

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021
5:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance
Supervisor's Comments

TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
MEETING AGENDA

1. Begin Discussion on use of the 1.26 million dollars
2. Verizon Connect Installation Agreement
3. WSP Roaring Brook Proposal

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Sherry Howard
Town Counsel Robert Lusardi

Supervisor Oliverio opened the Town Board Meeting at 5:00 PM and welcomed everyone to the Work Session Meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our military forces around the world.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Supervisor Oliverio said next week September 22nd at 6:00 PM we will be holding our Regular Monthly Meeting with two important (2) Public Hearings. One is on the Marijuana law, which would not allow the sale of recreational marijuana in our Town. This does not include medicinal marijuana. The second Public Hearing will be on the newly proposed Noise Ordinance. Both laws appear on our website.

Supervisor Oliverio said please do not forget about the Fire Departments 75th anniversary parade being held on September 25th. The parade will run from the Town Hall to the Town Park. Councilman Luongo said there will be about 20 Departments participating and marching. There will be no activities at the Town Park, this is just a parade. There will be 19 trophies given out in various categories because this is a Firematic Dress Parade. We would have done more but covid and logistics (getting people in and out of the park) are a huge problem. Step-off is at 3:00 from Town Hall. Oscawana Lake Road will be closed from Cimarron and Church Road to South Street for about an hour at that time.

BEGIN DISCUSSION ON THE USE OF THE 1.26 MILLION DOLLARS

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

Supervisor Oliverio said he would like to talk about the 1.26 million dollars the Town received of covid money. There are only four (4) things you are allowed to use this Federal money for – it is very limited.

1. Watershed or water protection. It can be used for the remediation of the Lake Peekskill Dam.
2. Enhancement of Broadband Services. This includes livestreaming, equipment, and updating the website.
3. The enhancement of salaries – only for those individuals who gave above and beyond during the covid crisis. He added that all six (6) of our managers did that very thing. They were here and covered when the rest of the staff was off and on.
4. It can also be used for education, library enhancement, and things like that.

These are the four (4) limitations. We have enough projects we can spend it on. The money comes in two (2) batches, we have already received one-half. We will get the rest of it next year. This is very restrictive and we have a separate account for this money. When we do use it we have to document every penny that has been spent and we have to decide by 2024 what we are going to spend it on. Additionally, the money has to be spent by 2026. The Town will be audited in 2026 and we must show proof of everything we spent the money on. We can't use it for Health Insurance or Retirement. We can use it for water related bridge projects, Supervisor Oliverio suggested to Highway Superintendent Cobb that perhaps some of the money could be used for the Lover's Lane Bridge, that is a big project though. The new Town Board will make these decisions.

VERIZON CONNECT INSTALLATION AGREEMENT

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION #21-219

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the installation contract with VERIZON CONNECT for the Lake Oscawana Harvester Tracker

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried

WSP ROARING BROOK PROPOSAL

Presented by Councilwoman Annabi

RESOLUTION #21-220

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to accept and sign the proposal with WSP, 500 Summit Lake Drive, Suite 450, Valhalla, NY 10595 for a topographical survey necessary for the repair of the Roaring Brook Lake Dam. This proposal is an addition to the original agreement dated February 2, 2021. The costs of this modification include an additional survey (\$9,198.00) and a resident's meeting (\$1,046.00). The cost will be covered by the Roaring Brook Lake District.

Supervisor Oliverio said WSP the group that is fixing the Roaring Brook Lake Dam bills us periodically. They don't want all the money up front, as they finish the work they send us the bill.

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Oliverio

RESOLUTION #21-221

RESOLVED that the Town Board **ADD** the following item to the agenda

2 Sign Contract with VPS for on-line tax payments

Seconded by Councilwoman Annabi, unanimously carried.

SIGN CONTRACT WITH VPS FOR ON-LINE TAX PAYMENTS

Presented by Councilwoman Whetsel

RESOLUTION #21- N/A (see below)

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Value Payment Systems, 155 Franklin Road, Suite 330, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027 to upgrade our on-line tax collection system. We currently use SCA for our on-line check payments and PayPal Braintree for our on-line credit card collection service. SCA will no longer be providing this service. SCA will now be working with Value Payment Services to provide both credit card and check on-line collection services. Value Payment Systems will be matching the 2.5% credit card interest amount which is currently being charged to our residents.

Value Payment Systems does charge \$1.00 per check transaction, which has incorporated into the 2022 budget. This is pending Town Attorney Lusardi's approval of the contract.

Attorney Lusardi has some issues with the contract so the Town Board decided to table this contract until the next meeting so his concerns can be addressed.

RESOLUTION #21-222

RESOLVED, that the Town Board table the signing of the contract with VPS for on-line tax payments until the next meeting of September 22, 2021.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

Supervisor Oliverio said he would like to wish all of our Jewish friends a very powerful and enlightened Yom Kippur. It is the highest of Holy Days in the Jewish Religion. May the Book of Life be with you and guide you.

Supervisor Oliverio moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the CSEA contract and the VPS contract. No new business will be conducted afterward.

Councilman Luongo seconded the motion, unanimously carried

Supervisor Oliverio closed the meeting at 5:16 PM.

Councilwoman Annabi seconded the motion, unanimously carried

Respectfully Submitted



Sherry Howard
Town Clerk
09-20-2021

