

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019
6:00 PM

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2. Departmental Reports
3. Supervisor's Comments
4. Legislative Reports
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6. Vote on Ban of Ice Retardant Devices in Lake Oscawana
7. Authorize the expenditure of \$200.00 for Town Board Member-elect Ralph Smith to attend the Newly Elected Officials 2020 Training School and authorize the reimbursement of associated travel and lodging expenses.

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PRESENT: Supervisor Oliverio
Councilman Luongo
Councilwoman Annabi
Councilwoman Whetsel

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Sherry Howard
Town Counsel William Florence

ABSENT: Councilman Mackay

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our troops.

MOVE ITEM #5 TO ITEM #1 – VOTE ON BAN OF ICE RETARDANT DEVICES ON LAKE OSCAWANA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R19-334

RESOLVED that item # 5 on the agenda, which is the vote on the ban of ice retardant devices on Lake Oscawana, be moved to item #1.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried

VOTE ON BAN OF ICE RETARDANT DEVICES ON LAKE OSCAWANA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said the Town Board has discussed this matter for the past three (3) months and we have studied it since last winter when the person fell through the ice. LOMAC has also given us much information and we have had three (3) Public Hearings on this issue. The bottom line is life over property - it's that simple. Government was established and it's only real function is for the health and safety of its residents.

Town Clerk Howard read the law:

RESOLUTION #R19-335

RESOLVED that "Effective January 1st, 2020, the use of any ice retardant device, mechanism (deicer, bubbler or aerator) or chemical within the entire Lake Oscawana Water Body and/or along the shoreline of the entire Lake Oscawana Water Body, is completely and totally banned from use. Anyone failing to comply with this law will be levied a \$1,000.00 fine and face confiscation of the offending device. Subsequent offenses by the same individual or property owner will result in a doubling of the preceding fine.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Councilperson Luongo	1		
Councilperson Mackay			1
Councilperson Annabi	1		
Councilperson Whetsel	1		
Supervisor Oliverio	1		

By a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent the law is passed.

Supervisor Oliverio said every lake front property owner who lives in Lake Oscawana will be getting a notification about this new law. He said he knows many of you are upset by this decision, but we the Board have spoken about this at great length. We have spoken to our Counsel and many neighboring Towns. When we are confronted with a life over property situation, we have to go with life to ensure the safety of our residents. If anyone sees any of these devices in operation you must contact us immediately and we will enforce this.

Councilperson Annabi said we must make it clear that the Town Board does **NOT** condone any activities that take place on the ice because it is just not safe. You have to use common sense.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Presented by Councilperson Annabi:

Glen Sapir from the CCE read the following report:



**PUTNAM VALLEY
COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION
OF THE ENVIRONMENT
Town Hall, Putnam Valley NY 10579**

**2019 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUTNAM VALLEY
COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

The Commission for the Conservation of the Environment (CCE) is presenting this annual report as mandated in the Town Code.

The CCE currently consists of Michael Usai, Mia Azcue, Pat Grove, Friedel Muller-Landau, Eileen Reilly, Julie Ruben, and Glenn Sapir. Town Board Member Wendy Whetsel is the CCE's liaison to the Town Board.

The CCE continued its efforts to establish the mechanism allowing it to best fulfill its role as identified in the Town Code. It wishes to act in an advisory role to town officials and boards and an educator to the town's populace. Having completed the Natural Resources Inventory, the CCE presented the NRI's maps and accompanying reports to the Town Board for use by that body, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Town Wetlands Inspector, the Town Engineer, any other officials who might find the NRI of use and town residents. Bound copies were presented to the Town Board, other town officials and the Putnam Valley Library. As a next step, the CCE entertained a presentation on undertaking the development of an Open Space Inventory, which would identify and prioritize open spaces that are important to the community. This would open the door to potential grants and the possibility of establishing a Community Preservation Fund. An OSI features two parts: an inventory of undeveloped lands that the community wants to see protected; and a map that shows these lands, in the community's levels of priority to protect them, placed in parcels.

Chair Mike Usai has had discussions with Bruce Barber to provide CCE input in the updating of the town's Comprehensive Plan.

The CCE has reached out to the Putnam Valley High School in an effort to recruit two student members, and that process continues.

As mentioned in last year's Annual Report, the CCE strives to protect our environment and, thus, the physical and mental health of our residents and their property. One way we wish to accomplish this goal is through education.

In that pursuit, to raise the awareness of the diversity of wildlife within Putnam Valley, the CCE coordinated a "What's in Your Backyard" photo competition for P.V. residents who photographed wildlife in our town. The CCE culled 20 photos from several dozen submissions, then framed and displayed those photos at CCE's table at Town Day. The CCE followed this up with a meet-and-greet in November at the P.V. Library and a continuing exhibit of the 20 winning photos in the library's Community Room throughout the rest of the year.

CCE's educational efforts also included adding Eco-Tips posted on the town website and the CCE's Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Sapir, Commission Secretary

Mr. Sapir said these maps will be very helpful to people and should be used. One of these maps identifies endangered species located in Town. The maps and report has been presented to the Town. There is a copy at the Putnam Valley Library.

Councilperson Whetsel had to leave the meeting as she has a Grandchild performing in a play.

Putnam Valley Free Library Director, Dede Farabaugh, spoke at the podium. She said even if there is bad weather or being that the library is closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and again on New Year's Day you can always view library content on your digital devices at the website entitled "Hoopla". Free museum passes are available courtesy of our Friends Group to visit many museums in the New York area either for free or at a reduced rate.

Book Club will be meeting on the second Thursday in January – the book is entitled, A Gentleman in Moscow". The Read it and Watch it Program will be meeting later in January. They will be reading and watching Where'd You Go Bernadette?

Supervisor Oliverio said the one (1) regret this year he had with the library is that the 414 did not pass. He hopes the library will try again. It would have been a tremendous achievement for the library. Councilperson Annabi said she would like to discuss a couple of things that came up with this. She said the Mahopac Library has a 414 which goes through their School Tax Bill. This may leave some Putnam Valley residents who also pay taxes to Mahopac paying double library taxes. The 414 for Putnam Valley would have been added to their property taxes. This needs to be cleared up.

Town Board member-elect Ralph Smith made mention of a grant Ms. Farabaugh applied for and got for the library. Ms. Farabaugh said the Library got two (2) grants this year. One (1) grant came from the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley. This grant is for two (2) classes – one (1) which is an ESL class for non-native English speakers and the other is for a Spanish conversation class for non-native Spanish speakers. These classes will take place in the spring. The other grant we received from the New York State Library Construction Fund will be used for one-half the cost of our electronic sign which will also go up in the spring.

Town Board Member Luongo spoke on behalf of the Putnam Valley Fire Department. He said this Saturday, December 21st is the annual "Candy Cane Run" which starts at 8:00 AM. This year's boot drive will be at Oregon Corners and Adams Corners, come and get your candy cane. Please do not overload the circuits when putting up Christmas decorations. If you have a live Christmas tree keep them well watered and be careful if you have candles on them.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R19-336

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

ADD:

- #7A – Highway material bids for the year 2020
- #7B – Appoint snowplow riders for the 2020 season
- #10B – Wildwood Knolls facilities revenue report
- #10C – Contract for Lookout Manor Dock
- #10D – Waiver of Town Fees for construction of Lookout Manor Dock
- #10 E – Barger Pond C-Slap Program
- #10F – Roaring Brook C- Slap Program
- #10 G – Lake Peekskill C-Slap Program

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said he wants to thank our Highway Crew for the outstanding job they did during the recent ice storm. They have to go out there every two (2) or three (3) hours to keep salting otherwise everything refreezes. Also thank you to our emergency services, we lost a structure that completely burned to the ground right behind Town Hall and these volunteers got there quickly. They worked hard but were unable to save the structure. In addition, the Ambulance Corps responds to every accident on the Taconic Parkway, which unfortunately is quite often. The Sheriff's Department does a great job as well. They really live the motto of health and safety.

LEGISLATORS REPORT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said County Legislator Gouldman and County Legislator Montgomery were unable to be here tonight because they are attending the County's end of the year audit meeting.

Councilperson Annabi read County Legislator Gouldman's report as follows:

Legislator Bill Gouldman apologies for not being here today, but he is in an Audit Committee meeting and a County Year End Meeting. He wishes everyone a Happy Holidays.

Putnam County is currently accepting applications for 2020 Pilot Student Internship Program. This program gives students an opportunity to have a hands on real world experience and also gives them a chance to learn the role of county government in our community. Applications must be submitted online till January 31. If you know someone who would be interested in this go onto the Putnam County Website or just let Legislator Gouldman know. This is a great program, take advantage of it.

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is available to all residents who qualify. It is a program that assists low income New Yorkers with the cost of heating their home. HEAP also offers an emergency benefit for households in a heat or heat related Emergency. If you need assistance please call the Putnam Department of Social Services at 845-808-1500.

In response to concerns about the matter of the Putnam County Administration's consideration of rescinding the weight restriction on Peekskill Hollow Road, Legislator Gouldman added this matter on to the Physical Services Committee Meeting which was held last night. He would like to thank Supervisor Oliverio and several other community members who attended in opposition of this. It was a very good and constructive meeting and nothing will be done at the moment.

Recently Metro North proposed to increase the Parking Fees and Eliminating Free Saturday Parking. This past week we found that they have taken this off the table for at least one year. Legislator Gouldman and the full County Legislature sent a letter to the Chair and CEO of the MTA and

**Putnam Counties representative on the MTA Board
Neal Zuckerman said that we helped to avert the
increase.**

**Legislator Gouldman would like to thank the
residents who have contacted him about issues they
need help with. Several residents have reached out
for direction on a few different topics and he has
been able to solve some of the problems. If he can
correct the problem, he will. So please, if you have
an issue his door is open just give his office a call at
845-808-1020.**

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

No School report was given

ACCEPT TOWN BOARD MINUTES

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION #R19-337

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to approve the minutes from the November 6th, November 13th, November 20th, and December 13th , 2019 Town Board Meetings.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried

AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$200.00 FOR TOWN BOARD MEMBER-ELECT RALPH SMITH TO ATTEND NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS 2020 TRAINING SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZE THE REIMBURSEMENT OF ASSOCIATED TRAVEL AND LODGING EXPENSES

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION #R19-338

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to authorize the expenditure of \$200.00 for Town Board Member Elect Ralph Smith to attend the “Newly Elected Officials 2020 Training School sponsored by the Association of Towns, and to authorize the reimbursement of associated travel and possibly the lodging expenses.

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried

Councilperson Annabi said that the lodging expenses may not be necessary as his classes may all be held in one (1) day.

ACCEPT MATERIAL BID RESULTS FROM HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION # R19-339

RESOLVED that Highway Superintendent Cobb after reviewing the bid results for materials for the year 2020 requests the Town Board to accept the following recommendations.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried

Lawrence Cobb
Highway Superintendent

265 Oscawana Lake Road
Putnam Valley, NY 10579

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Town of Putnam Valley Highway Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Samuel Oliverio
Members of the Town Board

FROM: Larry Cobb

RE: Material Bids results

DATE: December 18, 2019

After reviewing the bid results for materials for the year 2020, please accept the following Recommendations:

(del) = delivered (FOB) = freight on board or picked up (t) =ton (y) = yard (gal) = gallon

Blacktop

Laid in Place: low bid Kect Construction 95.85 ton with Tac coat, and \$92.80 ton Without Tac coat.
2nd low bid Intercounty Paving Co., Inc. \$101.90 with Tac coat, and \$99.90 without Tac coat.

Cold Patch Low bid Package Pavement \$127.00t del & \$112.00t FOB

Type 1 base coat: low bid Thalle \$72.00t FOB, 2nd low bid Peckham Materials \$79.50t FOB

Type 3 binder: low bid Thalle \$72.00t FOB, 2nd low bid Peckham Mataerials \$79.50t FOB

Type 5 shim: low bid Thalle \$85.00t FOB, 2nd low bid Peckham Materials \$91.50t FOB

Type 6f2 Top: low bid Thalle \$72.00t FOB 2nd bid Peckham Materials \$81.00t FOB

Hot Mix Asphalt: low bid Thalle \$72.00t FOB 2nd low bid Peckham Materials \$81.00 FOB

Round Pipe by the foot

12" 16 guage	low bid Chemung \$11.00 del & FOB
15" 16 guage	low bid Chemung \$13.00 del & FOB
18" 16 guage	low bid Chemung \$16.00 del & FOB
21" 16 guage	low bid Chemung \$18.00 del & FOB
30" 14 guage	low bid Chemung \$32.00 del & FOB
36" 14 guage	low bid Chemung \$38.00 del & FOB
42" 12 guage	low bid Chemung \$59.00 del & FOB
48" 12 guage	low bid Chemung \$69.00 del & FOB

Arched pipe by the foot

9x14 16 guage	low bid Chemung \$12.00del & FOB
13 x17 16 guage	low bid Chemung \$15.00 del & FOB
15x21 16 guage	low bid Chemung \$17.00 del & FOB
18x24 16 guage	low bid Chemung \$19.00 del & FOB
20x28 16 guage	low bid Chemung \$21.00 del & FOB
23x35 14 guage	low bid Chemung \$33.00del & FOB
29x42 14 guage	low bid Chemung \$40.00 del & FOB
33x49 12 guage	low bid Chemung \$64.00 del & FOB
38x57 12 guage	low bid Chemung \$75.00 del & FOB
6" coil pipe,perforated	low bid Chemung, & Expanded Supply \$1.31 del & FOB by the foot

Catch Basins

30x30x35 low bid Expanded Supply \$249.00 del & FOB
 2nd low bid Chemung \$265.00 del & FOB

30x30x36 low bid Expanded Supply \$225.00 del & FOB
 2nd low bid Chemung \$265.00 del & FOB

30x48x48 low bid Expanded Supply & Chemung \$295.00 del & FOB
 No 2nd bid

30x48x36 low bid Expanded Supply \$275.00 del & FOB
 2nd low bid Chemung \$285.00 del & FOB

24x24x24 low bid Expanded Supply \$165.00 del & FOB
 2nd low bid Chemung \$215.00 del & FOB

24x24x36 low bid Chemung \$275.00 del & FOB
 2nd low bid Expanded Supply \$295.00 del & FOB

Frames & Grates

30x30x35 low bid Glenco \$208.00 del & Expanded Supply \$210.00 FOB
 2nd low bid Expanded Supply \$210.00 del & Chemung \$225.00 FOB

30x30x36 low bid Glenco \$208.00 & Expanded Supply \$210.00 FOB
 2nd low bid Expanded Supply \$210.00 del & Chemung \$225.00 FOB

30x48x48 low bid Expanded Supply \$389.00 del & FOB
 2nd low bid Chemung \$395.00 del & FOB

30x48x36 low bid Expanded Supply \$389.00 del & FOB
 2nd low bid Chemung \$405.00 del & FOB

24x24x24 low bid Expanded Supply \$154.00 del & FOB
 2nd low bid Chemung & Glenco \$165.00 del & Chemung \$165 FOB

24x24x36 low bid Expanded Supply \$154.00 del & FOB
 2nd low bid Chemung & Glenco \$165.00 del & Chemung \$165.00 FOB

APPOINT SNOW PLOW RIDERS

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION # R19-340

RESOLVED that Highway Superintendent Cobb requests the Town Board to appoint the following snowplow riders for the 2020 season at \$14.00 per hour with no benefits:

Joseph Aviles	Doug McKim
Zack Brown	Nicholas Mignano
William Catrini	Cole Patterson
Teavor Earle	Ryan Patterson
Michael Fontanez	Kyle Petterson
Joseph Hertelendy Jr.	Jeremy Whalen
Jeffrey Lutz	Alex Lupeth
Treavor McGee	

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT- NOVEMBER 2019

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION #R19-341

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

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION REFUNDS

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION #R19-342

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 21, 2019

Lisa Carlucci 31 Spruce Knolls Road Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$80.00 Sports refund Not enough girls to play in 3-4
Michael Salley 15 Pembroke Court Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$160.00 Sports refund Not able to attend program
Zachary Burkett 55 Ridge Avenue Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$100.00 Sports refund Not able to attend program
Brandi Martinez 54 Lincoln Road Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$180.00 Sports refund Broken Clavicle cannot play Unable to attend
Tammy Wendol 57 Lincoln Road Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$100.00 Sports refund Not enough girls for league

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried

ACCEPT MILL PONDS END OF YEAR REVENUE REPORT

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION #R19-343

RESOLVED that the Town Board accept the 2019 year end Mill Pond Water District Revenue Report:

Water Bills 10/01/2018 – 12/31/2018: \$10,554.13
Collected: \$9098.77
Unpaid bills to be put on 2020 tax roll: \$1,456.37
Interest and Penalties: \$29.12

Total amount to be added to 2020 tax rolls: \$1,485.49

Water bills 1/1/2019– 10/1/2019 \$38,668.90
Collected: \$30,657.29
Unpaid bills to be put on 2020 tax roll - \$8,015.62
Interest and penalties to be collected - \$176.18

Total amount to be added to 2019 tax rolls: \$8,191.81

TOTAL RELEVY SENT TO PUTNAM COUNTY - \$9,676.15

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

WILDWOOD KNOLLS FACILITIES REVENUE REPORT

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION #R19-344

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to accept the 2019 year end Wildwood Knolls Facilities Revenue Report:

13 Families @ \$100.00 per family = \$1,300.00

*Please note: Six families chose not to use this facility in 2019, so we collected \$600.00 less than the \$1,900.00 Wildwood Knolls Facilities Warrant originally presented to the Town Board.

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried.

CONTRACT FOR LOOKOUT MANOR DOCK

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION #R19-345

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Dock Builders Corporation, PO Box 933, Croton Falls, NY 10519 to construct an 8' x 12' dock at Lookout Manor Beach. The total cost for this project is \$5,280.00.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

WAIVER OF TOWN FEES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF LOOKOUT MANOR DOCK

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION #R19-346

RESOLVED, that the Town Board waive any and all Town of Putnam Valley Wetland Waiver and building permit fees for the construction of a 8' x 12' dock at Lookout Manor Beach.

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE C-SLAP EXPENDITURE- BARGER POND

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION #R19-347

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the expenditure of \$420.00 for the volunteers in Barger Pond to participate in the New York Federation of Lakes C-slap program (Citizens Statewide Assessment program) for 2020. \$370.00 covers the participation fee and \$50 covers the NYSFOLA membership fee.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE C-SLAP EXPENDITURE- ROARING BROOK LAKE DISTRICT

Presented by Councilperson Annabi

RESOLUTION #R19-348

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the expenditure of \$470.00 for the volunteers in Lake Peekskill to participate in the New York Federation of Lakes C-slap program (Citizens Statewide Assessment program) for 2020. \$370.00 covers the participation fee and \$100.00 covers the NYSFOLA membership fee for a medium sized association.

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE C-SLAP EXPENDITURE- LAKE PEEKSKILL

Presented by Councilperson Luongo

RESOLUTION #R19-349

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the expenditure of \$420.00 for the volunteers in Lake Peekskill to participate in the New York Federation of Lakes C-slap program (Citizens Statewide Assessment program) for 2020. \$370.00 covers the participation fee and \$50 covers the NYSFOLA membership fee.

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R19-350

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

Seconded by Councilperson Annabi, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio said the meeting on January 8, 2020 will be strictly for awarding proclamations to individuals who will no longer be serving Putnam Valley, and there are many of them from the Parks and Recreation Commission Members to Judges etc. We want to recognize these individuals for all they have done for the Town. This begins at 5:00 PM. Thursday, January 2nd which is our reorganization meeting and swearing in ceremony. If you wish to come and attend it is a very long meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Resident Del Jones said she would like to discuss the project on Peekskill Hollow Road. Supervisor Oliverio said he went to a meeting last night at the County where the Legislature decided to create a Commission consisting of our Counsel, their Counsel, the Highway Department representatives, and members of the community. Supervisor Oliverio thinks they should leave Peekskill Hollow Road alone. Ms. Jones said they seem to be unaware of the distances on Peekskill Hollow Road. Even with their idea of widening the road and straightening the road, it will still not prohibit the increasing speeds of the trucks. Supervisor Oliverio said it is not even that, it is the removing of the weight limit restriction from Peekskill Hollow Road that we forced them to put on the road all those years ago. This will create a nightmare traveling down that road along with 18 wheelers, you will be taking your life in your hands. Ms. Jones said the DEC should be involved due to the impact this will make on the air and water quality; not to mention the truck debris that will be left on the side of the road. Lifting the weight restriction will also contribute to the destruction of the road itself with the sheer weight of these trucks. Having these large trucks on the road will also take away from the quality of life and the scenic beauty.

Resident Peter Kirchner who resides on Peekskill Hollow Road said one (1) of the mystifying things is where is the motivation for lifting this weight limit? It doesn't serve the community well and the trucking interests have other routes. This is a dire threat to our community with no clear public benefit. We should instead be talking about strengthening the protection of that road. Mr. Kirchner would like the Town to take ownership of the road if the County is willing so it would have better protection. That would put the residents at a higher priority. This would not be an easy process but would be worth it. Supervisor Oliverio said we don't have a lot here in the way of businesses; but what we do have is the most rural nature of any of the six (6) Towns in Putnam County. That's what attracts people here, and if we give that up we are just another basic suburb. One (1) 18 wheeler causes the same damage as 9000 passenger cars, even Commissioner Pena from the County admitted this. There are some many people and kids on this road all the time, it is not a thoroughfare for trucks. Mr. Kirchner said he would appreciate it if the Town could become a steward for the road.

Councilperson Annabi said Commissioner Pena from Putnam County wants to lift the weight limit on Peekskill Hollow Road, because they can't enforce it. She does like Mr. Pena but does not like this decision and we can't let this go, it's not something we want. She added please residents of Putnam Valley reach out to your politicians and tell them it's not something we want here. We can look into taking over the road – she is not sure that is something we can do, but we can look into it. We do have to maintain the rural character that we have now. Trucks should not be coming down 301 into Putnam Valley.

Councilperson Luongo said the same is true of Oregon Corners. The plans the County has for Oregon Corners are way overdeveloped. We do not need a turning lane like they have on Westbrook Drive and Route 6. It is too much for what we need. We need to improve and maintain what we have. We do allow for all local deliveries but it should not be a main thoroughfare.

Resident Eileen Reilly said she agrees with what has been said so far. She sent letters to our County Legislators, Town Supervisor, and others. She said Tinker Hill Road was mentioned at that meeting, do you think the fact that we are not allowing trucks on that road anymore has something to do with this decision? Supervisor Oliverio said the argument that was made was that the truck that ended sliding down Tinker Hill did so because they knew that they could not converse Peekskill Hollow. So they came in on Peekskill Hollow (which they shouldn't have) and then cut up the Oscawana Heights Road, came across, and then they only way to go back down was Tinker Hill Road. This makes no sense because you are illegally on the road anyway and it wasn't a local delivery. Ms. Reilly said I live there are and the signs are misleading because if you follow them they make no sense. Send the trucks to Route 9 or Route 6, Ms. Reilly almost had an accident because of a box truck on Peekskill Hollow Road. This all needs to be straightened out because our Town was not designed for this. Ms. Reilly thinks the Commission is a great idea. Supervisor Oliverio said don't forget the weight limit still remains.

Counsel Florence said there are two (2) points. One (1) is it's the public interest versus very few private interests. Private interests are motivated by financial interests because the shorter the distance a truck has to go the less gas they use. This comes at the expense of the public because a private person is not obeying the rules. The second point is that a driver in that instance is trying to avoid the police because they are doing something that they are not allowed to do. In the truck accident that occurred here the truck polluted the Hollowbrook which is the drinking water for thousands of people. That was all just about having a shortcut.

Resident Victor Tiship said he lives off of Peekskill Hollow Road and is also speaking about the astonishingly ill- conceived and dangerous proposal he found out about at the Traffic Safety Board meeting. Mr. Tiship said this is solely coming from Putnam County Highway Commissioner Pena and his desire to rescind the truck weight restriction – which he never wanted in the first place. Trucks use GPS devices to get places and there are two (2) kinds of GPS devices – a civilian and a commercial. Trucks by law must use the commercial. Sometimes truckers also use their cell phones which have not been notified when changes are made to the commercial GPS system. When the original weight restriction law was passed it had overwhelming support from the County Legislators, the Town Board, and the residents. The danger that these trucks pose to the road bed, which is another consideration beside public safety, is part of the current vehicle traffic law. The rationale for rescinding this weight restriction is that if the truck that went down on Tinker Hill had been able to be on Peekskill Hollow Road this incident would not have happened.

Mr. Tiship asked the Town Board to pass another resolution to protect the road. He noted that Mr. Pena is an appointed official not elected and works for the people. Pressure needs to be brought to bear on the Legislator and the County Executive to remember why we had that law passed in the first place. We know local deliveries are exempted but not for through trucks, they should be on Route 6 and Route 9. Mr. Tiship hopes the public gets angry and Mr. Pena has no leg to stand on legally. This is an absurd and curious proposal because it only benefits private entities.

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

AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION # R19-351

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

<u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
29179-29399	43,164.59
29228-29394	2,775.00

Seconded by Councilperson Luongo, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio wished everyone happy holidays from himself and the entire Town Board.

Supervisor Oliverio motioned to go into Executive Session on a personnel matter. There will be no business done after. The meeting was closed at 7:05 PM

Seconded by Councilperson, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Sherry Howard
Town Clerk
12-30-2019