

PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022
6:00 PM

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Departmental Reports
2. Supervisor's Comments
3. Legislative Report
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Honor Charles J Kuchera, Retiree, Highway Department
6. Vote on Planning Board Submission regarding Porters Road Wireless Facility
7. Vote ABACA Code Changes
8. Parks and Recreation:
 - a. Approve Personnel
 - b. Approve Refunds
 - c. Approve Day Camp Staff
9. Approve Mileage Reimbursement Rate Increase
10. Approve LOMAC Appointment
11. Public Comment
12. Audit of Monthly Bills
13. 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.

Councilman Smith asked for a moment of silence for our Troops throughout the world.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION R#22-230

RESOLVED that the Town Board **ADD/AMEND** the following item to the agenda:

Move #5 - Honor Charles J. Kuchera, retiree to #1.

Add #7A – Sign contract with Van DeWater and Van DeWater re: Special Prosecutor.

Add an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss a contractual matter.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo unanimously carried

HONOR CHARLES J KUCHERA – RETIREE, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Presented by Councilman Luongo

Councilman Luongo read a proclamation from the Town Board to Mr. Kuchera recognizing the Town's appreciation for all of his hard work with the Highway Department.

Supervisor Annabi expressed her thanks and appreciation for all he has done for our community and our roads.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Highway Superintendent Shawn Keeler gave the following report:

Superintendent Keeler also thanked Mr. Kuchera for all of his service and hard work.

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen

I'd like to take a moment to thank the men and women of the Highway dept. for their hard work and dedication over the past 6 months

Our vacuum truck has been out cleaning catch basins around Town. We have cleaned out roughly 312 basins since last month's report, and 568 year to date. We will be continuing this until the fall with the hope of getting all basins in town cleaned by then.

We have been out repairing MANY of the basins that were in need of repair and will be sending out a 2nd crew to assist with getting them all repaired.

Our mower has been out almost every day cutting back along the sides of the roads. As well you may have seen a crew out weed whacking around guard rails and other obstructions the mower can't mow around.

We have been working on replacing and updating the drainage On Sprout brook Road and hope to have it completed by the end of next week, when we will then start cutting the shoulders in preparation for reclaiming of the road scheduled to begin August 25th.

I met with our black top company and I'm awaiting price breakdown for each road on our wish list and will decide shortly which roads will be blacktopped in 2022.

Lastly our Tree crew will be getting back in full swing tomorrow cutting dead trees and limbs over the roads.

Just a quick reminder that if you have trees, bushes or hedges that grow into any road way, it's your responsibility to maintain them. If our guys come through they may cut them back but maybe not to your satisfaction

I can always be reached in my Office 845-526-3333 on my cell 845-745 -0795 and SKEELER@PUTNAMVALLEY.GOV

Linda Thornton from the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center gave the following report:

- The Farmer's Market opened on June 17th and will be held every Friday until the last week of August from 3 PM to 6:30 PM. This week there will be Cajun music to listen to while you shop. Last week after the Farmer's Market, we showed John Cohen's film "50 Miles to Town Square" in conjunction with the Putnam Valley Historical Society. There was also a short documentary narrated by Town Historian Dan Ricci made from donated postcards.
- June 25th we will be having our first classical music concert with the Cortlandt String Quartet. We were able to present them through a grant from the Putnam Arts Council.
- On Sunday, June 26th at 4:00 PM we have an afternoon concert with Grant Peeples, who has been called the Woody Guthrie of the new millennium.
- On Saturday, July 9th as part of the John Cohen Memorial Concert Series, we will be presenting an Irish Folk Trio named, "House of Hamill." We are so lucky to have gotten them as they are rising stars.
- The monthly Poet's Corner is being held on Sunday, July 10th.
- On Sunday July 17th we are partnering with the Putnam Valley Library to show two (2) short films by a young local man named Jon Scott Bennett. The first one (1) is entitled, "The Leatherman"; and the second one (1) is called "The Pound Ridge Massacre".

Councilman and Fire Department Member Louie Luongo read the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department report for the month of May 2022 as follows:

1 Passenger Vehicle Fires
3 Brush fires
2 Rescues EMS
3 Medical Assist
6 Motor Vehicle Accidents with Injuries
2 Motor Vehicle Accidents with no Injuries
2 Gas Leak
2 Power line down
1 Arcing shorted electrical equipment
1 Unauthorized burning
3 Standbys
2 Dispatched and cancelled en route
1 Wrong Location
1 Authorized Control Burning
2 Smoke Detection - unintentional
5 Smoke Detector Activation – no fire

For a total of 37 calls. 183 calls year to date.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi said this is the last weekend to go to the Kingdom Faire. You can get the bus at either the Senior Center or the Jefferson Valley Mall. This Saturday is a full day, and this Sunday is ½ day. It is \$10.00 for the tickets, they were great partners to our Town and this was a great opportunity.

Supervisor Annabi reminded everyone that Town Day is September 24th. There are a few applications available and very few spots left if you need electricity along the fence line. If you would like an application please call us at 845-526-2121 or email at emcginty@putnamvalley.gov. Supervisor Annabi thanked some of the sponsors of Town Day i.e. The Ana Anastasia Foundation who donated \$5,000.00, PCSB who donated \$2,000.00, and Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber who donated \$250.00. The fireworks will begin at 8:15 PM.

Supervisor Annabi said on October 16th we will be having our next shred event. Start boxing up your documents and get here between 10 AM and 2 PM on that day. It was very successful last time when we did it in March. We are going to continue doing this twice a year.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Legislator Nancy Montgomery said she and Supervisor Annabi were at the Rules Committee meeting of the Putnam County Legislature last night where the Legislature voted to go ahead with the Town's ARPA Funding request and share the sales tax gross. You can read about this in the minutes of their meeting. This funding is essential for your infrastructure projects which are very expensive.

Legislator Montgomery was surprised by the third Resolution the County Executive presented last night, (which was the 14 million dollars left over after all of the Towns received their ARPA money), because she never received any proposals or suggestions with what to do with this leftover money. The three people on the Rules Committee moved it forward and what it is earmarked for sounds great on paper. It will be spent on projects such as radios, school safety, infrastructure upgrades, stabilization center, and Highways all lumped into one (1) Resolution. County Legislator Montgomery will be keeping a close eye on this because even though these are worthy projects, she will have a hard time voting for it because they are lumped into one (1) Resolution. Additionally, the Public had no input on this, and this was just presented to us yesterday.

Supervisor Annabi said the money we received from the County was \$602,000.00 in ARPA Funds and \$602,000.00 in sales tax. This money will be used for potable water, sewer treatments and lakes. We were also talking about doing the drainage from Wenonah to clean up Lake Oscawana. Another project we were also talking about is using some of this money for engineering costs in regards to bringing sewers from Oregon Corners up to Lake Peekskill. This sounds like a lot of money, but it's a drop in the bucket when it comes to big projects like these. It is a start though to get our lakes in healthy order. Any step we take using this money has to be approved by the County first. Legislator Montgomery said that is correct, but there is an allowance built in if you want to change course and pick another project than what was originally stated. The guidelines from the Federal Government are fairly flexible as far as changing projects is concerned.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presented by Councilman Russo

RESOLUTION #R22-231

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to accept the Town Board Meeting Minutes from May 18th and June 8th, 2022

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

VOTE ON PLANNING BOARD SUBMISSION REGARDING PORTERS ROAD WIRELESS FACILITY

Presented by Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION #R22-232

WHEREAS, Homeland Towers, LLC (Applicant") is proposing to construct a personal wireless service facility consisting of a 150' monopole designed to accommodate up to four (4) carriers and to construct associated equipment to be located within a proposed 3,450 square foot fenced compound area; and

WHEREAS, the subject property consists of 11.46+/-acres and is located on 30 Porters Road and within the Town's R-3 (low density residence) zoning district; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §165-61(H)(4) of the Putnam Valley Town Code, the Applicant is required to obtain concept approval of its Special Use Permit(s) from the Town Board before it can proceed to the detailed site plan review before the Planning Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley does hereby grant concept approval of Applicant's Special Use Permit(s): and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant is permitted to proceed to the detailed site plan review before the Planning Board.

Dated: June 22, 2022
Moved: Councilman Smith
Seconded: Councilman Luongo

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Luongo
Councilman Smith
Councilwoman Tompkins
Councilman Russo
Supervisor Annabi

Motion Passes/Fails Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

VOTE ON ABACA CODE CHANGES – LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2022

Presented by Councilwoman Tompkins

RESOLUTION #R22-233

BE IT ENACTED, that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley does hereby adopt by Local Law Town Code Article VI entitled “Advisory Board on Architecture and Community Appearance” (ABACA), attached hereto as Exhibit A, which will replace the Town’s existing “ABACA” policy; and

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the Town Board does hereby waive a verbatim reading of Exhibit A and does direct that said Local Law shall be spread across the record as if it, in fact, had been read verbatim; and

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that a Public Hearing in relation to said Local Law was held on April 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York; and

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that notice of said Public Hearing was given pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York; and

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this action to amend the Town Code is a Type II Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and, as such, no further environmental review is required: and

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the proposed Local Law was duly referred to the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development, and Public Transportation, and no response was received; and

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the said Local Law has been on the desks of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley for at least seven (7) days, exclusive of Sunday;

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that said Local Law, if adopted, shall take immediate effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Dated: June 22, 2022
Moved: Councilwoman Tompkins
Seconded: Councilman Luongo

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Passes/Fails Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

APPROVE CONTRACT FOR THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R22-234

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Van DeWater and Van DeWater, LLP, 85 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 101, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. The scope of services is to provide legal services to the Town of Putnam Valley as Special Prosecutor. The Town will be billed for these services at a flat fee of \$2,000.00 per month.

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried

PARKS AND RECREATION PERSONNEL

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION #R22-235

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

To: Town Board
From: Frank DiMarco, Parks and Recreation
Subject: Personnel
Date: June 2022

Please approve the following additions/changes to personnel.

1. Christian Garcia, Seasonal summer lifeguard @ \$14.00 hr.
2. Julian Garcia, Seasonal summer lifeguard @ \$14.00 hr.
3. Victoria Deluca, Seasonal summer day camp pool lifeguard @ \$16.00 hr. (Water Safety Instructor)
4. Katherine Clarke, Seasonal summer day camp pool lifeguard @ \$14.00 hr.
5. Jake Florkowski, Seasonal summer lifeguard @ \$14.00 hr.
6. Lindsey Cohen, Seasonal summer lifeguard @ \$14.00 hr.
7. Brian Fitzmaurice, PV Children's Center @ \$15.00 hr.
8. Ariana Rodriguez, Seasonal summer lifeguard @ \$14.00 hr.

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried

PARKS AND RECREATION REFUNDS

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION #R22-236

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept the June 2022 refunds for the Parks and Recreation Department as follows:

To: Town Board
From: Frank DiMarco, Parks and Recreation Director
Subject: Parks and Recreation Refunds
Date: June refunds 2022

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|---|---|
| Melissa McCarthy 53 Argyle Street Lake Peekskill, NY 10537 | \$500.00 LPCC Deposit refund |
| Deborah Motinho 100 Lake Drive Lake Peekskill, NY 10537 | \$150.00 LPCC Partial deposit refund (writing on walls) |
| Vincent Kinane 18 Cedar Ledges Putnam Valley, NY 10579 | \$100.00 Pavilion park usage Debris and water from storm, had to clean up water |
| Danielle Rodriguez 18 Fordal Place Lake Peekskill, NY 10537 | \$87.50 Day Camp Over payment for camp |
| Kelly Riley 49 Johnson Street Lake Peekskill, NY 10537 | \$46.00 PVCC No June childcare |
| David Cartenuto 130 Union Avenue Montgomery, NY 12549 | \$270.00 PVCC No June childcare |

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried.

APPROVE DAY CAMP STAFF

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION #R22-237

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the 2022 Putnam Valley Day Camp Staff.



**PUTNAM VALLEY
 PARKS & RECREATION**



Putnam Valley Day Camp Staff 2022

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Role</u> | <u>Hourly Wage</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Grace Ganoud | Create Specialist | \$11.21 | \$3,138.80 |
| Olivia Astrologo | Art Specialist | \$11.21 | \$3,138.80 |
| Grace Moretti | Gym Specialist | \$11.21 | \$3,138.80 |
| Sydney Goldberg | Nature Specialist | \$11.21 | \$3,138.80 |
| Sal Nastri | Ropes Specialist | \$11.21 | \$3,138.80 |
| Michael Holowiak | Ropes Specialist | \$11.21 | \$3,138.80 |
| Samantha Vulcano | Game Room Specialist | \$11.21 | \$3,138.80 |
| Nick Moeller | Specialist | \$11.21 | \$3,138.80 |
| Michael Roman | Specialist Coordinator | \$12.75 | \$3,570.00 |
| Michael Rufo | Maintenance | \$17.85 | \$4,970.00 |
| James DeRonda | CIT Coordinator | \$12.50 | \$3,500.00 |
| Kristine Cabreja | Senior Counselor | \$10.70 | \$2,996.00 |
| Katie Lafuente | Senior Counselor | \$10.70 | \$2,996.00 |
| Julianna Russo | Senior Counselor | \$10.70 | \$2,996.00 |
| Francisco Nogueira | Senior Counselor | \$10.70 | \$2,996.00 |
| Dannia Jadan | Senior Counselor | \$10.70 | \$2,996.00 |
| Quinn Strang | Senior Counselor | \$10.70 | \$2,996.00 |
| Luke Marinelli | Senior Counselor | \$10.70 | \$2,996.00 |
| Devin Rooney | Senior Counselor | \$10.70 | \$2,996.00 |
| Kim Braun | Junior Counselor | \$9.50 | \$2,660.00 |
| Arianna Tenesaca | Junior Counselor | \$9.50 | \$2,660.00 |
| Kanyon Lewis | Junior Counselor | \$9.50 | \$2,660.00 |
| Arianna Carey | Junior Counselor | \$9.50 | \$2,660.00 |
| Daniel DeChristopher | Junior Counselor | \$9.50 | \$2,660.00 |
| Margaret Sampson | Junior Counselor | \$9.50 | \$2,660.00 |
| Sophia Stella | Junior Counselor | \$9.50 | \$2,660.00 |
| Ava McGinty | Junior Counselor | \$9.50 | \$2,660.00 |
| Rory McGinty | Junior Counselor | \$9.50 | \$2,660.00 |
| Noah Angelico | Junior Counselor | \$9.50 | \$2,660.00 |
| Kaylee Mellars | Junior Counselor | \$9.50 | \$2,660.00 |
| Anthony Caterino | Junior Counselor | \$9.50 | \$2,660.00 |

APPROVE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Presented by Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION #R22-238

RESOLVED that the Town Board increase the mileage reimbursement rate of 58.5 cents per mile to the new rate of 62.5 cents per mile beginning July 1, 2022. This increase is from the IRS.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo unanimously carried

DISTRICTS – APPROVE LOMAC APPOINTMENT

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi said for those who do not know, Lake Oscawana and LOMAC lost a long time member of LOMAC. She was basically the founder of LOMAC, and that is Kathleen McLaughlin. Kathleen had much knowledge about Lake Oscawana and she will be sorely missed. She was also a long time part of the library; and an integral member of our community.

RESOLUTION #R22-239

RESOLVED that the Town Board appoint Alan Paley, as the Chairman of the Lake Oscawana Management Advisory Committee (LOMAC), effective 6/13/2022 to 12/31/2023.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi said congratulations to all of our Putnam Valley graduates.

Councilman Luongo reminded everyone to lock their car doors. He also heard on the news today that another infant lost their life because someone left them in the back seat of their car. Please remember children and animals are voiceless and need to be looked out for. He continued, also now that school is over; look out for children while driving. If a ball goes into the road a child will be right behind it!

Councilwoman Tompkins complemented Parks and Rec. and the Senior Center for a great Senior Picnic. She had a lot of fun watching them dance. Supervisor Annabi said if you are a senior and are at least 60 years old, you should go and join the Senior Center! They do a great job up there; they go on trips, have lunch, and don't mess with their coffee and conversation!

AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R22-240

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

| <u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u> | <u>AMOUNTS</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 38878-38933 | 21,643.98 |

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R22-241

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve Budget transfers and Amendments for Year-To-Date June, 2022

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Annabi made a motion to close the meeting at 6:56 PM.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted



Sherry Howard
Town Clerk
06-27-2022