

**PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019**  
**6:00 PM**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk Sherry Howard  
Town Counsel William Florence

The Boy Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our troops.

**PROCLAMATION FOR EAGLE SCOUT JOSH UCHEL**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio, Josh Uchetel, his parents, and his Boy Scout Troop came up to witness Josh get his proclamation from the Town Board for his Eagle Project. Supervisor Oliverio said Josh did some great work for the Granite Mountain Preserve. If you go into the Preserve from Peekskill Hollow Road you can see where he put up a huge notice board that will contain maps and trail information. Supervisor Oliverio said 1% of young men in Josh's age group make Eagle Scout. This Town and our Town Board are very proud of you and would like to recognize the rank that you have earned.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON DE-ICER LAW**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 PM.

Town Clerk Howard said the Public Hearing tonight concerns a local law on the "Use of Bubblers, De-Icers and Aeration Systems in Water".

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio said everyone who speaks tonight must go to the podium, state their name and not take more than three (3) minutes. This is a Lake Oscawana issue and only a Lake Oscawana issue. He said he has received many letters on this subject and all were against the bubblers. He also received a petition that garnered almost 300 names.

Councilperson Annabi made a motion to enter the De-Icer Petition into the Town Board Meeting so they would be included in the minutes.

### **RESOLUTION #R19-309**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board accept the De-Icer petition into the Town Board Meeting Records.

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio said the letters emailed to the Town Board would be printed as part of the record. (See below)

The petition is able to be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Dear Supervisor Sam Oliverio and Town Board Members, Concerned residents of Putnam Valley with use of Aerators on Lake Oscawana, I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and my husband to voice our concerns regarding the use of aerators to prevent dock damage. These systems can cause a public safety hazard in the winter due to open water in the ice. It is our understanding that Lake Oscawana is part of the NYS DEC and that it is landlocked.

We are concerned that residents are using these aeration systems irresponsibly which extend beyond their dock and cause the lake not to freeze over in spots. This causes a hazard for those who enjoy the lake in winter. Many of us bring our families to the Lake I to enjoy skating, ice hockey, sleigh riding, cross country skiing, and snow shoeing. Often times, the older children play ice hockey well into the early evening when it starts to get dark. The aeration systems prevent the water from freezing and it is often difficult to tell where the ice ends and the water begins especially when a snowfall hasn't occurred and there is black ice. The lake is also used as a place for the community to gather for evening events--taking walks together and socializing. The use of aerators would make these events more hazardous because the lake could be become unsafe especially when it's dark.

Aeration systems cause the lake to freeze in an unnatural way leaving the possibility of adults, children and even our pets to fall through the ice. Another concern is the maintenance of these systems. Who is checking to make sure they are operating correctly, not posing an electrical danger, and not polluting the lake? We feel this is an unnecessary hazard and can open up the tax payers to lawsuits if such ruling is made by the Town Board. We are opposed to the aerators and feel they should be banned from the lake. Safety for the people should be a priority over the want of a material item.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs Douglas Wassil

November 16, 2019

Hi Jackie, Louie, & Steven,

I've heard that the proposed legislation regarding bubbler's in the lake was going to be a 'guideline' rather than a 'law'. In my humble opinion that is not going to fly. I have fairly good relations with my next door neighbor, however, I've been trying for years to get him to use a regulator on his bubbler so he doesn't bubble away the ice in front of my property, but to no avail.

His use of a bubbler allows him to keep his dock ice free, but his use of the bubbler prevents me from accessing the lake from my property when the lake freezes over. If you look at the attached PDF, you can see that my neighbor's bubbler in the far distance creates a current that makes the ice in front of my property dangerously thin. I have told him many times that his needs shouldn't trump mine, but it's still the same problem every season.

I think the lake needs an enforceable law to prevent our neighbor's from encroaching on our safe enjoyment of the lake.

Thank you!

Stefan Springman  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

If possible, can this email be read at the public meeting?

Good Afternoon,

I am writing in regards to the proposal for keeping or banning de-icer usage on Lake Oscawana. As a resident of Wildwood Knolls with lake rights and a dock space, I am writing to implore the board to ban ALL usage of de-icers on or around the lake. This community is in overwhelming agreement that the usage of these devices cause grave safety dangers to the naturally occurring ice formation and these devices cannot be properly regulated to ensure the proposed "10 ft" maximum clearance that was stated during this weeks meeting. We have families, pets, and community members who live here year round that use the lake during the winter months for activities. I do not want any child or pet falling through the ice due to added current and stress the de-icers cause not just to their immediate area but for many feet out. We already had one incident last year, and thank God that gentleman was rescued and had no lasting damage.

I myself have two dogs who love the lake year round and I want to make clear that the complete banning of de-icers is what is needed to ensure the safety of the community.

Thank you,

Sarah Pereira  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

My thoughts are that there cannot be any compromise in the use of any equipment or apparatus to alter the state of the winter lake. That goes for Bubblers, De-Icers, or Aeration systems. I call for an all out ban of these devices throughout the entire lake community, this is simple because the topic of this discussion comes down to "SAFTEY" of all residents, household pets and wildlife. We cannot weigh anyone's right to protect property on the same scale of the safety and well being of any individual that has the right to use the natural solid surface of a frozen lake. I trust that the elected officials of the town board will make the right decisions when it comes to preservation of wildlife and natural habitat, and the "safety" of all men, women and children who partake in winter activities on Lake Oscawana.

Thank You For Your Attention In This Matter,

Anthony J Proetta

From Jen Fowler

Hi. I'll be away and won't be able to attend the meeting again this Wednesday. I am opposed to the de icers for many reasons. Public safety is paramount. I will try and write a letter and send to each board member. I know you've seen the pics on Fb. I'll be away so not Sure about texting but messenger should would and email. [REDACTED] I'll likely write my letter tomorrow at airport lol! I typically don't announce I'm away til I get back so likely won't be on Fb til after. I hope the boat votes in favor of a ban. Seems like Mother Nature should be allowed to do its thing and people don't need need to disrupt that and put lives of people and animals in jeopardy. Thx for reading my opinion. Have a great weekend. Jen  
One more thing. Having deicers along the shore will only weaken the shoreline and if a rescue of let's say a fisherman having a heart attack needs to take place your response time will be that much slower until you can find a safe place to gain access to the ice. Thisnisnt about a man riding a quad after dark.... it's so much more then that. It took that incident to draw the proper response and awareness and thankfully he's ok.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Don't try to reinvent the wheel:

Help to make it roll better.



Dear Supervisor and Members of the Town Board:

On Wednesday November 13, 2019 there was a Town Hall meeting regarding the use of bubblers/deicers on Oscawana Lake.

Unfortunately I was not aware of that meeting and was unable to attend.

The following is my personal statement:

I have lived in the Wildwood Knolls improvement district for over 20 years. I have lived in Putnam Valley for over 25 years. I was first on Oscawana Lake over 30 years ago. I love the town and I especially love the lake, in summer and in winter. Many residents have similar histories and sentiments.

The story of someone falling through the ice while riding an ATV at night was the precipitous event that has sparked the current debate over deicers. As someone has already pointed out, the arguments would be far different if the story involved someone's child. Had that story been the death of a child this would not be a debate, it would be a litigation primarily directed at the property owner with the deicer. I venture to say that even if deicers are not banned a death is sure to bring about a lawsuit.

From the standpoint of the necessity of a deicer to prevent damage to seawalls and docks, I find this argument a bogus reason to justify their use. There are countless docks and seawalls around the lake that do not have the "benefit" of deicers and they fair just fine. Simply put I feel deicers are a means to keep people away from the lake's edge of peoples' property. In other words it's fine if people are on the lake just not in my backyard.

Deicers do not benefit the lake, in fact the presence of the ice on the surface acts as an insulator for the water below and to some extent protects aquatic species (both plants and animals) from extreme cold.

Deicers do not benefit the public. They benefit the homeowner that has put them in place for whatever that claim is.

Lake front property owners purchased their homes for the beauty and recreation that it provides. So did a lot of other people. Do not prevent or limit them in their ability to pursue that by using a deicer. Do not unnecessarily endanger their lives.

Ice on the lake provides myriad recreational opportunities: ice skating, hockey games, Nordic skiing, ice fishing, and yes vehicles, such motorcycles, atvs, snowmobiles, and even exotic cars. Any and all are subject to the NATURAL condition of the ice.

There has been mention of mandating use of lights to indicate deicers are present and in use to MITIGATE THE DANGER AND THAT IS WHAT IT IS A DANGER Do we really want to start lighting up the lake? What happens when the deicer has sufficiently done its job and the power goes out? Do we mandate an emergency action kit with flares, ropes, drysuit, and a throwable flotation device?

There is one simple way to keep the lake safer in the winter and that is to let water freeze where there is an expectation of it being frozen and not create random danger zones that may harm or kill recreationalists.

This ends my personal opinion.

I would like to state that as president of the Wildwood Knolls Improvement district association our residents are in overwhelming opposition to the use of deicers. The following is a list of those opposing use of deicers as elicited via email unless otherwise noted:

- Patrick Hanrahan (composer of this email)
- Beth James
- Bobby James
- Liz Spiers
- Tom Garry
- Sean McCann
- Joanne Scheidt
- Becky Locke
- Jackie McCann
- Freddie Adelman
- Diane Chapman
- Kathleen Gallagher
- Victoria McNulty
- Eva Miller
- Margorie Kaplan
- Cari Bubbico
- Frank Bubbico
- Virginia Cruickshank
- Emilia Costa
- Jason Sampogna
- Frank Cassidy
- Edie Cassidy
- Bob Alleman
- Kelli Van de veerdonk
- Ryan Neff
- Sarah Pereira
- Brian McGrath
- Paul Gregory
- Linda Levine
- Carol Madan
- Mark Madan

- Evan Kneuer
- Jayne Ries (via text)
- Beat Ries (as proxied by Jayne Ries)
- Sara Botsford
- Thomas Purcell
- Barbara Muscat
- Joann Carroll

In fact not a single resident of the Wildwood Knolls Improvement District that I am aware of, via email or otherwise, has come forth in favor of allowing the use of deicers. The majority listed above replied back in less than 24 hours of my asking their position on this issue.

And now I am providing a very succinct and powerful statement made by Evan Kneuer:

My thoughts are that there cannot be any compromise in the use of any equipment or apparatus to alter the state of the winter lake. That goes for Bubblers, De-Icers, or Aeration systems. I call for an all out ban of these devices throughout the entire lake community, this is simple because the topic of this discussion comes down to SAFTEY of all residents, household pets and wildlife. We cannot weigh anyone's right to protect property on the same scale of the safety and well being of any individual that has the right to use the natural solid surface of a frozen lake. I trust that the elected officials of the town board will make the right decisions when it comes to preservation of wildlife and natural habitat, and the safety of all men, women and children who partake in winter activities on Lake Oscawana.

In closing I would like to provide some case law references I have received:

Both riparian and littoral owners are subject to the rule of reasonable use. A riparian owner's use must be reasonable and must not unreasonably interfere with other riparian owners' uses. Barkley v. Wilcox, 86 N.Y. 140, 146-47 (N.Y. 1881).

The surface waters of New York State are held in the public trust, allowing the right of navigation and incidental rights of fishing, boating, swimming, and other recreational purposes on public waters. The public trust doctrine has been extended to tidal waters, rivers, and lakes. Fulton Light, Heat, & Power Co. v. New York, 200 N.Y. 400 (N.Y. 1911), Granger v. City of Canandaigua, 257 N.Y. 126 (N.Y. 1931).

Private riparian rights are subordinate to the public trust doctrine. Adirondack League Club Inc. v. Sierra Club, 684 N.Y.S.2d 168, 172 (N.Y. 1998)

Thank you.

Patrick Hanrahan, [REDACTED]



Dear Mr Oliverio and other members of the board,

As advised at the town meeting on Wednesday I would like to take a moment of your time to express my personal concerns of allowing potential use of any kind of deicer on our beautiful lake. My name is Jackie McCann and I currently live in the Wildwood Knolls community in Lake Oscawana. I'm sure you recognize my last name, but you don't know me. I wasn't given the opportunity to grow up in this beautiful area like my husband or like many of the other young members of this community. I grew up in Fort Montgomery right across the river nestled between Bear Mountain and West Point. I didn't have a beautiful lake in my backyard. In my little town we had a small pond conveniently across the street from our fire department. Since this pond was small the fire department was able to monitor it to let us know when it was safe. There was nothing I looked forward to more then running down to that pond with my little brother and skates to go play hockey with our friends. Where we lived we really didn't have a lot of areas where we could participate in completely free outdoor activities safely. In the winter if our homework was done before sunset we were allowed to go skate and you bet we were down there every chance we got. That's exactly why I moved over here. When I met my husband ten years ago I got to experience the greatest gift anyone can have right in their backyard. We want to raise our family here, I want my children to have the same experience we did. Why should we tamper with the natural changes of the lake. That's why the seasons change, and if we disrupt the natural time of rest for the lake we're taking a chance on disturbing the wildlife who live here too. We knew exactly what we were getting into when we bought our house that came with a dock space. Are we going to regulate the sun from heating and expanding our docks? Or what about the sun discoloring the surface of expensive trex docks over time? That all comes with the price of having an outdoor structure. Homes get damaged all the time by Mother Nature. As I'm sure you're familiar with there is a whole section of the lake on the wildwood knolls side that is essentially just straight dock after dock after dock, with basically just enough space to park an average sized boat. What if 6 out of 20 of those docks had bubblers? With your proposed 10 foot rule that is now 60 feet (potentially more because you can't control nature) of compromised ice and now endangering two major lake access points, the beach and the boat ramp. Like Mr. Oliverio said himself these things are extremely hard to regulate and take a great deal of fine tuning. There's a lot of what if's that don't need to happen if we just leave nature alone. "*To protect and preserve our community, its environment, its economy, its character, and its future.*" which is a direct quote from the Putnam Valley town website, it's the first thing you see when you open the page. The people elected you to make the proper decisions for this town, not to compromise. I don't consider the town making a decision that solely benefits them and a few members of the LOMAC committee a compromise. Please

listen to our communities pleas, and just let nature be nature. Let our children use their backyard without having to worry about yet another ice safety factor. Please don't mess with something that people have been using for decades. We pay so much money in taxes to live here, it's getting harder and harder to justify a reason to stay. So please don't take away our enjoyment.

Sincerely,

Jackie McCann

Resident Zachary Flegar who resides at 40 Cayuga Road said his stance as well as his peers are to ban these devices from the Lake. He has lived on the lake all his life, and he has noticed in the last three (3) to four (4) years these devices have become increasingly more popular. The more people are using them the more noticeable it is. The effects they have on the ice are far more outreaching than is their intended area of effect. They are not laser precise and can affect the ice up to 20 feet. The ice by the cove near his house is obviously compromised and dangerous. Last year we had a person fall through the ice and if he was not as tall and large as he is – he may have died. If it were an average adult or child it may not have ended the same way. Mr. Flegar said regulations may seem like the answer to some people but he thinks the risk is still there even if they are being used correctly. People want to use the ice and it should not be a risky proposition. The environment is also affected by these devices and the cons definitely outweigh the pros. Health and safety should be more important than property

Resident John Powers who resides at 41 Nampaugh Road said he put in a bubbler for the first time last winter. He is a fairly newcomer to the lake but he has exactly the same amount of concern for the safety of his neighbors and the children. Last year the lake was unusually high. The Town explained that we had an inordinate amount of rain. Mr. Powers has a 40 year old dock which cannot be moved and the water was touching the dock. After conferring with his neighbors and the Town he brought in two (2) experienced guys to check on how his bubbler was set up. There was no guidance from the Town, just his neighbors. After the accident the Town suggested he put up a lighted sign, which he did. Mr. Powers is not planning to put in his bubbler this year as the water is low, but he may need it in the future. Mr. Powers believe that the residents on both sides of this issue care about the health and safety of their neighbors.

Resident Stacey Tompkins of 256 West Shore Drive said her family has lived on the lake for about 90 years and she uses an ice melter. There is nothing that she and her family care more about than the safety and protection of their neighbors. She has young kids who have enjoyed the lake their whole lives. She has used an ice melter for about 25 years and if used correctly can be effective without causing damage to the ice. She does want to protect her dock and would like a compromise using education and guidelines. Nobody wants to see anybody hurt.

Resident Eric Klein of 30 Saw Mill Road who is a new resident works for Con Edison. He is part of two (2) safety councils and committees. They deal with a lot of injuries and deaths. Every time there is a rule that's written with a major change it is because someone has died. He said we have had a lot of close calls with someone almost dying on the lake last year. We should make a proactive measure right now to eliminate the need for these rules and regulations for bubblers and aerators by banning them. The safety of our community is more important than a dock.

Resident Brendan Foran who resides at 16 Cold Spring Road, and is the person who fell through the ice last year, said he was out on lake on a Sunday where he found the ice to be at least ten (10) inches thick. On that Wednesday he drove his machine up the lake on the ice thinking it was safe. A bubbler melts the ice from the bottom up to the top - and sure enough he fell through the ice and was there for 41 minutes. He would like to ban the ice melters all together.

Resident Sean McCann who resides at 13 Cross Road said he does not think there is any way to safely regulate these machines. We have been out on the ice every winter for years and we have seen the damage these devices can do to the ice. If there was a proper way to regulate them and to make sure they were safe – just around somebodys dock we would not be here today. Safety far outweighs somebodys property. I'm sure nobody has any malintentions, but is there anybody willing to risk a community member's life, no one can be sure of how far the ice has melted around a dock and we should not take a chance. LOMAC has gone out and done some research which they presented to us at the last meeting, and the overwhelming majority of the community has decided that was not nearly enough and we should have an outright ban on the use of these devices. We need to take action and have strict rules banning these devices.

Resident Frank Cassidy of Wildwood Knolls said if we pass this and everybody has one (1) how do we get on the lake because the perimeter of the lake will be wet. Secondly the fish will be confused because of the open water, some fish hibernate so now we are messing with "Mother Nature".

Resident Tom Vandeverdonk who resides at 8 Lookout Pass said he had lived on the lake for 50 years. He said he has three (3) docks on the lake, but purposefully does not use a bubbler because it took him many years to navigate the lake. He knows where the springs are he know where the water comes in and where the water goes out. He considers these devices booby-traps for people who want to ice skate etc.

His docks, at the end of the winter, do not have much damage, and it doesn't take much to fix them if there is.

Resident Kathleen McLaughlin who lives on West Shore Drive and is also the Chairperson of LOMAC spoke. Ms. McLaughlin said last week a member of our committee, Judy Dronzek, read our letter which our Committee had written. In February there was a meeting in Town Hall with people from the community where both pros and cons were discussed. In April we had written a letter to the Town Board with our position which was read at the last meeting by Ms. Dronzek. We have continued to do research on the bubblers and de-icer (a.k.a. ice retardant devices). We have now written an addendum to that letter as follows.

Ms. McLaughlin read the following addendum:



**Lake Oscawana Management Advisory Commission**

265 Oscawana Lake Road  
Putnam Valley, NY 10579

November 20, 2019

Putnam Valley Town Board  
265 Oscawana Lake Road  
Putnam Valley, NY 10579

Dear Supervisor Oliverio, Councilwoman Annabi, Councilwoman Whetsel,  
Councilman Mackay, Councilman Luongo

**Re: Proposed Ordinance Regulating Use of Ice-Retardant Devices: ADDENDUM**

LOMAC submitted our original recommendations in a letter dated April 30, 2019. The letter was read at the November 13<sup>th</sup> Town Board work session during a discussion on the subject of de-icers. LOMAC continues to support our previous comments, but we are submitting an addendum to our letter.

We do not recommend the current title of the proposed law, i.e., 'Use of aeration systems in water'. Aeration as discussed previously for use in Lake Oscawana referenced an entire lake management technology.

After additional research we have revised our recommendations. We are including the following New Hampshire state 2019 law which we support for reference:

" NH RSA270:33 Heating, Agitating, or Other Devices in Public Waters; Safety Hazard. No person shall put, place, operate, or cause to be put, placed, or operated in the waters of this state any so-called heating, agitating, or other device which inhibits or prevents the natural freezing of water, or forming of ice, and *thereby* impedes either the ingress or egress to or from *the ice from any property other than that of the owner of the device*. The person or persons responsible for the placement of the device shall ensure that warning signs are posted to warn of its location. Said signs shall read DANGER, THIN ICE and shall be of sufficient size to be readable at a distance of not less than 150 feet, and shall be visible from all directions and shall be equipped with reflectors and color-coded in a pattern unique for this purpose."

- "NH municipalities require a permit to install a De-Icer as well as signage to be present and visible and must read "Danger, Thin Ice".

There was also some discussion on the New Hampshire websites about the potential environmental impacts of de-icers on the lake ecology. "

There are several potential negative impacts associated with the use of de-icing devices including:

- It has created a very large patch of open water which can be dangerous for winter recreationists and can also lead to greater ice damage.
- Opening up too large an area causing dock damage by allowing ice floes more room to accelerate in windy conditions
- Altering lake water temperature and light conditions which may impact algae and plant growth. As a result, this could also impact feeding habits of fish and other aquatic organisms
- Disturbing bottom sediments releasing nutrients such as phosphorus which will result in an increase in algae
- Creating a safety hazard which can significantly reduce or prohibit winter recreation opportunities"

Thus, LOMAC recommends the use of **ONLY** bubblers with a limited deiced area of only 5 ft surrounding the structure. This should still enable property owners to protect their docks and seawalls adequately.

There are natural springs in the lake, certain water 'currents/ flow, i.e. incoming tributaries, outflow streams etc. which also impact the ice. We use the lake "at our own risk".

Our primary goal is safety considerations for all lake users, which requires that we compromise and consider others. Lake Oscawana is a treasured resource to be shared and enjoyed. It provides us with opportunities for recreational uses year round.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of  
Lake Oscawana Management Advisory Commission

Kathleen McLaughlin  
Chairperson

Resident Bob Mann who lives at 40 Cold Spring Road said Mr. Foran is a life-long friend of his who crosses his property to get on the lake when it is frozen. Where he crosses on the property there is a stream. When the weather is mild that stream flows into the lake where it marries with an underground spring which is a big body of open water and the last part of the lake to freeze.

This is hard to see in the day, depending on how the sunlight is reflecting, but even harder to see at night. Mr. Mann has been using a bubbler for one (1) year and was having a lot of difficulty with it. After the accident, with a little tutorial, he was able to control the water around his dock between four (4) or five (5) feet nothing more. When you are controlling water this way you can step off the dock onto the ice it is solid. What Supervisor Oliverio had proposed as a guideline for people who want to use bubblers seems reasonable. It would require five (5) to ten 10 foot open water around your dock, clear posting of signage, signage need to be lit at night (but being on the lake at night with a vehicle is dangerous no matter what). Our sister Lake - Lake Mahopac has had virtually the same regulations that Supervisor Oliverio is proposing in place for years. They have had no safety issues and people have been able to protect their property. We are all concerned about life and need to use common sense.

Resident Joann Carroll who lives on High Street in Wildwood Knolls said you could not access the lake near Mr. Mann's house last year as the water was wide open. Ms. Carroll is not against anyone protecting their property but she is against the water being open for everybody. We all use the lake in the winter but we all can't get on it anymore. The water is now wide open and it is unsafe.

Resident Stafan Springman who resides at 6 Coleman's Landing said he was in his house when Brendan went through the ice at his next door neighbor's house. His neighbor does have a bubbler. Mr. Springman has been asking his neighbor for years to control his bubbler so it doesn't cause open water by his property. Mr. Springman understands that people want to protect their property but his neighbor does not even spend the winter here to manage the bubbler.

If you allow the bubblers there will be some people that use them responsibly but many won't and it restricts our ability to use the lake. Why do you get to put a machine in the lake that changes the natural composition of the lake just because you have property next to the lake?

Resident Jane Crossley who resides in Hilltop Manor asked if you own property around the lake do you also own part of that water in the lake or does it belong to the State? So how can one own a bubbler that goes ten (10), 20 or however if that water doesn't belong to you. This is a legal question that underlies a lot.

Resident Sean McCann returned to the podium and stated that the addendum read by Ms. McLaughlin to the original LOMAC proposal which added stricter regulations to the de-icers still does not work. The reason being they studied the lakes in New Hampshire which most are 100 times larger than Lake Oscawana; and the houses are spread miles apart. You would have to use a comparable lake in order to gather data.

Resident Darryl Wassil who lives at 13 Hudson View said he went to Supervisor Oliverio the day after Mr. Foran fell into the Lake on behalf of the Fire Department because he saw that these bubblers were nothing but a hazard to the Fire Department; because they have to put their lives in jeopardy to save someone because of the negligence.

Mr. Wassil asked Supervisor Oliverio when he turns off the aerator in Lake Peekskill and why do they shut it off? Supervisor Oliverio said they shut it off in mid-December because it weakens the ice. Mr. Wassil asked if the Town gives a permit to residents to put a dock out there. Supervisor Oliverio said the Town gives a permit to build a dock not to preserve it. He then asked if people are putting an aerator out there do they need a permit to make sure it is up to electrical code. Supervisor Oliverio said not presently. Mr. Wassil said so electrical in the water possibly not grounded could be another hazard. So should any electrical device in the water right now be banned? You need a permit for anything like that for your house. The way it stands right now anyone could be electrocuted; if a dog or a child fell into the lake that could happen. He added if they are on right now they should be off. Mr. Wassil asked if the Board will be voting on this tonight. Supervisor Oliverio said he wants to give the people watching at home a few days to respond. Last week was not a Public Hearing it was just a discussion. Councilperson Annabi said it will happen at the first meeting in December.

Resident Patty Kelvas who lives on James Drive said she loves the lake and she loves to ice skate. She enters the lake on the Tompkins property, they do have a bubbler but they know how to do it right. You can step off their dock and it is solid and firm all around it; and kudos to those who have learned to use it right. In the summertime there is a Sheriff the goes around the lake and checks the boats; but who will monitor all of these rules such as lighted signs in the wintertime? Who will make sure the rules will get followed. Supervisor Oliverio said the Town Board has all been looking at this.

Resident Jacob Flegar who resides at 40 Cayuga Road said when there are heavy snow days and kids are off from school who want to go out on the lake, the signs that say "thin ice" will get covered with snow and will be unseen. In addition, dogs who obviously can't read will not know to stay away from docks with de-icers. In Lake Mahopac the docks are spread out, in our Lake the majority of our docks are right next to each other. You can't say you can regulate it. Supervisor Oliverio said Wildwood Cove has one (1) dock after another.

Resident Zachary Flegar returned to the podium to clarify that he does think that people who want bubblers are heartless; he just wants to state that there is added risk using these devices to protect docks because they pose a risk to people who want to enjoy the lake.

Resident Tom Vanderveerdonk asked Supervisor Oliverio who assumes the liability if something happens the Town or the owner of the dock. Supervisor Oliverio said he wants to make it clear that the Town has been put on notice by e-mails, letters, and a petition that there is a feeling that these ice retardant devices are a hazard and a danger. When the Town is put on notice to a dangerous situation we have to react or the liability falls on the Town; that's why this Public Hearing is so important. Mr. Vanderveerdonk asked if the Town takes no action and someone falls into the lake and drowns who is responsible. Attorney Florence said the injured party or their family, (on their behalf), can bring a claim.



A Municipality if they have a dangerous condition and has been put on notice has a reasonable period of time to cure the problem to the extent that whatever the danger is can be reduced. That relates to everything such as site distances, bumps in the road etc. How long a Municipality has to remunerate the problem depends on the nature of the risk created, and the extent of the danger created. Very dangerous situations move quickly whereas bumps in the road take a longer time. Mr. Vandeverdonk said that aerators make the ice melt from the bottom to the top. He also stated that it takes a long time to navigate Lake Oscawana, you have to be here awhile to learn where not to go. By adding more and more bubblers you will not know how to navigate the lake anymore and this is a large liability for the Town. Supervisor Oliverio said we will respond to this but remember I am only one (1) of five (5) – we will see what happens.

Resident Diane Miller Chapman who has been a Wildwood Knolls resident for 50 years said when she was younger the Fire Department would hit the ice with large rods to test the ice for safety for ice skating etc. no one does this anymore. With bubblers the ice conditions become unpredictable so there is no way to properly regulate this. You can't trust people to do the right thing. How are you going to regulate it and how often are you going to regulate it, please do the right thing.

Resident Michael W. Smith said he has lived on the lake for 54 years and as a young man worked for Perry's Boats with never a de-icer. Mr. Smith said to the woman that mentioned Lake Mahopac, I don't know when the last time you drove past Lake Mahopac but it's completely wide open and you can't use that lake anymore in the winter.

LOMAC Committee member Judy Dronzek said her family does not use bubblers at all, she believes the community needs to be safe. She feels the current law put out by our Town Counsel does not work for people who want aerators or the people who don't. She asked Supervisor Oliverio if this is the law the Town Board is voting on. Supervisor Oliverio said that tonight's Public Hearing is based on that law but he has heard that the majority of the community is against that and is in favor of an outright ban. Mr. Wassil enquired if LOMAC is for the ban? Ms. Dronzek said LOMAC supports a full ban on aerators or anything that projects the water. We do want yearly permits and we want the electrical checked, and no more than five (5) feet out, that's what we are suggesting. Our Building Inspector will have to monitor all of this. Ms. Dronzek read the proposed Town Law as it stands now:

Use of Aeration Systems in Water

- A) Aeration systems under this paragraph are intended for the prevention of the creation of ice around structures in the water bodies of Putnam Valley.
- B) Aeration systems are permitted in the water bodies within Putnam Valley upon the following conditions:
  - (1) The aeration directs the flow of air in the water toward the adjacent water's edge;
  - (2) The aeration does not affect the water in its natural state any farther than ten (10) feet from the dock or other fixture sought to be protected;
  - (3) Use of any aeration device requires a sign prominently displaced toward the water body pursuant to regulations of the Building Department.
- C) Violations of the above by any owner/occupant will result in a fine for the first violation of \$100.00 per day.

Ms. Dronzek said she wants to make clear that this law did not come from LOMAC.

Supervisor Oliverio said at this point in time he would like to end the Public Hearing. He said we heard a lot of information tonight from both sides and you were all articulate. He added that public safety is tantamount and he believes that government exists for the health, protection and safety of its people. He personally is moving towards an all-out ban. We don't have the money or manpower to regulate this but we will come to a conclusion in two (2) weeks.

Councilperson Luongo said the Public Hearing will remain open for the next two (2) weeks so anyone who could not be here can still voice their opinions. Please call, e-mail us all or send us a letter and we will get your letter to the Town Clerk to be included in the record.

Councilperson Annabi gave a shout out to LOMAC for bringing this subject to the Town Boards attention. She said if it wasn't for them you all wouldn't be here. They have also brought in a lot of grant money to Lake Oscawana. Mr. Wassil added that he also spoke to Supervisor Oliverio the day after the accident to bring his attention to this problem.

A resident commented on the fact that Lake Peekskill and Roaring Brook Lake are lowered every year to avoid this problem what about Lake Oscawana. A response was given that the other lakes are man-made and Lake Oscawana is not. Another audience member said there are valves in Oscawana Lake.

LOMAC Chairwoman Kathleen McLaughlin said there is an outlet next to Cayuga Road because back in the 1800's there was a saw mill downstream and they dug a man-made brook. On Dunderberg Road there is a natural stream that leaves Lake Oscawana because it's a low point. The Town Engineer did a study on these outlets in the 1990's they are about the same level. The spillway on Cayuga Road is only a pipe which is 11 inches in diameter.

It can't lower the Lake according to the Town Engineer at the time, because if one (1) of these outlets goes dry nothing can come in the lake. Building a dam is also not an option because Supervisor Oliverio said that the DEC will not allow the building of any dams because they are not natural.

Hearing no other comments Supervisor Oliverio moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:10 PM. Supervisor Oliverio is not closing the Public Hearing because members of the Public are still encouraged to reach out with their comments by e-mail, mail, or phone.

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

Presented by Councilperson Annabi:

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief of the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department, Ken Rohauer, reported on the Department's month of October 2019 calls:

- 3 EMS Assists
- 7 PIAA's (car accidents)
- 5 Wires Down
- 2 Automatic Alarms
- 1 Investigation
- 2 Controlled burn
- 1 Pump Out
- 2 Structure Fires
- 4 Stand By/Mutual Aid
- 1 CO Detector
- 1 Fuel Leak/Spill
- 3 Dispatched/cancelled enroute
- 1 Rescue
- 1 Agency Assist

34 calls for the month – 322 calls for the year with 762.02 man hours.

Representative for the Putnam Valley Free Library Terry Raskyn came to the podium and began by thanking everyone for supporting the Great Give Back which is a library sponsored program for libraries to give back to their communities. The program consisted of a knit-a-thon, where the library provided the materials and 3 dozen scarves were knitted for the Jan-Peek House in Peekskill.

Kasey Morabito from the WHUD gave an inspiration talk about “being your best self”. Tomorrow night there are two (2) great events happening at the library, at 5:30 PM a pajama story time event called “A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving” will take place for ages 2 – 10 years. You must register for this event. Then at 8:00 PM the “Hand to Mouth Players” will showcase two (2) all new one (1) act plays - this is a free event.

This Saturday at 11:00 AM we will be continuing with our November Giving with a program called “Bling’s the Thing”. This is a workshop on how to make earrings. For every pair of earrings you make for yourself, you will make a pair for a woman in living in a shelter.

Councilperson Whetsel spoke about a photography contest sponsored by the Commission on the Conservation of the Environment being run at the Library on Sunday from 1 – 4 PM entitled “What’s in your Backyard”. These photos were displayed and judged on Town Day, but are now visible at the library. There will be wine and cheese served plus a power point presentation showing all of the beautiful photos that were submitted.

Ms. Raskyn said in December the annual gingerbread house party is being held as well as an ugly sweater contest and cookie exchange. Putnam Valley Historical Society’s annual boutique will be held in the Community Room December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Passport Day is Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> from 1PM - 5PM it is a drop-in program – and please bring your own photo.



## **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

### **RESOLUTION #R19-310**

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

#### **ADD:**

#7A – Amend Resolution #R18-181 and add new Standard Workday Resolution

#7B – Appoint Tiffany Crivelli to the Lake Peekskill Youth Committee

#7C - Appoint Chyrise Razor Moorehead to the Lake Peekskill Youth Committee

#11A – Accept resignation of James Laporte from the Parks and Recreation Commission

#12A – Accept snow plow rider Alex Lupeth

#12B - Harvester

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried

## **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said as most of you already know that the New York State Department of Transportation is effectively closing the median crossing Pudding Street to Roaring Brook Lake on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The last day of use will be December 1<sup>st</sup> – the School District has already implemented their own plan. They are a separate Municipal Agency so we have no control over the School. The DOT feels strongly that the median is a danger based on all the complaints that have been made in the last month. We have tried to do alternates but it is a construction site on both sides.

Supervisor Oliverio wished a great Thanksgiving to everybody.

## **LEGISLATORS REPORT**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

County Legislator Gouldman said he was not happy on October 31<sup>st</sup> with the performance of NYSE&G. On that day we had severe rain storms, and strong gusts of wind which caused many trees and powerlines to go down, leaving many residents in our community without power. On that evening the Putnam Valley Fire Department was watching over several burning powerlines on Peekskill Hollow Road for 6 ½ hours with no response from NYSE&G. This is not acceptable. Because of this County Legislator Gouldman invited them to a Legislative meeting to explain their poor response to this issue. They came last night to the Protective Services Committee Meeting.

We had a discussion and they got the message that this should not happen again. Thanks to Councilperson Luongo for coming to the meeting last night and giving a great response for the Putnam Valley Fire Department. County Legislator Gouldman also thanked the members of the Fire Department for their response to that issue and all the other issues that day. They are the backbone of our community.

The HEAP program opened on November 12<sup>th</sup>. It is a very important benefit to low income homeowners and renters who pay their fuel and utility bills. This program is designed to help defray energy costs. Please call the Department of Social Services at 845-808-1500 for assistance.

Daylight Savings Time has come and gone but it's a good time to remember to change the batteries in your smoke detector.

On Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> Putnam County will be having another flu clinic at the Putnam County Health Department from 2 PM - 6:30 PM. The clinic is open to all Putnam County residents from the age of 18 and older. The cost is \$25.00 for residents under the age of 65. If you are 65 and older the cost is free. If you have any questions please call the Health Department at 845-808-1390.

County Legislator Gouldman would like to thank the residents on Wood Street and Peekskill Hollow Road for being patient while the roads were being fixed, the work is finally done.

Putnam County will be accepting applications for the 2020 pilot student internship program. This program gives students the opportunity to get hands on real life experiences as well as seeing how County government works for our community. Applications must be submitted on-line beginning November 5<sup>th</sup> and ending January 31<sup>st</sup>. If you know someone who is interested please go to the Putnam County website.

County Legislator Gouldman thanked the residents who have contacted him with their issues and concerns. If there is a problem he can help with he is happy to do so. Please call him as his door is always open at 845-808-1020.

He received a complaint from Councilperson Annabi who told him about some overgrown bushes at Gabrielli's Diner on Peekskill Hollow Road. That was taken care of by the Putnam County Highway Department. He received another call from Supervisor Oliverio a couple of weeks ago about a traffic light being out on Peekskill Hollow Road and Oscawana Lake Road. Two (2) light bulbs in that traffic light were out, they were replaced and now it is working properly.

County Executive Gouldman has brought several complaints to the Traffic Safety Board and they are all being addressed. One (1) of these things are speed limit signs where the Putnam Valley Elementary School is, he also asked the Sheriff to look at speeds on Church Road and they came up with nothing out of the ordinary; but they will continue to monitor it as well as Peekskill Hollow Road.

There is a meeting tomorrow at 4:00 at the Sheriff's Department which Supervisor Oliverio will also attend.

County Executive Montgomery said she was out late last night due to her meeting with Protective Services. She said the Sheriff's Department is trying very hard to hire another Supervisor because they only have one (1) Supervisor for the 28 SRO's/SPO officers we have. Those guys are in the schools and on the front lines. They do not want to create a new position, they just want to bump someone up to Sergeant. That new position may or may not affect the school's budget. That does need to be explored.

County Executive Montgomery said New York State Open Enrollment for Health Care is happening right now. We do have Health Care Navigators that serve Putnam County. If you need help with this, or need any information please call the office and leave a message for me.

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual Youth Awards is looking for honorees. You can nominate a student and/or adult who deserves to be honored for his/her exemplary community service. If you have someone you wish to recommend please put their name forward. You can send them to the Legislative Office.

County Executive Montgomery is a voting member of the Traffic Safety Board and will be attending their meeting tomorrow night.

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Councilperson Mackay said the play "Almost Maine" that the High School put on was terrific.

The issue of the median on Pudding Street is a School District issue, please don't call the Town Hall.

**AMEND NEW STANDARD WORKDAY RESOLUTION**

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R19-311**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board amend Resolution #R18-181 removing past appointed, adding newly appointed, currently appointed and elected personnel. The Town Board will establish the following standard workdays for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System based on the report of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body. Another amendment will be done in May to add the newly elected and elected incumbents from the November 5<sup>th</sup> election.

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried

**APPOINT TIFFANY CRIVELLI TO THE LAKE PEEKSKILL YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

**RESOLUTION #R19-312**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board appoint Tiffany Crivelli to the Lake Peekskill Youth Committee effective 11/20/19.

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried

**APPOINT CHYRISE RASOR MOOREHEAD THE LAKE PEEKSKILL YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

**RESOLUTION #R19-313**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board appoint Chyrise Rasor Moorehead to the Lake Peekskill Youth Committee effective 11/20/19.

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried

**PARKS AND RECREATION REFUNDS**

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

**RESOLUTION #R19-314**

**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: November 12, 2019

Lucia Duraes \$25.00  
73 Horton Hollow Road Tag Sale Vendor/ did not participate  
Putnam Valley, NY 10579 refund from Sports

Jaclyn Szymanski \$25.00  
121 Oak Ridge Circle Angry Orchard Bus Trip  
Mahopac, NY 10524 refund from Sports/ program did not  
run

Jennifer Picone \$25.00  
85 Trolley Road Angry Orchard Bus Trip  
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567 refund from Sports/ program did not  
run

Annie Spinelli \$50.00  
21 Bainbridge Road Angry Orchard Bus Trip  
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567 refund from Sports/ program did not  
run (2 spots)

PJ Male \$100.00  
39 Oscawana Lake Road Basketball refund  
Putnam Valley, NY 10579 Coaching

Laura Delolmo \$500.00  
46 Hanson Street LPCC refund  
Lake Peekskill, NY 10537 deposit

Katlyn Morley \$20.00  
17 Sassinoro Road PVCC refund  
Putnam Valley, NY 10579 laser tag canceled no longer need

Maria Barahona \$500.00  
192 Tanglewylde Road LPCC refund  
Lake Peekskill, NY 10737 deposit

Rachel Shields \$500.00  
46 Ridgecrest Road LPCC refund  
Lake Peekskill, NY 10579 deposit

Deb Montaruli 42 Peekskill Hollow Road Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$30.00 Sports program Goat Yoga refund tore rotator cuff not able to attend
Caroline Ramos 21 Gilbert Lane Putnam Valley, NY 10579d	\$500.00 LPCC refund deposit
Ryan Helm 36 Alta Road Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$500.00 LPCC refund deposit

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried

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

Presented by Councilperson Mackay

**RESOLUTION #R19-315**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the following Children's Center Salaries for 2020.



PUTNAM VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION

265 Oscawana Lake Road  
Putnam Valley, NY 10579

To: Town Board  
From: Lisa Kroohs  
Putnam Valley Children's Center  
Date: November 13, 2019  
Re: 2020 Salaries

Below are the Putnam Valley Children's Center salaries for 2020.

Toniann Cortina	AM Supervisor	\$20.60
Vicky McDonald	MS Supervisor	\$21.10
Olivia Astrologo	Child Care Assistant	\$12.30
Patricia Barone	Child Care Assistant	\$14.58
Alyssa Call	Child Care Assistant	\$12.30
Danielle Capodeci	Child Care Assistant	\$12.30
Patricia Citarella	Child Care Assistant	\$18.66
Michelle Costin	Child Care Assistant	\$12.70
James DeRhonda	Child Care Assistant	\$12.30
Francesca DiBullo	Child Care Assistant	\$12.30
Carol Esponeira	Child Care Assistant	\$12.85
Brian Fitzmaurice	Child Care Assistant	\$14.30
Maria Horyt	Child Care Assistant	\$12.85
Eric Keogh	Child Care Assistant	\$12.60
Karen Meslener	Child Care Assistant	\$12.85
Deborah Montaruli	Child Care Assistant	\$17.74
Joshua Morales	Child Care Assistant	\$12.30
Salvatore Nastri	Child Care Assistant	\$12.30
Marc Orlando	Child Care Assistant	\$12.60
Michelle Riley	Child Care Assistant	\$12.50
Justin Rivas	Child Care Assistant	\$12.30
Olivia Roman	Child Care Assistant	\$11.30
Andrew Salustri	Child Care Assistant	\$15.55
Michael Seiler	Child Care Assistant	\$12.60
Wendy Staffieri	Child Care Assistant	\$14.05
Stacey Zwick	Child Care Assistant	\$12.70
Chelsi Vogt	Child Care Assistant	\$12.70

CC: Frank DiMarco

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried.

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JOSEPH PIECHOENSKI FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R19-316**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board accept the resignation of Joseph Piechocniski in relation to his seat on the Parks and Recreation Commission effective December 31, 2019.

Supervisor Oliverio seconded for discussion.

Supervisor Oliverio said we are losing three (3) members of our Parks and Recreation Commission. These individuals have been there for a very long time. In the case of Phil Keating – he has been a member for at least 35 years. This means we are losing the wisdom and the soul of parks and rec. We are looking for new blood and a new focus that will bring especially our camp up to the standards where we can use it all year round. Phil, Jimmy and Joe will be greatly missed. If you are interested, we meet once a month please let me know. You will need to submit a resume.

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried.

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PHIL KEATING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

**RESOLUTION #R19-317**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board accept the resignation of Phil Keating in relation to his seat on the Parks and Recreation Commission effective December 31, 2019.

Supervisor Oliverio said we accept both Joe and Phil's resignation with great regret.

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried.

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JAMES LAPORTE FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

**RESOLUTION #R19-318**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board accept the resignation of James LaPorte in relation to his seat on the Parks and Recreation Commission effective December 31, 2019.

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio said these three (3) men will be greatly missed. Councilperson Luongo added his thanks and appreciation to them.

**REQUEST TO GO OUT TO BID FOR MATERIALS**

Presented by Councilperson Mackay

**RESOLUTION #R19-319**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board allow the Highway Department to advertise in the November 26, 2019 edition of the Putnam Examiner, and November 27, 2019 edition of the Putnam County News and Recorder for materials to be used by the Highway Department in 2020. Bids are returnable on December 10, 2019 at 2:00 PM.

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried

**APPOINT SNOW PLOW RIDER**

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R19-320**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board appoint Alex Lupeth, 10 Rosemary Court, Yorktown Heights, New York as a snow plow rider at \$14.00 per hour with no benefits.

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried



### **HARVESTER TRANSPORT**

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

#### **RESOLUTION #R19-321**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorize the transport of the Lake Oscawana Weed Harvester from Town Hall to Alpha Boats, 2517 State Route 31 W., Weedsport, NY 13166. Alpha Boats will provide an estimate of cost for repair of the harvester. The Transportation costs will not exceed \$5,000.00 for the transportation back and forth.

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT- SEPTEMBER 2019**

Presented by Councilperson Whetsel

#### **RESOLUTION #R19-322**

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

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

### **BUDGET TRANSFERS**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

#### **RESOLUTION #R19-323**

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

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Resident Jeffrey Coren asked what the community is doing to address global warming and other such issues? He said one (1) of the things that came up to advise everyone is a comprehensive book entitled Draw Down - which tells us that there are certain things we can do to reduce global warming. The book makes suggestions that a smaller community can accomplish such as using renewable energy. We could as a Town propose a bid to get everyone a better price for electricity where you can opt in or opt out. Councilperson Whetsel said we will be talking about this subject shortly.

Supervisor Oliverio said we are going in the direction of the Climate Smart Community such as the County did and other Towns around us have done. We have already replaced our street lights to LED bulbs in conjunction with NYSE&G. It cost us money but in the long run we will save money. Joining Climate Smart Communities opens a great deal of grant opportunities. Councilwoman Whetsel said we are also moving forward with solar for our Town facility. Mr. Coren said two (2) of the top three (3) things listed in the book to help control climate change are to educate women and to reduce food waste. Mr. Coren said vehicles on the lake in winter is something we need to talk about in the future as well as the boats that cause a huge wake which you can surf behind, these cause all kinds of problems and dangerous situations.

Resident Steven Smith said that one of the outcomes of the many meetings that we've held is that the thing that makes the most sense would have to happen on a state-wide level. This would be looking into other ways to get funding into our Township and the County through commercial enterprise. Shopping has changed, on-line shopping has become the predominant way to shop instead of going to local markets. Mr. Smith wants to take advantage of the timing of this initiative. He has met with County Legislator Gouldman and Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and they will start to process. The reason Mr. Smith is bringing this up is he would like to get some people together to start to begin writing to lay the groundwork for what this bill would look like. Then the next step would be to take it to the next level to get signatures. This would have to move from county to county as it would be a state-wide effort. This is not something we could initiate countywide. The goal of this is basically a change how people collect money from shopping for public education. This is an opportunity and a way to bring money to Putnam Valley making this change. The timing is right because you see article after article about how much people are shopping more and more on-line and this is the main revenue stream. If we get out ahead of this, early perhaps, we can get ourselves to participate in the funding that comes out of this. Mr. Smith wants to identify that we are still working on trying to solve some of the problems with funding for school education on our County level and specifically on our Township level. People can pay attention to our website which is just a Facebook location entitled Putnam Valley Tax Reform. This is a place for people to constructively looking for solutions for the funding problem we have for not only education at the Putnam Valley level but also state wide. Mr. Smith believes if we start now we can get some momentum going, so this thing can get going for next year.

Supervisor Oliverio said hearing no other public comments this part of the meeting is closed.

**AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

**RESOLUTION # R19-324**

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

<b><u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNTS</u></b>
28879 - 29038	97,600.06
28934 – 29043	62,368.94
28761 – 29037	69,269.97
29098 – 29287	69,712.97

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving from himself and the entire Board.

Councilperson Luongo said fire prevention is important when deep frying a turkey. Please make sure your turkey is completely defrosted and dry. Take your time and follow the guidelines. Don't be anywhere near combustibles or near your house.

Supervisor Oliverio motioned to go into Executive Session on a personnel matter. There will be no business done after. The meeting was closed at 7:48 PM

Seconded by Councilperson Mackay, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Sherry Howard  
Town Clerk  
12-03-2019