

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021
5:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor's Comments

WORK SESSION AGENDA

1. Discussion Concerning Waiver of Permit Fee
2. CCA Update
3. Discussion of Noise Ordinance
4. Leprechaun Resolution
5. Building Department Daily Fee Reports for the Month of February 2021

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Sherry Howard
Town Counsel Robert Lusardi

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for Armed Forces.

Supervisor Oliverio said the next Town Board Meeting is being held on March 17, 2021 on zoom as it is a Public Hearing on the amendments to the Noise Ordinance. Please check the Town Website to see the revised and more specific changes made to the amendments originally proposed on the Noise Law, these should make everyone happy. The zoom directions can also be found on the website.

Councilwoman Whetsel asked when the NRI Resolution will be voted on by the Board. Supervisor Oliverio said he will put it on the agenda for the next meeting. Because it is a Resolution not a Local Law.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING WAIVE OF PERMIT FEE

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

We have a request for a waiver for a permit fee. This person had gotten an extension on their building permit. After a year the building permit expires and you have to renew it. New York State decided that during Covid all building permits would be extended for an extra three (3) months. This person received a notice about six (6) months after all of the time mentioned above ended. He came before the Board requesting they waive the building permit fee. Supervisor Oliverio said there are circumstances for this family such as family members losing income due to covid and the contractor they had did not work out well. At the same time we had other individuals who also had to extend their building permit and they paid the fees that were due. When a Government sets precedent by giving an exception to anyone that becomes the rule that all others could follow. At this point in time, having that understanding, and having had other people pay to renew their permits in excess of a few thousand dollars or more, we would be forced to return that money to those people.

This would be a hardship on all of our taxpayers. Every time we lose a fee that comes back to our taxpayers. Supervisor Oliverio said, I do understand the hardships, but I have to stay with Town Policy otherwise we are opening a can of worms. This person knew their permit was running out, (it was acknowledged in a letter), and yet even with an extension the construction could not be completed. Supervisor Oliverio said with the repercussions involved, he could not grant the waiver. Councilman Luongo said what he understood from the advice they were given is that under our rules the Board could not grant a waiver anyway unless they changed the entire fee structure. A violation resulting in a fine is the only place the Board has any wiggle room. Realistically, even if we wanted to or not, we can't. Town Attorney Lusardi agreed and said at the Organizational Meeting in January the fees are set and there is a whole schedule of fees that are set, these are mandatory fees. The Town does have some discretion with violations that are civil penalties only. Councilman Smith said he went through this and had to pay his fees. It's unfortunate but a reality. Councilwoman Annabi agreed with Councilman Smith. Councilwoman Annabi said she understands the laws we have in place but wishes they could do something for him, but realizes they can't.

Supervisor Oliverio took a consensus of the Board Members to see how they feel. Supervisor Oliverio said the Town Board Members all agreed and that they are sorry but there is very little that they can do. They must be aware of the greater good and it would not be fair to the taxpayers. He will send the individual an email to let them know what the decision is.

CCA UPDATE

Presented by Councilman Smith

Councilman Smith said we are at the point in discussing Community Choice Aggregation, (which is the joining of other communities to investigate getting better rates for electricity and green renewable sources), of the education and outreach portion of the program. We are putting zoom links on the town calendar, you will find them under "Boards and Committees" on our website. Right now there are four (4) different dates, these meetings are for anybody in the public to watch and participate in. Tony will put the links on the town calendar as well. The first meeting is on March 18th at 7:00 PM. There are other meetings as well. If you are having a monthly meeting that you want Joule to come to and speak, please reach out and let us know. Education and outreach is always a good thing.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING NOISE ORDINANCE

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said next week at 6:00 PM there will be a Public Hearing on the much revised Noise Ordinance. Please tune in. We will leave the Public Comment open until April 7, 2021 at 3:00 PM.

LEPRECHAUN RESOLUTION

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said we must protect the creatures of the night that paint this shamrock from arrest. It must be done every year...

RESOLUTION #R21-55

LEPRECHAUN RESOLUTION

By Herman Taub, Town Attorney

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley, that spirits, goblins, wee folk, fairies, and leprechauns do appear at strange and eerie hours and areas and more specifically are wont to do so on the night before St. Patrick's Day; and

WHEREAS, these ethereal beings are usually involved in mischievous and frivolous behavior; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that these other world beings are generally recidivists and cannot be reformed no matter how much mischief they cause and notwithstanding the punishment that is prescribed; and

WHEREAS, it would be to no avail to provide for corporal or other punishments since fairies, spirits, wee folk, leprechauns and goblins of the hob type are incorrigible; and

WHEREAS, it is known that these wee folk have the power to appear and disappear at will and take the form of humans or animals; and

WHEREAS, on past occasions on the night before St. Patrick's Day a Shamrock has miraculously appeared on the road at the intersection of Oscawana Lake Road and Peekskill Hollow Road; and

WHEREAS, these mischievous doings have been heretofore erroneously ascribed to human sources; and

WHEREAS, after diligent study and consultation with our law enforcement officials, the Town Board has concluded that the appearance of said shamrock can only be due to the doings of creatures not of this corporeal world,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for the period from 12:01 a.m. on March 13, 2021 to 5:00 a.m. on March 17, 2021, should there be any artistic drawings mysteriously appearing on the pavement of the road at Oregon Corners by spirits or ethereal beings of an unknown nature, a period of amnesty and freedom from corporal punishment and corporeal and “incorporeal” restraint of the alleged perpetrators is hereby declared only for the period and purposes set forth above.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT- FEBRUARY 2021

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION #R21-56

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept the Building Department daily fee report and summary for the month of February 2021, for filing with the Town Clerk.

3/4/2021

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

From: 2/1/2021 To: 2/28/2021

Fee Type	Count	Amount
ADDITION/ALTERATION	3	\$253.00
ADDITIONAL FEE	6	\$275.00
BEDROOM COUNT REQUEST	3	\$150.00
DECK	3	\$1,260.00
DEM/R	1	\$100.00
ELECTRI APP/NY ELEC	5	\$150.00
ELECTRIC APP/SWIS	2	\$60.00
GAS/PROPANE	5	\$425.00
HVAC	1	\$75.00
MG	6	\$450.00
MI	1	\$75.00
OIL TANK	1	\$125.00
PERM	7	\$2,028.00
PL	1	\$55.00
RE	6	\$647.00
RU	1	\$125.00
SEARC	28	\$4,200.00
SI	1	\$200.00
WETADM	3	\$150.00
WETL	3	\$500.00
WOOD STOVE PERMIT	1	\$75.00
WT/S	4	\$560.00
Total Fees Collected:	92	\$11,938.00
Cash	3	\$375.00
Check	88	\$11,291.00
Money Order	1	\$272.00

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried

AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R21-57

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

<u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
33853-33979	66,554.82
33823-33980	37,379.91
33671-33965	79,000.84

Seconded by Councilwoman Whetsel, unanimously carried

BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #R21-58

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the following budget transfers and amendments:

There were no budget transfers

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried

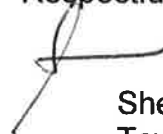
Supervisor Oliverio moved to go into an Executive meeting to discuss legal items concerning our agricultural codes and solar panels. No business will be conducted afterward.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Oliverio moved to close the Town Board meeting at 5:22 PM.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted



Sherry Howard
Town Clerk
03-05-2021

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