

**PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020**  
**6:00 PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Departmental Reports
2. Supervisor's Comments
3. Legislative Reports
4. Discussion – Peekskill Hollow Weight Limit
5. Discussion – Solar Panel Exemptions
6. Presentation – 2020 Census
7. School Report
8. Approval of minutes

Districts:

9. Authorization to go out to bid for grass cutting.

10. Parks and Recreation:

- A. Staff Additions/Changes
- B. Refunds

11. Building and Zoning:

- A. Daily Fee Report for January 2020

12. Resolution supporting the Emergency 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Privacy Protection Act
13. Adjust mileage reimbursement for 2020
14. Authorize Supervisor to sign Solar Engineer Contract (OLA Consulting Engineer)
15. Authorize Supervisor to sign membership contract for NYS Association of Conservation Commission.
16. Audit of monthly bills
17. Public Comment
18. Budget Transfers and Amendments

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk Sherry Howard  
Town Counsel Robert Lusardi

**ABSENT:** Councilman Smith  
Councilwoman Whetsel

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

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

Dede Farabaugh, Director of the Putnam Valley Free Library said programs for the month of February include:

- a. This Saturday there will be a puppet show in honor of Black History Month for ages 5-12.
- b. There will be a Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner next Tuesday evening, this is for kids ages 4-12.
- c. The Hudson Highlands Trust will be speaking at the Library on February 27<sup>th</sup> 4-5:30 PM. They will be teaching everyone how to use the I Naturalist App. so you can explore the Granite Mountain Preserve. Later in March there will be a walk in Granite Mountain to keep learning how to use the app.
- d. There are two (2) book clubs. The first is for children and the book being read is Magic Tree House – this is for children ages 5-10. The Adult Book Club is reading The Magician’s Assistant and meets the third Thursday of the month.
- e. On March 6<sup>th</sup> the Program called PV Library unplugged is screen free. Sleeping bags for your cell phone is the craft set to be made along with homemade pierogis, followed by a community pot luck.
- f. March is Woman’s History Month. On Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> they will be showing the movie “Suffragette”. They will also be collecting for the Putnam Northern Westchester Woman’s Resource Center.
- g. Yoga is back and a free trial class is being given on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-6:15 PM. If you like it you can sign up for the entire six (6) week program.

- h. In April if you would like to fill out your census form on-line you can do it at the Library, someone will be there to help you if you need it. The Census is an incredibly important document so please fill it out.
- i. Terry Raskyn from the Friends of the Library said Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> from 12-4PM is Open Passport Day at the library, you can get a new one (1) or renew one (1) that is going to expire. This is a walk-in program. You can get more information at our website [pvpassports@gmail.com](mailto:pvpassports@gmail.com).
- j. Ms. Raskyn noted the passing of Harris Mandel a former Library Director. He will be missed.

Mark Weiss spoke for the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center. He said that on February 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Cajun Jam from 1:30 – 4:30 PM. On Friday at 7:30 PM Mike and Ruthie will be performing. On March 14<sup>th</sup> two (2) wonderful Irish fiddlers will be performing. Please check our website for all upcoming events.

CCE Chairperson Eileen Reilly read an introduction about the Commission:

**PV TOWN BOARD MEETING 2/19/2020**

**TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**ABOUT THE COMMISSION:**

THE BIOLOGICAL INTEGRITY OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WHICH WE ARE DEPENDENT UPON FOR SURVIVAL CANNOT BE PROTECTED WITHOUT THE FULL COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION OF ALL PEOPLE OF PUTNAM VALLEY WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL AND STATE OFFICIALS. THE TOWN BOARD OF PUTNAM VALLEY CREATED THE COMMISSION FOR CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT WITH THE INTENT OF THE PRESERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF THE NATURAL AND MAN-MADE ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY.

THE COMMISSION HAS DEVELOPED A PROGRAM OF PUBLIC INFORMATION TO FOSTER UNDERSTANDING OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND ISSUES, AND SUPPORT FOR SOLUTIONS. ON THE PV TOWN WEB SITE, UNDER THE SECTION "BOARDS AND COMMITTEES", "ENVIRONMENTAL", WE POST "ECO TIPS". THE MOST RECENT POST IS "BAG WASTE REDUCTION LAW: INFORMATION FOR CONSUMERS".

ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR SITE, AND PREPARED BY THE CCE IN COOPERATION WITH THE HUDSON HIGHLAND TRUST, IS INFORMATION ON THE NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY AND UPDATED EXISTING MAPS AND INFORMATION ABOUT PUTNAM VALLEY'S NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES. YOU CAN ALSO LIKE US ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, PV ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION, WHERE WE POST INTERESTING ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION, AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL PUTNAM VALLEY NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

ONE OF OUR UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS WILL BE ABOUT EXOTIC INVASIVE SPECIES, WHICH ARE VERY DISRUPTIVE TO OUR BIODIVERSITY.

Ms. Reilly ended by saying that the CCE has a seat open for a Town Resident. This is a voluntary position. For more information please call the Supervisor's Office at 845-526-2121. The next meeting is March 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall.

Councilman Luongo who is also a long time member of the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department Member gave the Department's month of January 2020 calls:

- 3 EMS Assists
- 6 PIAA's (car accidents)
- 1 Wires Down
- 6 Automatic Alarms
- 2 Structure Fires
- 2 Investigations
- 3 Stand By/Mutual Aid
- 2 Hazmat
- 1 Vehicle Fire

26 calls for the month – 26 calls for the year with 292.53 man hours.

Town Assessor Sheryl Luongo spoke about the STAR Exemption, which only applies to school taxes. She said if you applied for STAR in 2015 or later you had to register with the State. If you already have the Enhanced Star in place you need to reapply in the Assessor's Office by March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 PM, not a day later. You are eligible for the Enhanced Star if you are 65 or older and make less than \$88,050.00. The forms are on the Town's website. Call the Assessor's Office at (845) 526-2517 if you have any questions. Ms. Luongo also thanked everyone who participated in the Military Tribute Banner Program. They got 57 requests for banners and the program is now closed. The banners will be going up on Memorial Day. This is a continuing thing that will be done every year. Councilwoman Annabi said that in addition to the banners the Putnam Valley School District is offering Veterans who were unable to finish their secondary education diplomas based on the knowledge they attained while in service.

### **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said this winter was one (1) that wasn't. If you do like snow, sorry.

### **MOVE AGENDA ITEM #6 TO #4**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

### **RESOLUTION #R20-97**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board move agenda item #6 (which is a Presentation of the 2020 Census) to #4. This makes the current item #4 a discussion of the Peekskill Hollow Road weight limit item #6.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried

## **PRESENTATION 2020 CENSUS**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

2020 Census Representative Owen Borda said the Census Bureau wants to count everyone once and in the right place. They do not care how or why you are here, we must count every one of you only once. It does not matter to us where you come from or if you are documented or not. It does cost money in services etc. for everyone to be here, so if you don't get counted now it will be another ten (10) years before we can try to count you again. There are only nine (9) questions asked and the amount of people in a given area is how State Aid is determined, so if you are not counted your State's Aid will not be given correctly. Mr. Borda said that by law census data is confidential and secure. It will not be shared with anyone or any other Government Agency. People who are concerned that their answers will impact their benefits, taxes, employment status or immigration status need not be worried, no one will know your answers. We even count the homeless because they cost the Government money too. You can now answer on-line, by phone, paper or door knock. It takes about six (6) minutes to answer the questions. On or around March 12, 2020 you will receive a letter at home. This letter will have a code so you can respond on line. We prefer that you answer this way, if you don't have a computer at home you can go to the library to answer the questions. The Census Bureau does not ask for any bank account numbers or passport numbers etc. If someone asks you something like that it is a scam which should be reported to the Police or the Census Bureau Fraud Line. Be alert for things like this.

The Census Bureau is hiring people at \$23.00 per hour part time to knock on the doors of their neighbors and/or to help people fill out their forms at the library. This is a small community and some people may want to fill out the paper version at their home with help from a person they know. The questionnaire is available in 12 commonly spoken languages. April 1<sup>st</sup> is known as Census Day. Everyone needs to be counted including children, they sometimes need the most services. If you don't fill out the form you will receive several reminders and sometimes even a door knock. If an area is noted to be underreported they will send people around. It is so important to be counted and please remember everything is confidential. The four (4) things you need to remember about the Census are:

1. We want to count every person once, we don't care if you are legal or illegal.
2. All of the information you give to us is confidential and is not shared with anyone or any other agency.
3. You can respond on-line, by phone, or by paper.
4. We need help by being a census worker or by being a community partner.

## **COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

County Legislator Gouldman reported:

1. The Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District has a great program for everyone. They have a tree, shrub and seedling sale. Trees and plants are needed for conservation here in Putnam County. Order early so you can get the species that you want. Orders must be in by March 25, 2020.
2. Everyone should attend the Putnam County Legislative Physical Services Committee Meeting tomorrow night in Carmel. The work on Peekskill Hollow Road which is starting in the spring is being discussed. There are many project planned for this area.
3. County Legislator Gouldman said he is against lifting the weight restriction on Peekskill Hollow Road. This issue was discussed at the Physical Services Committee Meeting in December of 2019 but no decision was made. After this he had a discussion with the Legislative Attorney and they could not come up with a reason for this decision. On January 16<sup>th</sup> he sent a letter to Commissioner Pena with the following questions: What work has been performed to address the issued mentioned in the letter dated September 9, 2013? Why is the current weight restriction no longer appropriate? How do you intend to address the resident's concerns about the harmful effects of restoring truck traffic? What alternative solutions can be implemented to limit or prevent truck traffic other than increasing the weight limit? On February 6<sup>th</sup> he met with John Tully who is the Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Tully said the Commissioner had not responded to the letter but would do it soon. Yesterday County Legislator Gouldman asked again and still no response.
4. Last month the Legislature approved ten (10) million dollars to improve the First Responders radio service throughout Putnam County. Currently there is no service in certain areas in Putnam County. The County has made an agreement with Motorola to upgrade this system. They are guaranteeing 95% coverage throughout the County, which is much better than it currently is.
5. Finally after three (3) years of negotiating the County and the CSEA have reached an agreement and the full Legislature will be voting on this at their March meeting.
6. Upon receiving a call from Councilwoman Annabi about a dangerous tree on Mill Street the tree has been removed.

County Legislator Gouldman thanked the residents who have called 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.

Supervisor Oliverio thanked Legislator Gouldman for his advocacy on the not lifting the weight limit restriction on Peekskill Hollow Road. This is such a very important issue.

Assessor Luongo asked if the County was still planning on widening Peekskill Hollow Road as that would affect her Military Banner Project. County Legislator Gouldman said the County is no longer planning to widen the road.

County Legislator Montgomery reported:

1. County Legislator Montgomery is also not in favor of lifting the weight limit restriction on Peekskill Hollow Road. It has been an on-going topic at the Putnam Traffic Safety Board Meeting which she is a member of.
2. The MOU (Memo of Understanding) that she has been working on with the County has now been open for over three (3) years now re: the Granite Mountain Project, and the County/Town owned property that is adjacent to it. The Hudson Highlands Land Trust has been looking to maintain that property for you; but somehow that MOU has gotten lost. County Legislator Montgomery would like to be able to move this forward. She is at a loss and would like people to write to our County Executive to sign the Memorandum between the County, Putnam Valley, and the Hudson Highlands Trust. When this is done it would include that County Land in the trail map. It's County Land that is sitting there and is a part of the preserve.
3. County Legislator Montgomery requested that the County Commissioner attend last night's Health Department meeting to give us an update on the coronavirus. We need to be prepared with the correct protocols as this is a pandemic which changes by the hour. It was a great presentation and we are safe here. There are no cases right now in New York or in Putnam County but we continue to get updates.
4. County Legislator Montgomery is glad that the Conservation Commission is working on initiatives such as Climate Smart Communities. The County passed the Resolution over a year ago but not enough has been done as we are in a crisis here. Just passing a Resolution and claiming to have formed a task force is not enough. We need to document what we are doing, show the public, and register with the State and get credit for it. I hope the Town passes the Resolution and takes action.
5. Airbnb was a big discussion last night and the County is looking for ways to support communities through this. It's here and it's here to stay.

### **DISCUSSION PEEKSKILL HOLLOW WEIGHT LIMIT**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said this is something he worked hard to put in place when he was on the Legislature. He fought hard to make Peekskill Hollow Road an historic Road and he will need everyone's help to keep it the way it is.

Peekskill Hollow Road resident Victor Tiship read a lengthy letter in support of keeping the weight limit restriction on Peekskill Hollow Road. In brief, he noted that the Road has an historical designation and is part of the rural character and heritage of Putnam Valley. It is not a commercial thru truck route. It started out as a Native American Trail and cannot handle that kind of traffic.



The weight limit restriction has been in place since 2013. There is no commercial destination in Putnam Valley and local deliveries are already acceptable for any size truck. Removing the weight restriction is not supported by the need, facts, public safety, fiscal responsibility, common sense, environmental pollution concerns or respecting historic roads designation. The County does have the final say over this County Road and the road is maintained by the County. The crash that occurred on Tinker Hill Road and the weight limit restriction being lifted should not be used as an excuse they are mutually exclusive of each other. Peekskill Hollow Road will be greatly damaged by these heavy trucks. The Peekskill Hollow Brook runs along the road and water quality is a concern. Trucks should use Route 6 and Route 9, these roads are made for this kind of truck traffic. The weight limit should be strengthened not removed, there should be a ten (10) ton limit rather than the current twelve (12) ton limit. Everyone please speak out and pressure our County public officials.

Resident Mike Busman who resides at 599 Peekskill Hollow Road said this issue is an important one. We all know the characteristics of the road are that it is narrow and twisty with blind curves with the bridges that are narrower still. His concern is if the road becomes a regular heavy commercial truck pathway it poses a large danger to small vehicles, bicyclists, school buses, joggers and pedestrians. No one wants the responsibility of having a severe accident or death on their shoulders should such a tragedy occur. Please contact the County Commission and tell them we don't want this.

Resident of 673 Peekskill Hollow Road, Christian Russo said, he lives on a curvy turn and there have been several collisions at the front of his driveway. Having tractor trailers coming down the road will make even more dangerous. He has to cross the road to get his mail and he has little room to stand. With the passing of regular pick-up trucks it is dangerous, with the possibility of two (2) 18 wheelers coming down the road at the same time he would have nowhere to go at all and his safety would be in danger.

Supervisor Oliverio said right now it is just in the talking phase and the weight restriction is still in place. He asked Counsel Lusardi to tell us what we can do to keep the restriction in place. Counsel Lusardi said he has looked into this and said the Commissioner does have the authority to change the weight limit under the Vehicle Traffic Law; but he does have some problems if he moves ahead. There is something called the "Green Book" which deals with truck safety standards and the design of roads and highways. Counsel Lusardi has discussed this with the Town Engineer Todd Atkinson who said Peekskill Hollow Road does not meet truck safety standards. Counsel Lusardi continued by rhetorically asking, if Peekskill Hollow Road does not meet published safety standards how Mr. Pena, can you lift the weight restriction? What is the basis for lifting the limit when you know it is clear that the road is unsafe for truck traffic? There is also that law that was enacted several years ago that declared Peekskill Hollow Road to be an historic road.

That law was enacted by the Putnam County Legislature and prohibits any widening or alteration of the travel portion of Peekskill Hollow Road. So again the question to Mr. Pena is – if the road is unsafe because it does not meet the standards, and if you can't change it to meet the standards because it is designated historic, then how could you possibly lift the weight restriction knowing it is not safe and knowing you can't make it safe? If they do go ahead there will be an Article 78 Proceeding which the Town will bring challenging that act as capricious and unreasonable. Commissioner Pena would also have to go through the SEQR process in order to do this. Our position would be since the Highway is an historic road this action would require an environmental impact statement. He would be challenged on those SEQR grounds as well. Also, under the Vehicle and Traffic Law Provisions the Town Board has the right to enact restrictions on truck traffic. They can designate truck thoroughfares and deem roads not to be truck thoroughfares. There is a political side to this whole thing too, Commissioner Pena is an appointed officer of the County. Is there somebody in County Government advising Commissioner Pena to take this action? If the County Executive and the County Legislators are against this, maybe a simple phone call would be enough to stop this. There must be some pressure that is being brought to bear on him.

Resident Kathy Capasso who resides at 883 Peekskill Hollow Road said there is a tremendous difference between the road now and the road before the weight restriction was put in place. The road is narrow and is a fun road to drive. There is no reason to have these large trucks coming down and it would be terrifying.

A Kent Resident who lives on Peekskill Hollow Road said he came tonight to show his support. It is a very dangerous road and he lives on a nice straight away, but his rock wall has been decimated by all of the accidents that have occurred. Supervisor Oliverio said he has been speaking to Kent Supervisor Fleming and we have full support of the Kent Town Board.

Ed Hearsh a Kent Resident asked what is the real reason behind this? Is there a lobbyist? Supervisor Oliverio said what has been shared with him is that another Town is looking to ease the congestion on Route 6. There is very heavy truck traffic going to Westchester. We have nothing here though, there is no destination in Putnam Valley. Route 6 is a State Road meant for truck traffic, Peekskill Hollow Road is a cow path. Councilperson Annabi said they have reached out to Commissioner Pena to find out what the real reason is. We are waiting on an answer.

County Legislator Montgomery said this is the first she has heard of the speculation that there might be another Town involved in this. She would like to get to the bottom of this speculation. The Highway Commission does answer to the County Executive, please forward all of your letters that you sent to me to the County Executive as well.

A resident asked if this is just a back door way for the County to widen the road. Supervisor Oliverio said the original grant obtained a long time ago was for 13-14 million dollars.

That project was put on hiatus. Commissioner Pena in 2016 grabbed what was left which was about 4 million for the bridge near the High School which was yellow flagged and needed to be done. We do have an excellent situation in which to tell the County that this cannot be done. I hope cooler heads prevail and that the temporary weight restriction remains, the word temporary can last for many, many years. Councilwoman Annabi said Kent and Putnam Valley will both do a Resolution to keep the weight restriction in place.

Counsel Lusardi said the best solution to the whole thing is for Mr. Pena to put a halt to this action. We must remember that this is a County Road, but we do have certain rights. If it does happen we need to know about this immediately because an Article 78 action does have a statute of limitations.

Resident Kate Hoekstra one of the founding members of "The Friends of Peekskill Hollow Road" said originally she asked for the file on Peekskill Hollow Road when the initial work was done many years ago. She had to file a FOIL to finally get what she needed. She said they are never going to give up on wanting to widen and straighten the road. She saw the original grant written by Sue Kelly from Westchester where she stated she wanted to speed up traffic from Route 301 to Peekskill. That impetus has not gone away because of the traffic on Route 9 and Route 6. There is trouble afoot for us.

PVVFD member Sheryl Luongo said she responded to a call today on Sunset Hill Road. It was an 18 wheeler that had flipped on its side. The Fire Department spent hours there. She is afraid that if the weight limit is lifted they will be spending a lot of time on Peekskill Hollow Road with these trucks. Imagine two (2) of them passing each other especially on a narrow section, I will be spending a lot of time there with the trucks.

Resident Barbara Berko of 414 Peekskill Hollow Road said it is extremely difficult to back out in and out of your driveway now. Cars and trucks go way beyond the speed limit now and pass you without slowing down. Route 6 has increased the amount of stores and housing being built; yet they have made no plans to fix the infrastructure. In Mohegan Lake, the car dealership has also expanded right onto Route 6. They created this problem why should we have to fix it?

A resident asked Counsel Lusardi if there is any way we could put pressure on them for building all of this stuff without fixing the other issues that go with it. Those new condos will bring in an enormous amount of people. Councilwoman Annabi said those condos are in Westchester County. Counsel Lusardi said we only have standing if they are in 500 feet of Putnam Valley and we probably can't bring an action where they are being built.

Resident Stephanie Russo of 673 Peekskill Hollow Road said we live on a curve and our children wait for the bus at the end of my driveway. When the bus pulls up it stops in front of my driveway but there is a blind curve behind it so you can't see the bus.

When they come home they have to cross the street and again it is a blind curve and what if there is an 18 wheeler coming. How would they even begin to widen the road when there are houses six (6) inches from the road? Councilwoman Annabi said this is terrible that they are even considering this.

Resident Ed Kubach said he thinks the appeal of using Peekskill Hollow Road is that there are way fewer traffic lights and time is money.

A Resident added that no one has mentioned the camps on Peekskill Hollow Road which increases the amount of children and traffic on the road in the summer.

Resident Hoekstra said there will be a terrible accident and when that happens it will be declared a dangerous road and then the State will find Federal Highway money to change this road. Supervisor Oliverio said that's what Bondi wanted to do years ago. I hope you are wrong.

Councilman Luongo said we have already had some bad accidents there, remember the modular home accident when a car was stuffed under the home. Increasing the weight limit makes it worse. This is already a done deal, leave it as it is. Supervisor Oliverio said we will stay on this and hopefully the Commissioner will declare this done.

Supervisor Oliverio declared a five (5) minute recess.

### **AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

### **RESOLUTION #R20-98**

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

### **ADD:**

#7 A – Eagle Scout project approval of a bat house.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried

**ACCEPT TOWN BOARD MINUTES**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R20-99**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to approve the minutes from the January 2<sup>nd</sup> , January 8<sup>th</sup> , January 15<sup>th</sup> , and February 5<sup>th</sup> , 2020 Town Board Meetings.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried

**DISCUSSION SOLAR PANEL EXEMPTIONS**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said we are not taking any action. The exemption stays. We need to set up some rules and regulations regarding these solar fields. We don't want our vacant land to become solar fields where the lots of trees are taken down. Councilwoman Annabi said we need something in place and we should do this sooner instead of later.

**APPROVAL OF EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

**RESOLUTION #R20-100**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to approve James Wyatt's Eagle Scout Project which is to install rocket style bat houses in the area of Roaring Brook Lake.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

Supervisor Oliverio said he checked and Mr. Wyatt does not need a permit to do this project.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Councilwoman Annabi mentioned the diplomas being given to Veteran's by the School District.

**AUTHORIZATION TO GO OUT TO BID FOR GRASS CUTTING**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R20-101**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board authorize the District Clerk to go out to bid for grass cutting on District properties for the 2020 season.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

**PARKS AND RECREATION PERSONNEL**

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

**RESOLUTION #R20-102**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the following Parks and Recreation Personnel:

1. Salvatore Nastri, basketball security doorkeeper @ \$12.30 per hour.
2. Patricia Singer, Day Camp Director 2020 season, @ \$9,329.60.
3. Toniann Cortina, Day Camp Director 2020 season, @ \$7268.80.
4. Patricia Singer, Day Camp Office Hours NTE 100 hours @ \$20.75 per hour.
5. Toniann Cortina, Day Camp Office Hours NTE 100 hours @ \$20.75 per hour.
6. Patricia Citarella, Day Camp Office Hours NTE 50 hours, @ \$14.02 per hour.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

**PARKS AND RECREATION REFUNDS**

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

**RESOLUTION #R20-103**

**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: February 11, 2020

Nadia Alfaro 5 Rolling Way Apt. F Peekskill, NY 10566	\$500.00 LPCC deposit refund
Jen Travis 19 Spruce Street Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$500.00 LPCC deposit refund
Dora Hatfield 27 Sassinoro Drive Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$100.00 Sports refund was unable to play basketball
Christian Pakiakis 139 Hewitt Street Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$125.00 Sports refund unable to attend wrestling
Benjamin Morris 2014 John Jay Court New Winsor, NY 12553	\$140.00 Sports refund unable to attend basketball
Suzanne Sawyer 4 Woodridge Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$60.00 Programs refund Program cancelled
Patricia Delarme 274 Peekskill Hollow Road Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$45.00 Programs refund unable to attend
Carmen Uchipilla 129 Hewitt Street Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$500.00 LPCC refund deposit refund
Natalia Hoyos 366 Lake Drive Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$500.00 LPCC refund deposit refund

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT- JANUARY 2020**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R20-104**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board accept the Building Department daily fee report and summary for the month of January 2020, for filing with the Town Clerk.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EMERGENCY 1<sup>ST</sup> RESPONDERS PRIVACY AND PROTECTION ACT (S.7280/A.09107)**

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

Councilwoman Annabi said this Resolution was introduced and passed in Albany County, New York re: new bail reform law. Under the new Bail Reform Act Police Officers are covered but First Responders are not. If they are on scene and someone sues they are now considered witnesses and their private information is now public, that is not fair. This would protect them. Councilman Luongo said this is a great idea, he has brought it out to his contacts and everyone is happy we are doing this.

**RESOLUTION #R20-105**

**WHEREAS**, new discovery reform laws were passed in the 2019-2020 NYS Budget that overhauled the discovery process, requiring an expedited timeline to provide materials such as police reports, radio transmissions, body-worn and dash-cam video, along with other data related to prosecution; and

**WHEREAS**, the current law protects law enforcement personnel by allowing their personnel identifying information to be excluded from discovery document and records, but does not include protections for first responders, who in many instances provide service at crime scenes; and

**WHEREAS**, ambulance services personnel, advanced life support first response services, certified first responders, firefighters, emergency medical technicians or advanced emergency medical technicians, who are employed by or enrolled members of any such service should also have their personal identifying information protected from discovery, so they are not subject to retaliation or witness tampering; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Putnam Valley Town Board hereby encourages all members of the New York Senate and Assembly to support S.7280/A.09107 the "Emergency First Responders Privacy and Protection Act"; and, be it further



**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Cuomo, Senator Sue Serino, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, County Executive Odell, and all the 5 Supervisors of our surrounding Towns.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

**ADJUST MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR 2020**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R20-106**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve and revise the adopted mileage reimbursement rate of 0.575 cents per mile. The established State rate for 2020 is down on-half a cent from the 2019 rate. At the time the Resolution was done for the Organizational Meeting of 2020 the IRS had not posted the new rate yet. We used the 2019 rate and are now adjusting it accordingly.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN SOLAR ENGINEER CONTRACT (OLA CONSULTING ENGINEER)**

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

**RESOLUTION #R20-107**

**RESOLVED**, that the Putnam Valley Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with OLA Consulting Engineers pending Town Attorney approval. This firm will be providing services to the town for the photovoltaic project to include preparations of bid specifications review of bids and construction administration. The amount for these services is \$17,000.00 and funding has been provided through a grant with the New York State Dormitory Authority.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

The panels are going to be placed on the Parks and Recreation side of Town Hall. This is just to put together the bid package.

**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE MEMBERSHIP CONTRACT FOR NYS ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R20-108**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the membership contract for NYS Association of Conservation Commissions (NYSACC). The organizational membership is \$75.00 per year. The NYSACC is an educational organization that provides leadership in the development of vital environmental programs for cities, towns, and villages throughout the State of New York.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

**AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

**RESOLUTION #R20-109**

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

<b><u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNTS</u></b>
29753-29881	\$36,485.00
29725-29850	\$11,618.76
29764-29959	\$70,204.99
29891-29981	\$22,128.83
29746-29978	\$33,980.06

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

There was no public comment.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

**RESOLUTION #R20-110**

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

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**Town of Putnam Valley**

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**TO:** Town Board  
**FROM:** Maria Angelico  
**SUBJECT:** 2019 Budget Transfers  
**DATE:** February 19, 2020

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Hereby request your approval of the final Budget Amendments and Transfers for year ended December 31, 2019, as attached.



Date Prepared: 01/22/2020 10:27 AM

**TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY**  
**Budget Adjustment Form**

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Year: 2019                                      Period: 12                                      Trans Type: B2 - Amend                                      Status: Posted  
Trans No: 113167                                      Trans Date: 12/31/2019                                      User Ref: MANGELICO  
Requested:                                      Approved:                                      Created by: MANGELICO                                      01/22/2020  
Description: SM11 BUDGET AMENDMENTS - YE 2019                                      Account # Order: Yes  
Print Parent Account: No

Account No.	Account Description	Amount
SM11.1610.120	LABOR	1,022.63
SM11.1630.400	ADMIN & CLERICAL EXPENSE	126.33
SM11.1640.424	FUEL	28.68
SM11.1640.472	HARVESTER MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR	131.36
SM11.4068.400	CARP MAINTENANCE	1,200.00
SM11.7180.472	LAKE SURVEY/FISH STOCKING	2,824.00
	<b>Total Amount:</b>	<u>5,333.00</u>

Date Prepared: 02/19/2020 10:33 AM

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**Budget Adjustment Form**

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Year: 2019 Period: 12 Trans Type: B1 - Transfer Status: Posted  
 Trans No: 113213 Trans Date: 12/31/2019 User Ref: MANGELICO  
 Requested: Approved: Created by: MANGELICO 02/19/2020  
 Description: Account # Order: Yes  
 Print Parent Account: No

Account No.	Account Description	Amount
A.7021.110	PROGRAMS.PERSONNEL	-318.40
A.7021.400	PROGRAMS.SUPPLIES	4.00
A.7022.400	CAMP.SUPPLIES	-4.00
A.7310.100	CHILDRENS CENTER.ADMINISTRATION	318.40
<b>Total Amount:</b>		<u>0.00</u>

Date Prepared: 01/22/2020 10:22 AM

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Year: 2019 Period: 12 Trans Type: B1 - Transfer Status: Posted  
 Trans No: 113166 Trans Date: 12/31/2019 User Ref: MANGELICO  
 Requested: Approved: Created by: MANGELICO 01/22/2020  
 Description: TO RECALSSIFY SM11 TRANSFERS AS AMENDMENTS (FB) Account # Order: Yes  
 Print Parent Account: No

Account No.	Account Description	Amount
SM11.1610.120	LABOR	-1,022.63
SM11.1630.400	ADMIN & CLERICAL.EXPENSE	-126.33
SM11.1640.424	FUEL	-28.68
SM11.1640.472	HARVESTER.MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR	-131.38
SM11.4088.400	CARP MAINTENANCE	-10.00
SM11.4088.400	CARP MAINTENANCE	-1,190.00
SM11.7180.211	AQUATIC TECHNOLOGY	1,290.32
SM11.7180.211	AQUATIC TECHNOLOGY	28.68
SM11.7180.211	AQUATIC TECHNOLOGY	1,190.00
SM11.7180.211	AQUATIC TECHNOLOGY	2,824.00
SM11.7180.472	LAKE SURVEY/FISH STOCKING	-2,824.00
<b>Total Amount:</b>		<u>0.00</u>

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio moved to close the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Sherry Howard  
Town Clerk  
02-27-2020