that we need to get somebody for this project such as an electrical engineer. You need to know how much power you need, how many outlets etc. It is very specialized. This new generator will be powered by propane. The new one will power all of Town Hall including Parks and Recreation.

Tommy Patterson suggested that the Town Board contact the company that supplies the propane and inquire if they can do the job. Most propane companies are licensed to install generators. Supervisor Oliverio will let Ms. Manno know this information.

Supervisor Oliverio moved to go into Executive Session at 6:27 PM to discuss a personnel issue, possible litigation and an assessment matter concerning a property being contested. No new business will be conducted after the Executive Session

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Howard  
Town Clerk  
5/07/2018