# PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION WEDNESDAY, JULY 08, 2020 5:00 PM

#### Pledge of Allegiance Supervisor's Comments

- 1. Discussion:
  - a. District Zoning Changes
  - b. Large Scale Energy Moratorium
  - c. Restrictions on the sale of controlled substances
  - d. PVVFD Contract
- 2. Tax Cert Consent
- 3. Additional Standard Workday Resolution
- 4. Authorize Supervisor to renew the contract with Clean-Flo
- 5. Authorization to bid for new harvester
- 6. Audit of Monthly Bills

## PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION WEDNESDAY JULY 08, 2020 4:39 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Oliverio

Councilman Smith
Councilman Luongo
Councilwoman Annabi
Councilwoman Whetsel

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Sherry Howard

Town Counsel Robert Lusardi

Meeting held via ZOOM

#### SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Supervisor Oliverio welcomed everyone to the Work Session meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our troops.

Supervisor Oliverio said kudos to the Fire Department. There was a house fire in June and with their quick response time the house will be able to be saved.

Supervisor Oliverio will be bringing forward the use of wake boats on Lake Oscawana. They are notorious and he has had many complaints about them. They are causing a lot of shore damage and endangering the lives of kids. He does not believe they can be outlawed but that topic will be coming up. They go too fast and produce gigantic waves.

This Saturday at 10:00 AM there is a meeting for the Roaring Brook Lake District. The topic is "what it means to be a District". Please tune in if you can.

## DISCUSSIONS - ZONING CODE CHANGES, LARGE SCALE SOLAR ENERGY MORATORIUM, RESTRICTIONS ON THE SALE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AND PVVFD CONTRACT

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said he would like the Public Hearings be held on the first Wednesday in August for all four (4) topics. Next week he would like the Town Board to review the SEQRA component of these laws so we can declare a positive or negative declaration on all of these matters. He thanked Town Attorney Lussardi for the rewrite incorporating the concerns Councilwoman Whetsel had about the CCE being informed whether a tree plan waiver was issued or not to an applicant to the Planning Board.

Supervisor Oliverio then told Councilman Smith that they can get together tomorrow with Town Attorney Lussardi to discuss the Fire Department Contract. He understands Councilman Smith's concerns. Supervisor Oliverio is comfortable with the contract, but he wants everyone to feel the same way. If any other Town Board Member wants to join them maybe they can discuss the contract by zoom. The Fire Department did add the words, "not preexisting" to the mandate so that has been taken care of. The Planning Board is having a Public Hearing on the Fire Department Building Project and we will have the results of this as well for our Public Hearing on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August. All of the Public Hearings will be done on the same night. Tony Arrien will set up the proper announcements for the paper so that if anyone wants to join us on zoom they will know how to get on.

#### ASSESSOR - TAX CERT CONSENT

Presented by Councilman Luongo

#### **RESOLUTION #R20-204**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to approve the Consent Order and Judgement issued by Hon. Victor Grossman (Index No. 2019/501256) with respect to the Tax Certiorari case of Ryder v Town of Putnam Valley, et al. This will reduce the 2019 assessment from \$173,500.00 to \$140,000.00.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio said Mr. Ryder took his assessment to court to have it lowered, and the judge ruled in his favor. It is not worth us fighting this in court as it would cost more money to fight it than to pay him. His assessment was lowered about \$30,000.00.

#### ADDITIONAL STANDARD WORKDAY RESOLUTION

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

#### **RESOLUTION #R20-205**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board add a Workday Resolution for Town Clerk Sherry Howard. This will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body.

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Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

#### **AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH CLEAN-FLO**

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

#### **RESOLUTION #R20-206**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley renew the contract with Clean-Flo International. The proposal is for three (3) years which includes 2021 through 2023. Maintenance visits for the oxygenation system located in Lake Peekskill will take place four (4) times a year. Any system repairs or replacement parts needed during the 3 year term outside of the normal maintenance scope of activity would be an additional cost. The cost for the three (3) years will be \$65,430.00. This does not include any non-scheduled visits required by the Town.

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio said they have been doing a great job - we have not had any blue green algae. We have had a little fecal chloroform but that is coming from a leaking septic. Hopefully it will be a good summer.

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO BID FOR NEW HARVESTER**

Presented by Councilman Smith

Supervisor Oliverio said the following Resolution is dependent on LOMAC'S approval.

#### **RESOLUTION # R20-207**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to go out to bid for a new aquatic weed harvester for Lake Oscawana pending LOMAC'S approval.

**Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried**. (will have to be reintroduced at the next meeting as Councilman Smith also presented the Resolution).

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

#### **RESOLUTION #R20-208**

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

3C – Authorize Supervisor to sign Harrington Diving and Marine Services Contract.

3D - Approve bid received by Harrington Diving for weed harvesting this summer.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo unanimously carried

### AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN HARRINGTON DIVING AND MARINE SERVICES CONTRACT

Presented by Councilman Luongo

#### **RESOLUTION #R20-209**

**RESOLVED** that the Putnam Valley Town Board authorize the Supervisor sign the contract with Harrington Diving and Marine Services for the initial buoy installation with materials, Anchors, Chains and Shackles at a cost of \$2,375.00. They will also remove the buoys in September at a cost of \$1,400.00.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried

### APPROVE BID BY HARRINGTON DIVING FOR WEED HARVESTING ON LAKE OSCAWANA

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

Councilwoman Annabi said that the harvester has been out and is in bad shape. Due to Covid it was unable to be repaired. LOMAC had to go out and find a company; then we went out to bid. Only one (1) bidder responded. His proposal is for something other than what LOMAC wanted. He wants to hand cut the weeds and then vacuum them, — not pull them. This procedure has been done in the past but has not been approved by scientists in the area that are doing the lakes. There is a LOMAC meeting this Sunday where this issue will be discussed to see if this is the right way to do it. There are three (3) other local companies that can do the same thing. Supervisor Oliverio said that they did not bid and if we rebid we would have to wait the 30 days again - this would bring us to August. Councilwoman Annabi said it might be worth it to them to wait, so we will accept this bid only in the event that LOMAC is okay with it. This way of pulling weeds may damage the lake.

#### **RESOLUTION #R20-210**

**RESOLVED** that the Putnam Valley Town Board authorize the Supervisor sign the contract with Harrington Diving and Marine Services, 73 Valley View Lane, New Milford, CT 06776 for the total lump sum of \$17,900.00 for aquatic weed harvesting in Lake Oscawana for the 2020 Season; pending approval by LOMAC.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

#### **AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS**

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

**RESOLUTION #R20-211** 

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

**VOUCHER NUMBERS** 

**AMOUNTS** 

N/A

N/A

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

Next week's meeting will again be live at 6:00 PM in Town Hall. Supervisor Oliverio said we have to figure out how to move ahead with Phase IV. With the 50% rule and social distancing there is not a lot of room in the Court Room for the public.

Councilwoman Annabi said as the liaison to LOMAC she received a lot of emails over the weekend. With everyone being home a lot of people are using the lakes. We can't say for sure if they are not residents or not; but these wake boats or surf boats go very fast and are causing damage to peoples piers, docks, and along the side of the lakes. People canoeing and kayaking have been tipped over and kids are swallowing a lot of water. Town Attorney Lussardi will look into what we can pass regarding size of motors, power of boats etc. so we can limit these wake boats or surf boats. Supervisor Oliverio would like a complete ban on them.

Supervisor Oliverio mentioned the banners that have been placed in our Town. They say we are a caring Town who embrace equality for all. He said this is a true statement. He thanked the Highway Crew and Larry Cobb for hanging them up.

Councilwoman Annabi reminded everyone that Mill Street is closed. Mill Ponds is not an outlet neither is Lovers Lane. Please use Barger Road or Strawberry Road.

There is a rally this Friday from 5PM to 7PM in support of diversity - it may be postponed due to inclement weather.

Supervisor Oliverio adjourned the meeting at 5:02 PM.

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Sherry Howard Town Clerk 07-09-2020

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