

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2019
6:00 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Departmental Reports
3. Supervisor's Comments
4. Legislative Reports
5. School Report
6. Approval of minutes for June 19, July 10, and July 17, 2019
7. Waive permit and building fees for Fire Department projects.
8. Discuss de-icers on lakes
9. Approve the agreement between the Town of Putnam Valley and Brookfalls Cottages, Inc.

DISTRICTS:

10. Authorization to go to bid for District Garbage Pick-up
11. Waiver of building permit and wetland permit waiver fees associated with the demolition of the Hilltop Estates pump house.

Building Department:

12. Daily Fee Report

Parks and Recreation:

13. Personnel changes
14. Refunds

15. Budget Transfers and Amendments

16. Public Comment

17. Audit of monthly bills

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

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Town Clerk Kimberly McKeown
Town Counsel William Florence

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our troops.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Presented by Councilperson Annabi:

Highway Superintendent Larry Cobb reported:

We are behind on paving due to the 45 days of rain that we have had; unfortunately there is nothing we can do about this. The paving will go into the school year, which we don't like, but again there is nothing that can be done about bad weather. We have completed Seiffert Lane, Rochdale Road and Twin Pines, so far. We still have Maple Road, Mathes Street, Brookfalls Road, Cedar Drive, Ridge Avenue, Lakeview Drive, Hudson View Drive, half of Tinker Hill and Oscawana Heights to finish up. Again, we are sorry for the delay. We continue to work on dangerous trees, catch basins and the cleaning of catch basins all over town. Also the repair of catch basins continues, cementing them back up, fixing the walls and getting them in shape before winter hits. The mower is still out working on the brush. Before you know it, it will be winter, I have heard it will be a warm fall, I don't know about winter, heard some bad things, but we will see. Councilperson Annabi asked about Town Day on September 28th and Superintendent Cobb assured her it would be warm. Superintendent Cobb ended by saying if there are any other comments, questions or concerns please call 845-526-3333 or email lcobb@putnamvalley.com

Councilperson Mackay asked about pot holes on Horton Hollow Road, Superintendent Cobb acknowledged. Councilperson Mackay stated that there has been a lot of rain.

Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Captain Sandy Bohl reported:

The call volume for July is as follows:

72	Calls
27	Medical Emergencies
10	Car Accidents
5	Standby or other
7	Mutual Aid – Out
1	Mutual Aid – Out of County
22	Mutual Aid – In

We had a rough month; I think it is because of vacations. People going in and out, made for a tough month. We had 174 roster hours. The last couple of weeks we have had to empty the lower floor due to re-epoxying, so we have been working out of the bays. I think that should be finished tonight, or this week sometime. We are all looking forward to Town day.

Director of the Putnam Valley Free Library Dede Farabaugh came to the podium and began by saying that there are a bunch of programs that will be happening in the next week or so. Tonight, at 7:00pm (you can still make it) the Read It-Watch It Book club will be watching Jurassic Park, kids are welcome, but this is not a drop off event. Next month's book is "The Sun is Also a Star" a National Book Award finalist, we will be watching the movie and reading the book. This program is the last two Wednesdays of every month. This Saturday is our Summer Reading Program closing, which will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of Woodstock. There will be tie-dye, 70's music and food trucks. There will also be pop-up story time at 4:30, pop-up science experiment at 5:00 and at 5:15 Michael Bennett from the "Friends" organization and myself will start the sundae bar. So we will be scooping ice cream and hope to see you there. Celebrate the end of summer the last Saturday of the month, with Fairy Tale Theater and local resident Natalie Arneson where children ages 4-10 act out their favorite fairy tales. A reminder that museum passes are always available with your library card. This is also sponsored through our "Friends" group. Check out Hudson Valley CCA, you can visit many other museums through the NARM Assoc., for instance I know you can get into the Frick in New York City and a bunch of other museums all across the country. Lastly, Mad Science Mondays, next Monday is the last one of the summer, August 26th at 4:00 pm and they will be doing the science of ice cream, this program is for grades 5 through 8.

Councilperson Annabi spoke about Tompkins Cultural Center. The Farmers Market is every Friday from 3:00 pm until 6:30 pm it ends the August 30th. There is a concert accompanied with a silent film on the 24th. Live original music composed and performed by renowned violinist Alicia Svigals and Silent Movie legend and pianist Donald Sosin. So if you stop by this weekend they have a great event, and they have something almost every weekend.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R19-243

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

ADD:

- #8A** – Authorize Supervisor to enter into agreement with John Zarcone Jr. acting on behalf of Brookside Cottages
- #8B** – Authorize supervisor to sign Use Agreement between Brookfalls Cottages and the Town of Putnam Valley
- #9A** – Hiring of Karen Kroboth as Town Hall substitute
- #9B** – Extended moratorium on vaping products
- #9C** - Vote to rescind a District moratorium

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Oliverio spoke of a very serious incident on Tinker Hill on Monday; around 1:00 pm. Supervisor Oliverio said a huge tanker truck filled with about 3,000 gallons of oil crashed. It then went across the road; the truck lost its air brakes down a steep incline of almost a 50%. It did great damage to the guardrail and the roadway. Supervisor Oliverio said that most importantly the individual who was driving was very lucky and only broke his foot. Supervisor Oliverio also went on to say that the tanker had a rip in it from the crash and it leaked 3,000 gallons into the Hollowbrook Creek which supplies drinking water to the City of Peekskill. Thank goodness the City of Peekskill was quick enough to shut pumps off and hook into their reserve supply. Supervisor Oliverio also stated that there are wells all along that corridor, and reminded us that we do not have municipal water in Putnam Valley. So wells are our lifeblood. That's one of the reasons this Town Board voted to preserve Granite Mountain. To preserve the aquifer that sits at the base of the mountain. Yet, we have an incident like this. Supervisor Oliverio said that he is going to ask the board to consider, because he would like to get this resolved in a permanent fashion, that they have discussions in future meetings on making the roadway one way uphill. That way no vehicle, not only trucks would go through that guardrail. Supervisor Oliverio said about six years ago our Middle School Principal was T-boned on his way home, and that we have had five instances in three years, a garbage truck, a car carrier, an oil truck, a cement truck. The Supervisor again stated that this is a serious problem his recommendation would be making the road one way uphill. Councilperson Luongo then spoke about the incident, as he was on the scene for many hours.

Councilperson Luongo said the response was massive. It started as a truck accident and escalated into a 12 hour ordeal with numerous fire departments, ambulance services, two Hazmat units and a Rehab unit from outside of town responding. Councilperson Luongo said that unfortunately the damage was done as far as the leak. He also said he understands the other side and feels for everybody regarding the inconvenience this posed, but there was no other way of getting around it. The car carrier crash was also a 14 to 16 hour incident. Councilperson Luongo said a hard solution is long overdue, he reminded everyone that school opens in two weeks, to which Supervisor Oliverio asked everyone to imagine what a catastrophe we could face if a school bus was ever involved. Councilperson Luongo said he talked with Mike the Superintendent of Transportation for Putnam Valley Schools, and he asked Mike the layout of the bus stops in that area, because we have to worry about the bus and also the traffic that is stopped behind the buses. Councilperson Annabi added that this is not alone a GPS issue. Councilperson Annabi said that they have been told that GPS does not have Tinker Hill on the Commercial Route, and a lot of times the drivers are familiar with the area and use Tinker Hill as a shortcut. The parent company that does the mapping for Garmin and Tom-Tom say all the mapping coordinates have Tinker as a 45 degree hill and it is not routed. The route that is on the GPS would take them 3.5 miles up Oscawana Lake Road. So, this does not appear to be a GPS issue, but a driver issue. Councilperson Annabi agrees that we need a solution.

LEGISLATORS REPORT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

County Legislators Gouldman and Montgomery could not be here tonight.

Councilperson Annabi read Legislator Gouldman's report.

**** We live in a Beautiful Community. Let's keep it that way. If you see someone littering please report it to the Sheriff's Dept at 845-225-4300. If you would like to clean up an area individually or you would like to put together a team, to clean an area, please give his office a call with the location you would like to work on and the number of people that will be helping. He will make sure you get the proper equipment to do the job.**

**** There is a lot of unlicensed contractors out there. Bill has recently been contacted by homeowners who have used a Contractor who was not licensed in Putnam County and they are paying the price for it now. Get your job done right the first time and not pay double to have it done correctly. To get a list of licensed Putnam County Contractors go to the Putnam County website Consumer Affairs, Home Improvement Board section.**

**** Legislator Gouldman has asked me to mention that at the most recent Audit Committee meeting on July 24, the PFK O'Connor Davis firm presented a "Glowing" audit of the Putnam County fiscal standing. The legislature has done a good job to hold down spending and keep the vital programs that the residents of Putnam need.**

**** School will be opening soon, Bill wish all the students a successful year. Lets get back to basics and remember road safety. These are our children, our neighbors**

children and the future of our community. Please keep them safe.

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****** Legislator Gouldman has worked on a few issues this month that he will discuss at the next months Board Meeting.

****** Bill is interested in your concerns. His door is always open. If you see something or have a problem or issue, just give his office a call at 845-808-1020. If he can correct your issue, he will.

Councilperson Annabi would like to say hello to Lorraine from the Senior Center who watches Channel 20. Hi Lorraine.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 19, JULY 10 AND JULY 17, 2019.

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION #R19-244

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to approve the minutes from the June 19, July 10, and July 17, 2019 Town Board Meetings.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

Presented by Councilperson Mackay

Councilperson Mackay stated that school will be opening soon and reminds everyone to please stop for school buses with flashing lights.

WAIVE ALL PERMIT AND BUILDING FEES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT PROJECTS

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION #R19-245

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to waive all permit fees in connection with the remediation and site work for the construction of new fire house relative to parcel 72.20-1-7.12

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried with Councilperson Luongo recusing himself.

DISCUSS DE-ICERS ON LAKES

Councilperson Annabi stated that someone had fallen through the ice last December and it has not been determined whether it was due to de-icers or the quad that he was riding. De-icers are not regulated in our town and LOMAC reached out to the Town Board asking them to put forward a resolution regarding de-icers and bubblers for people who want to protect their sea walls and docks. Town Counsel is in the process of creating the resolution, so the board can pass it in September. Supervisor Oliverio said there will be a Public Hearing on this issue, so the Board can hear from the Public. Supervisor Oliverio also said that this should be implemented by October, before winter begins.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH JOHN M. ZARCONI, JR. ESQ., ACTING ON BEHALF OF BROOKFALLS COTTAGES, INC., TO DRAFT AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY OUTLINING THE TERMS OF USAGE FOR A CERTAIN BRIDGE FOR A FEE OF \$1,500.00

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

RESOLUTION # R19-246

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with John M. Zarccone, Jr. Esq., acting on behalf of Brookfalls Cottages, Inc. to draft and execute an agreement with the Town of Putnam Valley outlining terms of usage for a certain bridge for a fee of \$1,500.00

Supervisor Oliverio commented that our Town Counsel and John Zarccone Jr. worked out an agreement between the Town of Putnam Valley and Brookfalls Cottages, Inc. to lease the bridge for 99 years at no cost. We are to repair the bridge as needed. The bridge is in good condition.

Seconded for discussion by Councilperson Annabi that Item #8B to read "Use Agreement and not "Maintenance Agreement".

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BROOKFALLS COTTAGES, INC. AND THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY

Presented by Councilperson Mackay

RESOLUTION # R19-247

That the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the Use Agreement between Brookfalls Cottages, Inc. and The Town of Putnam Valley.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

HIRE KAREN KROBOTH AS TOWN HALL SUBSTITUTE

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION # R19-248 – That the Town Board hire Karen Kroboth as a substitute employee to cover in the Town Hall offices on an as needed basis, and will not receive benefits. Her hourly salary will be \$13.00.

Supervisor Oliverio seconded for discussion

Supervisor Oliverio stated that the Town Hall substitutes have been a great help to the Town, it saves the town a lot of money and keep the offices running smoothly if someone should be on vacation or sick.

Seconded by Supervisor Oliverio, unanimously carried.

EXTEND MORATORIUM ON VAPING PRODUCTS

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION # R19-249

RESOLVED that the Town Board extend the moratorium on vaping products and/or their related paraphernalia to twelve months beginning immediately and ending on August 21, 2020.

Councilperson Mackey said he wanted to thank the Board for extending this moratorium and that The County is in complete agreement. Councilperson Mackay also stated that there have been numerous articles and information on television reporting children being severely injured with bad lung damage due to these products. He also noted that there has been some debate over what they are vaping be it nicotine or TCH and his advice is simply to not do it.

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried.

RESCIND MORATORIUM ON THE CREATION OF NEW DISTRICTS

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

Councilperson Annabi began by explaining the background. She said back in April the Board had a meeting with some residents of Floradan Estates, who were looking to open up the moratorium on the establishment of districts. Putnam Valley had a moratorium on introducing any more districts within the town.

Floradan brought forward a petition asking the Town Board to please reconsider and allow more districts in the Town. Councilperson Annabi went on to say that a petition is not needed only a resolution is needed. She then added that they then went on to have a healthy discussion with Floradan and told them that after the Public Hearing they would vote whether or not to allow our Town to open up more districts. Supervisor Oliverio again clarified this by saying that this vote is to rescind the existing moratorium and allow residents to come forward and ask to be a district, because it is not only Floradan it is also roadways that were built out of compliance. In those cases you have individuals trying to collect money for snow removal. Supervisor Oliverio went on to say that we can go out to bid on behalf of the district; we can collect the money and force everyone to pay their share through their taxes.

Councilperson Annabi continued by saying that it would not be done like Roaring Brook or Lake Oshawana where the Town does the work. It would be helping you go out to bid on plowing services like our Lake Districts. We would assist in getting bids, then collecting the tax, so you will be made whole. If a resident isn't paying their share their property would eventually be liened. That is the assistance the Town can provide for these districts, and that is what the residents are asking us to do.

RESOLUTION #R19-250

RESOLVED that the Town Board rescind the moratorium on the creation of new districts.

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried.

A short discussion followed with Councilperson Annabi reminding the residents of Floradan that they need to do what was discussed in regards to Floradan being a private corporation. The Town cannot get involved with that. Supervisor Oliverio said that the Corporation needs to come forward and say that they are rescinding their rights to oversee their water, garbage, even their pond. Councilperson Whetsel stated that once you become a district each district has its own budget. So with that budget whatever things you agree upon and feel that are necessary to do, will be taxed to you. The district has to pay for it. At least the district does decide what things they want and what things they don't want. Supervisor Oliverio said we will be sure that everybody pays, that's the biggest thing. That is why people prefer a district set up, because there are always individuals that balk at paying.

Councilperson Luongo said that the residents of Floradan need to figure out what they want and what they don't want as far as our involvement. The residents should meet and get things squared away. Councilperson Annabi suggested the residents come to our District Budget meetings in September; they start at 9:00 am and go until about 12:30 pm. Each district has an assigned time to come in, some are water districts, some are sewer districts, etc. Supervisor Oliverio said the district meetings are on September 7, 2019.

A resident from Floradan then directed a question to Town Counsel Florence; he stated that as a shareholder in the corporation, what exactly he is entitled to review; he said he has spoken with three attorneys whom all gave him the same advice. Is he entitled to business records and financial records? Town Counsel stated that if he is a shareholder, yes, he is entitled to those records.

AUTHORIZE DISTRICT CLERK TO GO OUT TO BID FOR DISTRICT GARBAGE PICKUP

Presented by Councilperson Mackay

RESOLUTION # R19-251

RESOLVED that the District Clerk go out to bid for residential solid waste pickup in the following districts:

Glenmar Gardens	Roaring Brook Lake
Brookdale Gardens	Lookout Manor
Hilltop Estates	Abele Park
Wildwood Knolls	

The current three year contract with AAA Carting & Rubbish Removal expires on December 31, 2019.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

**WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT AND WETLAND PERMIT FEES ASSOCIATED
WITH THE DEMOLITION OF THE HILLTOP ESTATES PUMP HOUSE**

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION #R19-252

RESOLVED, that the Town Board waive any Town of Putnam Valley building permit fees and wetland permit waiver fees associated with the demolition of the old pump house, which is currently used as a storage shed at Hilltop Estates Beach. The pump house will be replaced with a smaller shed at the same location.

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT- JULY 2019

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION #R19-253

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept the Building Department daily fee report and summary for the month of July 2019, for filing with the Town Clerk.

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TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY
OFFICE OF BUILDING & ZONING
265 Oscawana Lake Road
Daily Fee Report - Summary

From: 7/1/2019 To: 7/31/2019

Fee Type	Count	Amount
ADDITION/ALTERATION	2	\$1,032.00
ANTENNA	1	\$3,900.00
CW	2	\$150.00
DECK	5	\$1,117.00
ELECTRI APP/NY ELEC	6	\$180.00
ELECTRIC APP/SWIS	9	\$270.00
FENCE/WALL	2	\$150.00
GAS/PROPANE	11	\$825.00
GENERATOR PERMIT	5	\$375.00
HVAC	2	\$150.00
IN GROUND POOL	1	\$350.00
MG	5	\$375.00
MI	4	\$615.00
OIL TANK	2	\$150.00
OPERATING PERMIT	4	\$400.00
PELLET STOVE	2	\$150.00
PERM	6	\$1,773.00
PERNC-COMMERCIAL	1	\$56,055.00
PL	3	\$630.00
RE	3	\$3,547.00
RU	2	\$250.00
SEARC	25	\$3,750.00
SOLAR PANELS	1	\$648.00
SPECIAL USE RENEWAL	1	\$125.00
TENT	1	\$150.00
WETADM	5	\$250.00
WETL	6	\$800.00
WT/S	2	\$200.00
Total Fees Collected:	119	\$78,367.00
Cash	13	\$1,495.00
Check	105	\$76,872.00
Void	1	\$0.00

Seconded by Councilperson Whetsel

**PARKS & RECREATION- LIFEGUARD PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS/
ADJUSTMENTS**

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

RESOLUTION #R19-254

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

Please approve the following additions/changes.

1. Josef Wacaser, Lifeguard (turning 16) @ \$12.00 hr.
2. Douglas Brown, Jr. Lifeguard @ \$11.00 hr.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

**PARKS & RECREATION- CHILDRENS CENTER AND CAMP PERSONNEL
APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS**

Presented by Councilperson Mackay

RESOLUTION #R19-255

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the following additions/changes to Children's Center and Camp personnel:

To: Town Board
From: Frank DiMarco, Parks and Recreation
Subject: Parks
Date: August, 14, 2019

Please approve the following additions/changes.

1. Alyssa Call, PV Children's Center @ \$11.80 hr.
2. Salvatore Nastri, PV Children's Center @ \$11.80 hr.
3. Olivia Astrologo, PV Children's Center @ \$ 11.80 hr.
4. Michelle Riley, PV Children's Center @ \$ 12.00 hr.
5. Tim Sainz, PV Day Camp Lifeguard @ \$ 13.00 hr.
6. Bridget Cassidy, PV Day Camp Lifeguard @ \$ 12.00 hr.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION REFUNDS

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION #R19-256

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the following refunds:

To: Town Board
From: Frank DiMarco, Parks and Recreation Director
Subject: Parks and Recreation Refunds
Date: August 2, 2019

Carolyn Pasquale
177 Lake Drive
Lake Peekskill, NY 10537

\$ 500.00
LPCC refund
deposit

Theresa Castaner
1 Hidden Meadow Lane
Putnam Valley, NY 10579

\$500.00
LPCC refund
deposit

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio


RESOLUTION #R19-257

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approved the following budget transfers:

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Town of Putnam Valley

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TO: Town Board
FROM: Maria Angelico 
SUBJECT: Budget Amendments and Transfers
DATE: August 21, 2019

Hereby request your approval of the attached Budget Amendments and Transfers for year-to-date August 2019.

Date Prepared: 08/20/2019 02:59 PM

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Budget Adjustment Form

Year: 2019 Period: 8 Trans Type: B1 - Transfer Status: Posted
 Trans No: 112555 Trans Date: 08/20/2019 User Ref: MANGELICO
 Requested: Approved: Created by: MANGELICO 08/20/2019
 Description: BUDGET TRANSFERS YTD AUGUST 2019 Account # Order: Yes
 Print Parent Account: No

Account No.	Account Description	Amount
A.1420.400	LAW.SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL	7,000.00
A.1440.431	ENGINEER.DAM MAINTENANCE	6,170.00
A.1990.400	CONTINGENT ACCOUNT	-7,000.00
A.1990.400	CONTINGENT ACCOUNT	-6,170.00
A.7022.200	CAMP.EQUIPMENT	-383.03
A.7022.400	CAMP.SUPPLIES	383.03
A.7310.200	CHILDRENS CENTER.EQUIPMENT	364.92
A.7310.400	CHILDRENS CENTER.CONTRACTUAL	-364.92
SM01.1630.400	ADMIN & CLERICAL.EXPENSE	108.84
SM01.1630.472	POWER AND LIGHT	-108.84
SM03.1630.400	ADMIN & CLERICAL.EXPENSE	75.00
SM03.7110.120	RECREATION.LIFEGUARDS	-75.00
SM06.1630.463	TELEPHONE	39.57
SM06.7180.200	BEACH.EQUIPMENT	-39.57
SM07.7180.200	BEACH.EQUIPMENT	-0.14
SM07.7180.200	BEACH.EQUIPMENT	-70.00
SM07.7180.400	BEACH.SUPPLIES	0.14
SM07.7180.471	BEACH.MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	70.00
SM08.1420.400	SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL	-79.14
SM08.1630.463	TELEPHONE	79.14
SM11.1630.400	ADMIN & CLERICAL.EXPENSE	18.95
SM11.1640.400	TRUCK.MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR	-18.95
SS02.8120.400	MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	-8.72
SS02.9030.800	SOCIAL SECURITY	5.52
SS02.9035.800	MEDICARE	3.20
Total Amount:		<u>0.00</u>

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Budget Adjustment Form

Year: 2019 Period: 8 Trans Type: B2 - Amend Status: Posted
 Trans No: 112556 Trans Date: 08/20/2019 User Ref: MANGELICO
 Requested: Approved: Created by: MANGELICO 08/20/2019
 Description: BUDGET AMENDMENTS YTD AUGUST 2019 Account # Order: Yes
 Print Parent Account: No

Account No.	Account Description	Amount
A.1010.400	TOWN BOARD.PLANNING/LEGAL CONSULTING	1,685.00
A.1010.416	TOWN BOARD.DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS	1,657.50
A.1620.440	BUILDINGS.SUPPLIES & MAINTENANCE	14,223.30
SM01.8320.472	WATER.MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	2,355.00
SM11.1640.472	HARVESTER.MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR	352.79
SM11.7180.200	LAKE.EQUIPMENT	364.61
Total Amount:		<u><u>20,638.20</u></u>

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Resident Steve Aigner came to the podium. Mr. Aigner began by introducing himself as a 75 year old retiree, living at 61 Shawnee Road for the last 6 years. Mr. Aigner said that he uses Tinker Hill Road. He continued his comments by stating that after the tractor trailer crash in 2018 he contacted Mr. Fred Pena the Putnam County Highway Commissioner. Mr. Aigner and Mr. Pena had an hour long meeting on August 15, 2018 along with the liaison for the County and two Putnam County lawyers. Mr. Aigner proposed that since the town cannot put signs on county roads, the county should put 20 foot signs on Oscawana Lake Road at the top of the hill and Peekskill Hollow Road at the bottom of the hill. Mr. Aigner thought the signs should read "Vehicles over 5 tons – No Left turn or No Right turn" (respectively). Mr. Aigner explained that once a truck makes the turn, they are then committed to the hill. The signs would have to be on the county road before the turn is made. Mr. Aigner went on to say that now we have another crash, and although it would be very inconvenient for him, if Tinker Hill was to be made One-Way, the fact that he is retired, means it wouldn't personally affect him much. He continued his comment by saying that when he goes up Tinker Hill and he sees tractor trailers and box trucks coming down, he wonders where they will end up, on top of him, perhaps. He stated that when he looks at the power poles along the hill, their sides are sheared off, and he believes this is from box trucks intentionally hitting them to slow themselves down when going downhill.

Mr. Aigner then said he will not use the hill in snow or ice. Mr. Aigner said he spent 12 years living in New Hampshire, so he knows about, hills, snow and ice. He also has vacationed in Colorado enough to see that they have hills with runaway truck ramps. Yet, he still says that with his four wheel drive pickup truck that has studded snow tires that he will not attempt Tinker Hill. Mr. Aigner again referenced to his August 2018 meeting at the county, and said nothing has been done to date. Mr. Aigner ended his comments on Tinker Hill with another safety concern regarding the hill and that was when you are making a right onto Tinker from Peekskill Hollow Road, you have to slow down, greatly, due to the fact that people may be entering Peekskill Hollow from Tinker. He noted that people travel Peekskill Hollow at 45 mph, and making the right, is also a concern. Councilperson Luongo said he has spoken to County Legislator, Bill Gouldman about the concerns at Tinker Hill. Mr. Aigner mentioned the idea of "Local Deliveries Only" signage, to which he said that he has spoken with the Sheriff's Department and that kind of signage doesn't work, because the Deputies have told Mr. Aigner that if they pull someone over, the response they generally get is that they are making a "local delivery in Putnam Valley". As far as a cement truck or the like, they should have to have a permit and an escort, like they do on Interstate Highways. Councilperson Mackay added that he has spoken with Ron Cummings a representative for Putnam County Travel Advisory Board. Mr. Cummings told Mr. Mackey that he would take our information to the Traffic Safety Commission and they will work with the Town Board on finding the solution.

Ms. Patty Villanova took the podium and introduced herself as a resident of Lookout Manor. Ms. Villanova began by saying she has two comments, the first being the article in the Putnam Examiner regarding Councilperson Mackay and a lawsuit. Ms. Villanova continued her comment by saying she did not understand why we have this kind of confusion when it comes to whether or not this was covered under our Town insurance policy. Her understanding from the newspaper article was that this situation had nothing to do with what he was doing, in relation to his job and we the taxpayers are paying for the insurance coverage. Supervisor Oliverio told Ms. Villanova, that no invoice has been submitted, and we don't know whether the insurance company absorbed this or not. Supervisor Oliverio said this was a matter for our Town Board to discuss, and we will be convening after this meeting to do that, as this is a personnel matter. Ms. Villanova said that she understands that, but said that we have a Town Counsel who is supposed to be protecting our interests. Those insurance policies can be read through and digested. She continued to say that we have all kinds of people that we pay to protect our interests including going through these policies, this is an issue as to what our insurance covers and liability. Ms. Villanova said she understands if a Town Employee is sued in connection to their job. Supervisor Oliverio then said that it was the interpretation of the insurance company; they viewed it in a positive manner saying the Council position exists here at Town Hall, but also out in public. Supervisor Oliverio said he cannot address the insurance company's intent or even how the insurance company got involved; neither can any other member of the board. Ms. Villanova said that what she is saying is that we have a Town Attorney to protect our interests, and then end up with a situation like this.

Ms. Villanova continued her comments, by speaking about the building of a new Fire House. Ms. Villanova wanted to remind the Board that we voted on whether we wanted to buy the camp for two million dollars, and before that we voted on a School Bond. Ms. Villanova said that we have been talking about a new firehouse for years, and now we will not get to vote on it. She said that this is going to be one of the biggest projects in the history of the Town and this board and other boards have given the Fire Department money with big budget increases, with no control. Once you give it to them in their budget, and sign their contract, you lose all control. Ms. Villanova then said, that tonight you voted to waive all fees which is fine because that is not where the cost will be, but what doesn't seem to be of concern is that we the people, who will be paying for this, do not get to vote on it. We get to vote on everything else, but not a new Fire House? Supervisor Oliverio asked Ms. Villanova if we get to vote on a contractual agency that provides garbage pickup in town, whether they get to build a new building. Supervisor Oliverio said it's a contract; we contract with the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department. Ms. Villanova responded by saying that is a totally different set of legal circumstances. Supervisor Oliverio said, it is a contractual agreement and they are not a municipal organization. They are an independent, private group that we contract with and if we were to contract with another district it could cost about seven million a year. Ms. Villanova said that is not the point that she is raising, her point is, and they are going to build a new firehouse with no referendum, because what this town board and other boards have done is give them money through their budget, in order that we the people aren't allowed to vote on it. Supervisor Oliverio said that they have a zero percent increase this year. Ms. Villanova asked how much they will be getting. Supervisor Oliverio replied, they will get the same as last year. Ms. Villanova said Supervisor Oliverio was not getting her point, which is that we voted on the camp, and the school bond. Supervisor Oliverio replied because we, the Town of Putnam Valley, were organizing the acquisition of the camp, we are responsible to our residents. The Fire Department is a private, independent agency, not responsible to anyone. Ms. Villanova continued that The Board is responsible to our residents, you represent the taxpayer and it is your obligation, the point is, why aren't we allowed to vote on a new Firehouse? Supervisor Oliverio, said, because we don't control a private agency, we cannot put up a vote on the Fire Department. Ms. Villanova said, that you are certainly legally allowed to have a referendum to construct a new Firehouse because that money is ultimately taxpayer money, it is absolutely allowed. Supervisor Oliverio asked Ms. Villanova, do we have a vote for a 250,000.00 fire truck? Ms. Villanova stated that this is not the same thing, this is a structure. Supervisor Oliverio said it is a capital investment on their part. Ms. Villanova asked, why are you saying we can't vote? Because, why? Supervisor Oliverio said we will not interfere with a private agency. Ms. Villanova again asked, are you and the Town Board saying that we will not be allowed to vote? Supervisor Oliverio then said that he will not speak for the Board, but will speak for himself, they are ready to build and we need that building desperately. Our volunteers go into a building with no sprinklers, no hazmat facility, not even a shower. Ms. Villanova directed her next question to Town Counsel, and asked, can we have a referendum? Supervisor Oliverio answered that sure we can, but why waste that money?

Cathy Stein took the podium next; she is a resident who lives at the bottom of Tinker Hill Road. She began by saying, that a lot of people say to her, that she doesn't use the hill. Ms. Steins response was tell that to the guy who had the tanker in his yard, which took out all his trees, now there is no line of defense, the next truck could go through his living room. She went on to say that she has heard, once a year is not enough to do anything, but it's been three in a year and a half. A school bus by thirty seconds, a van by a few seconds, there are photographs taken over a week span, countless overweight trucks, up and down and only one police car is seen. Supervisor Oliverio asks Ms. Stein how she feels about One-Way, to which Ms. Stein says she is all for that, but added that her husband and herself came up with a solution that may suit everybody, it's something to think about. To have Tinker Hill both ways for residents and one way up only, for delivery trucks. Ms. Stein the read the following: The proposed legislation is to restrict most traffic to a one way direction of travel on Tinker Hill, most traffic should be restricted to a North uphill direction only with an exception being made for vehicles with a gross weight rating of less than three tons. An exception similar to this is what New York State uses to restrict commercial traffic from most parkways; it is a 4 or 5 lb. limit amongst other rules. This would be empathetic to residents of the town and non-commercial users who generally own and operate cars, motorcycles and light pickup trucks, while forcing commercial interests to re-route around the roads to avoid going down this steep hill. Deliveries of goods and services to residents on Tinker Hill would be minimally impacted because the commercial vehicles are still able to transit the road, just in a single direction. Perhaps then the current five ton maximum is no longer needed. With oversight for vehicles traveling uphill only. Ms. Stein said that is what her husband proposes as an idea, and then maybe, something with the police, perhaps a fund can be setup or an allegation code with either PC, SD or NYS Troopers to pay for the hosting of a traffic detail on top of the road at least until circumstances rector in keeping with serious compliance. Supervisor Oliverio responded to Ms. Stein by saying that he understands but his concern is allowing any traffic to go down the hill, Ms. Stein said they were looking for a solution that pleases everyone to which Supervisor Oliverio replied that you can never please everyone, I am for One Way, that is what I am looking at because it is simple, its quick and it defines itself forever, you just can't go there, no traffic can go down that hill. On the enforcement end, it is very difficult because policing is expensive and the town cannot afford to hire someone to be there to enforce that 24/7. It won't work and we could not get a law enforcement agency to agree to that. Supervisor Oliverio continued by saying that making it one way is the safest way to end it. We do try to please everyone but there is an old saying, you don't want the perfect to destroy the good. At this point in time the best thing would be one way, we are going to discuss it and we will have Public Hearings, and get a lot of different opinions. Councilperson Mackay has already approached the Traffic Control Board which is good because their input has to come, and we will listen to them as well. Supervisor Oliverio went on to say Government was created to provide for the Health and Safety and give services to the community. Councilperson Luongo concluded the discussion by reminding people that height bars are certainly not a guarantee as trucks hit overpasses and bridges a lot.

Councilperson Annabi asked if she may say a few things. She started by talking about the Live Streaming, that she had asked Videographer Tony Arrien, to look into. Councilperson Annabi said people are using Optimum less and less, although we do have channels 18 and 20 available to us, after Mr. Arrien does the editing and puts it on our stations and website. Councilperson Annabi wanted him to look into the possibility of live streaming our Town Board Meetings, so we can get the meetings on our phones and laptops. Supervisor Oliverio said this is very expensive and our budget will be lean this year. Councilperson Annabi suggested that we see what the school does; they live stream their Board Of Education meetings. Anthony Arrien spoke off camera and said what was requested were the board meetings run on the internet and the cable channels 24/7. Councilperson Annabi said there must be a misunderstanding, as that was not the request. The request is to Live Stream the Town Board Meetings.

Councilperson Annabi went on to talk about “garbage signs” those signs you see around town that say “house for sale” etc. Councilperson Annabi said we have a resolution and a law on the books, to which Supervisor Oliverio replied that the people who have been putting up the signs, have been violated. Councilperson Annabi continued by saying that we have to let it be known that this is illegal; we have all received messages about these signs.

Councilperson Annabi then reminded everyone that they must lock their doors. She said just yesterday, on Kramers Pond Road at 3:00 am a car was broken into, you have to lock your car. It is not 1980 anymore; we have to lock our doors and our cars. Our Sheriff’s department did catch the ones who broke into the cars at the baseball game earlier this year and they were prosecuted. Councilperson Annabi said please lock your doors.

Councilperson Annabi continued comments by saying that someone in Dutchess County had recently passed away from a tick borne illness. Sue Serino along with Supervisor Oliverio will be hosting a Lyme and Tick Borne Illness Seminar here at the Town Hall on Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 pm. If you were bitten by a tick or know someone who has, come to the seminar. NYS along with the DOH and Sam Oliverio will discuss what to look out for, the dos and don’ts and how to help yourself. Supervisor Oliverio said that this is an informative panel and a lot of good information will be shared, so if you can make it please do.

Councilperson Annabi reminded everyone that September 28th is Town Day. She said we do not have any electric left for vendors, but we still have field space. Councilperson Annabi said that the vendors are fantastic; there will be a great live band and a fantastic DJ and Karaoke. There will be a zip-line and a rock wall, as well as activities for kids of all ages. Town Day starts at 2:00 pm and the fireworks will be 8:30 pm sharp. Entry is free. Oscawana Lake Road will be closed from the VFW to the Elementary School with shuttle buses at the school. If you have any questions or want to be a vendor give me or Beverly Kelly a call at 845-526-2121

Councilperson Whetsel said that the Committee for the Conservation of the Environment (the CCE) is having a display called "What's in your backyard". It is a photography display of anything of interest, animals or unusual photography, which you have found on your property. Councilperson Whetsel reminded us to take the time to enjoy the beautiful world we live in. Take a flyer, and information is also on our website. When you send in your pictures, we will then pick some to have framed, you can take them home after and will be getting credit for your photography. Councilperson Whetsel said that just this morning she had two baby deer come within two feet of her house, as they were busy eating her hostas. The CCE will be at Town Day with a display. She hopes to see you there.

Councilperson Annabi asked for Dunk Tank Volunteers and said the Dunk Tank proceeds benefit the Putnam Valley Football Club.

AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION # R19-258

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

<u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
28328-28395	\$117,625.48

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio moved to go into an Executive Session on a personnel matter and a litigation matter at 7:05 PM. No further business will be held after the Executive Session.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio allowed a final comment from the public.

Ken Kuritzky a Putnam Valley resident came to the podium to ask for an update on the Horton Hollow Road project. Supervisor Oliverio told Mr. Kuritzky that he had the maps and could stop by the Town Hall to pick them up. Supervisor Oliverio also said that Bruce Barber has been in contact with the DEC, and he is writing something up for us, which we should have within a week or two. Mr. Kuritzky said that he is not altogether with Bruce and Todd putting forth this effort, as they went to Horton Hollow Road twice and failed to recognize DEC Freshwater Wetlands. Supervisor Oliverio said those gentlemen are corresponding with the DEC. The DEC is giving them information. They went out and looked at the place and are going to give a report. Supervisor Oliverio said he does not know what the report will say, at this point.

Supervisor Oliverio also said that when he spoke to Bruce and Todd the DEC was out there and they were compiling their own information. We will release what they view is needed down there and what should be done, as soon as they get it, they will give it to us. Mr. Kuritzky said the DEC has streamlined the requirements for the Town to pave the road; it is a lot easier for the Town, although they do want certain information that can be emailed to them. Supervisor Oliverio said they want to see things in person, and we are waiting for their response. Supervisor Oliverio thanked Mr. Kuritzky.

Supervisor Oliverio moved to go into an Executive Session on a personnel matter and a litigation matter at 7:11 PM. No further business will be held after the Executive Session.

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Kimberly McKeown
Deputy Town Clerk
09-04-2019