

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022
6:00 PM

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Departmental Reports
2. Supervisor's Comments
3. Legislative Report
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Authorize District Grass Cutting Bid Request
6. Parks and Recreation Personnel
7. Public Comment
8. Audit of Monthly Bills
9. Budget Transfers and Amendments

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PRESENT: Supervisor Annabi
Councilman Russo
Councilwoman Tompkins
Councilman Smith
Councilman Luongo

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Sherry Howard
Town Counsel Sarah Ryan

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our men and women in our armed forces.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

1st Lieutenant Cheryl Silvernail from the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps gave her report as follows:

Lieutenant Silvernail said for January 2022 we had a total of 73 calls as follows:

46 medical emergencies
6 car accidents
3 storm standbys
2 mutual aid out
6 mutual aid in
10 mutual aid out of County

In addition, we had 504 roster hours for the month of January.

1st Lieutenant Silvernail said they would like to let the residents know that they do not have any walkers/wheelchairs/canes etc. They do not have the room to store them or collect them. She thanked Supervisor Annabi for the test kits and KN95 masks.

CPR classes; we are going to be starting classes up again. We have an instructor willing to do them on Saturdays. You can access the information on our webpage which is PVVAC.org. We will limit the class size to six (6) so we can spread everyone out. Our phone number is 845-490-8509.

Supervisor Annabi read the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department report for the month of January 2022 as follows:

- 1 Building Fire
- 1 Fuel burner/boiler malfunction
- 2 Medical Emergency Service
- 1 liquid Spill
- 2 CO incidents
- 1 Arcing - electrical
- 2 Good Intent Calls
- 1 No incident
- 1 False Alarm
- 1 Smoke Detector activation due to malfunction
- 5 smoke detector activation no fire
- 3 Detector Activation – no fire
- 4 Medical Assist EMS
- 7 Motor Vehicle Accidents – with injuries
- 1 motor vehicle accidents – no injuries
- 6 Stand-By/Mutual Aid

For a total of 39 calls.

Mark Weiss, President of the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center spoke first and gave the following report:

February 16, 2022

So, here's a safety conscious little tidbit tied to some news from the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center. One frigid morning a couple of weeks ago, I got an early morning call saying, "I was just at the church and I think I smelled gas." You here know that the first thing you do if you smell gas is get out and call 911. But we took a few seconds just to make sure that it was actually gas. And lo and behold we realized that we don't have gas; we only have oil. We called our guy Adam Simone, who already knew that the heat exchanger was on its last legs. Long story short, I promise. We have a new furnace at Tompkins Corners and besides that the circulator now ventilates the entire building when the heat is off. So now we have another source of ventilation other than the windows and doors and we're even more ready for the 2022 season.

We are announcing the two winners of the Anne Anastasi Foundation Art Award for our online "Love" Exhibit: First Prize to Dorene Batties' powerful photograph, "Never Forget" and Second Prize to Kevo's oil painting, "In My Feelings."

We're working toward our 2022 opening in March with our first Poets' Corner on Sunday, March 20th at 3 p.m. We are collaborating with the PV Library which is sponsoring a writer's workshop on the first Sunday of the month beginning on March 6th from 2 to 3:30 pm. Participants can workshop their writing and then read at the Tompkins Open Mic. Tompkins' Linda Thornton and the PV Library's Cole Caldwell along with Dave Hull, chair of the Tompkins' Poets' Corner committee made this happen.

Our annual St. Patrick's event is on Saturday evening, March 26th, at 7 p.m. featuring Mary Courtney, much loved County Kerry singer, guitarist and bodhran percussionist. Mary's show will open with our very own Ceili Irish Band which plays on many a Friday afternoon during the summer at our Farmer's Market. Joe Mahon is the leader of the Band. Kate Hoekstra is our Tompkins liaison. Members performing will be JoEllen Blosson, Chris Blossy, David Carlisle, Maureen Carson, Joe Connelly and Patty McCue.

Keep track of us on our website: tompkinscorners.org

See you next month!

Mark Weiss, President
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
606-557-6185

Putnam Valley Library Director, John Faria, gave the following report:

The Library has been busy since the start of the year. Our ongoing and upcoming programs are as follows:

1. Chess Club – this is underway and doing very well. It is a free program
2. Knitwits – restarted again on February 12th. This is a free knitting club.
3. Defensive Driving – Saturday, Feb. 26th from 10AM to 4 PM. Needs preregistration. There are 6 more spots left. This is in-person.
4. The Magic of Amateur Radio – Feb 28th at 7:00 PM. All ages – 1 hour program.
5. Dungeons and Dragons Club – March 4th at 4:00 PM - ages 13 – 17 years old.
6. The Writer's Workshop – in conjunction with Tompkins Cultural Center in March.
7. Alice's Ordinary People - Tue March 8th at 6:30 PM with four (4) other Libraries being held via zoom.
8. Book Club – the book being read is The Affairs of the Falcons by Melissa Rivero. Please call the Library to register – 25 participant's maximum.
9. Virtual Tour New York Public Library – this is being held by zoom in March.
10. Passport Day is on March 26th 10 AM to 2 PM.
11. Colonel Israel Putnam Letter – This letter was found in a cabinet at the library and is dated June 8th 1775. It is framed and was donated to the library in 1974. It is hanging in the library so please come and see it.

Highway Superintendent Shawn Keeler gave the following report:

1. We are looking around to see if there has been any damage done to people's curbs or lawns that got torn up – we will start repairing it once the weather breaks. Please call to be added to the list so we can go look.
2. If you have any trees that you do not want us to cut please cut them back yourself. We have the right to cut anything that falls into the right of way.
3. When we do cut down trees we have wood and woodchips available for the residents to take. We will deliver it to your house – the wood is not split. Please call the office.
4. County Roads – if you live on a County Road the Town Highway Department cannot take care of them or help you. We can be held liable by the County if something goes wrong – or we take away from their overtime. We are taking care of our own potholes.
5. Thank-you to the Town Board for allowing us to put up some excess equipment up for auction – we made \$30,000.00 on the sales. We are finding other things that can also be excessed and auctioned off.
6. Superintendent Keeler can be reached at 845-745-0795 or emailed at skeeler@putnamvalley.com.

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Legislator Bill Gouldman could not be here today, but he asked me to give his report.

**** The Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District will be having a great opportunity for residents in the next few days. They will be offering many exciting trees and shrubs at their annual sale. Order early so you can get the species that you are looking for. Check with the County website and look for annual tree & shrub seeding sale daily. This is a great opportunity, so please take advantage of it.**

**** At the next Putnam County Legislative Physical Services Committee meeting on Thursday, February 17 at 6:30. The Putnam County Highway Department will be giving an update on the Peekskill Hollow Road Project. ...
If you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to attend. This will be your opportunity to speak directly to the County Highway Department. The meeting will be held at the Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Room 318. Hope to see you there.**

If you have an idea that would improve how County Government works, please let him know.

He would like to thank the residents who have contacted him about issues they need help with. 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. Thank you

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION #R22-112

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to accept the Town Board Meeting Minutes from January 12, and January 19, 2022.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE DISTRICT GRASS CUTTING BID

Presented by Councilwoman Tompkins

RESOLUTION #22-113

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the District Clerk to go out to bid for grass cutting on District Properties for the 2022 season

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

PARKS AND RECREATION PERSONNEL

Presented by Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION #R22-114

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the following addition to the Parks and Recreation personnel:

1. Gianna Bianco, Basketball Security doorkeeper, @ \$15.00 per hour.
2. Kristine Grimes, PV Children's Center, @ \$13.70 per hour.

Seconded by Councilman Russo, unanimously carried

APPROVE REQUEST TO BID ON DUMP TRUCK

Presented by Councilman Russo

RESOLUTION #R22- N/A see below

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Highway Department to go out to bid for a 2022-2023 Ford F550 4x4 Dump Truck to replace the 2010 Dodge. The cost is within the Highway Department's Budget.

Supervisor Annabi seconded for discussion.

Supervisor Annabi said she will ask Superintendent Keeler to look at a 2021 Dump Truck as it will be a cheaper. Councilpersons Tompkins and Luongo said it may be hard to find one (1) now. Supervisor Annabi said we will remove the year from the Resolution so they can look for one (1) just in case.

RESOLUTION #R22-115

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Highway Department to go out to bid for a Ford F550 4x4 Dump Truck to replace the 2010 Dodge. The cost is within the Highway Department's Budget.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

DISCUSSION ON WHAT TO DO WITH FUNDS FROM AMPION AND NYSERDA

Presented by Councilman Smith

Councilman Smith said we have some funds that have come in from a NYSERDA Grant and the Ampion Program for solar energy. We have to decide very soon as to what we want to spend the money on. It has to be spent on an energy efficient project.

Councilman Smith said in doing some research one (1) thing that kept coming up was the replacement of old florescent lighting into more modern LED lighting. This is better for the environment and better for our pockets. This would be a great project for the Town Hall. Councilman Smith said he will fill out the NYSERDA form to do this and he is confident that it will be approved. He asked Supervisor Annabi to get a cost from an electrician to do this project within the Town Hall Campus. We have a little over \$15,000.00 – once we get the cost from the electrician we will know how much we can do. Supervisor Annabi said the idea of getting laptops for the Town Board did not pan out.

RESOLUTION #R22-116

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the use of the NYSERDA and Ampion Grant Funds to update the lighting in the Town Hall Campus and its Buildings to LED for energy savings.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

ROLL CALL VOTE

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| Councilwoman Tompkins | aye |
| Councilman Luongo | aye |
| Councilman Smith | aye |
| Councilman Russo | aye |
| Supervisor Annabi | aye |

By a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays the Resolution is passed.

Supervisor Annabi said the next discussion is what we would like on our “wish list” for any funds from ARPA that the County may give us. They would like a list of what we need and want. The list that has already been discussed is:

1. The Substation
2. Replacing the gas tank at the Highway Department
3. Funds for Bell Hollow Bridge
4. Upgrade and update the lighting in Town Hall (funds also being supplied by grants)
5. Funding for electric vehicles
6. Assistance with the wall between the Highway Department and Parks and Rec.

Supervisor Annabi asked for any other suggestions from the Town Board Members? Supervisor Annabi suggested getting some funds to the VFW for much needed renovations/ and the Museum for new windows. Councilman Smith suggested some money be given to the day camp. Supervisor Annabi said Millennium Strategies is looking into grants for that; but maybe we could add some ADA compliant swings in the park to the list.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Former Councilwoman and Chairwoman of the CCE Wendy Whetsel said she understands that people are using salt on their private property to melt the ice we have been having; however there are a lot of downsides to using salt. There are now many alternative products you can use that which can be found at Home Depot, PetSmart, Feed Barn etc. Salt can be dangerous to your pets, children and cars, it can leach into your well and aquifers. It can also kill plants. Kitty litter is another good alternative which works well in keeping you from slipping on ice in your driveway. Vinegar, coffee grinds, and beet juice are also environmentally friendly and work well. There was a big article in the New York Times about this and we will be putting it on our webpage if you are interested in reading it.

Councilmen Luongo said salt loses its efficiency when it gets colder. You also need the traffic to get the salt to work which you don't have on your private property. Salt works with road deicing because the constant grinding down of the salt creates the heat that melts the ice. Make sure when you do go out to get any kind of deicer – you watch the first step – that's the most dangerous.

Supervisor Annabi announced that Town Day is back this year and will be held on September 24th. She added that we are looking for vendors. The fireworks are already booked and will begin at 8:30 PM. The application to be a vendor will be on our website or you can get one sent to you – email jannabi@putnamvalley.com.

AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R22-117

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

| <u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u> | <u>AMOUNTS</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 37523-37643 | \$9,460.66 |

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried.

BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R22-118

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

THERE WERE NO BUDGET
TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously passed.

Supervisor Annabi made a motion to close the meeting at 6:41PM.

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted



Sherry Howard
Town Clerk
02-22-2022

