

**PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022**  
**6:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Presentation Honoring Putnam Valley High School Seniors
2. Departmental Reports
3. Supervisor's Comments
4. Legislative Report
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Presentation by Chris Kopf, CPA- O'Connor, Davies, Auditor
7. Presentation by Alan/Paley/Procellacor – Lake Oscawana
8. Vote on Planning Board Submission regarding Porters Road Wireless Facility
9. Approve MS4 Annual Report
10. Approve Audit Report
11. Discuss Parking Code Changes
12. Parks and Recreation:
  - a. May 2022 Refunds
  - b. Approve Personnel
  - c. Approve Lifeguard Personnel
  - d. Approve Groundskeeper/Recreation Assistant
13. Highway:
  - a. Personnel Changes
  - b. Approve Seasonal Laborers
14. Approve Standard Workday Resolution
15. Approve NYS Naming of Pudding Street Overpass, "Putnam Valley First Responder's Bridge"
16. Public Comment
17. Audit of Monthly Bills
18. 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 Troops and our First Responders

**PRESENTATION HONORING PUTNAM VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi said we have some amazing High School Seniors who should be recognized for their achievements. Supervisor Annabi expressed her and the Town's pride in each and every one of them. Each received a proclamation from the Town Board. Their names are as follows:

Fiona Chen	Valedictorian
Michael Holowiak	Salutatorian/Medicine
Victoria-Helen Spitzer	Academic Excellence/NYS Music
Jacob Nachamie	Academic Excellence Science
Noah Benschine	Academic Excellence
Christian Dilapi	Science Achievement
Anthony Esposito	Behavioral Science Achievement
Olivia Goncalves	Stockholm Junior Water Prize/Science
Luke Marinelli	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place in Medicine/Science
Christopher Soliz	Solutions for a Sustainable World Award
Michael Whittaker	Honorable Mention Science Fair
Benjamin Lowder	New York State Music Conference Achievement
Megan Stephens	Outstanding Achievement Section I Cheerleading
Bryan Palmo	Outstanding Achievement NYSPHSAN (athletics)
Amanda Orlando	All State Basketball
Jackson Novak	Outstanding Achievement NYSPHSAN (athletics)

Karol Noguera	Outstanding Achievement NYSPHSAN (athletics)
Christian Tacuri-Marino	Outstanding Achievement NYSPHSAN (athletics)
Leah Lundberg	Outstanding Achievement NYSPHSAN (athletics)
Alexandra Jacobs	Outstanding Achievement NYSPHSAN (athletics)
Nia Givan	Outstanding Achievement NYSPHSAN (athletics)
Ilyanna Alicea- Garcia	All League/All Section Cheerleading
Michael Esposito	Outstanding Achievement NYSPHSAN (athletics)
Cole Durocher	Outstanding Achievement NYSPHSAN (athletics)
Bronagh Cassidy	Outstanding Achievement NYSPHSAN (athletics)

Supervisor Annabi said that she is proud of all the students in the High School. She added that not all students are able to get a special award, but everyone is doing the best they can. We are supporting all of you, "Never doubt yourself, everything you're doing you're doing for you. Always believe in yourself, because we believe in you." Supervisor Annabi wished everyone good luck and congratulations to all the seniors.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Highway Superintendent Shawn Keeler gave the following report:

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 few months

We have almost completed the Horton Hollow Road project, as of today it seems to be a success we will continue to monitor the condition of the road and make any necessary repairs going forward. We added 4 catch basins and 306 feet of 12 inch pipe to the drainage system. My guys spent well over 20 hrs drilling and splitting rock to successfully get this drainage done. I'd like to thank the Putnam County Highway dept for the use of their grader and operator for this project

Speaking of Put County Highway we have begun working with them on drainage on the Cindy Lane Peekskill Hollow intersection

Our vacuum truck has been out cleaning catch basins around Town. We have cleaned out roughly 256 basins so far. 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

Last week A few of the guys were out with Sheryl Luongo and Doug *Montorulli* handing the military banners it is an honor to be able to assist with this every year.

Work that we also will be starting shortly or in the coming months:

- Lake Shore Drive in Roaring Brook we will be building a new wall to help to hold the road to avoid washing away and erosion
- Reclaiming of Sprout brook and Wicopee Roads Mid-August

Last but not least I would like to Thank Operator Chuck Kuchera who against my pleas and objections not too has decided after 31 years to retire as of May 30<sup>th</sup> . Chuck thank you for your many years of service to the town of Putnam Valley and especially your assistance over the last 4 ½ months .I can always be reached in my Office 845-526-3333 on my cell 845-745 -0795 and  
SKEELER@PUTNAMVALLEY.GOV

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

- Mark Weiss said the next event is Professor Louie and Cromatix on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.
- Linda Thornton said June 12<sup>th</sup> is our monthly poet's corner at 3:00 PM.
- The Farmer's Market opens on June 17<sup>th</sup> and will be held every Friday until the last week of August from 3 PM to 6:30 PM. After the Farmer's Market this Friday, we will be showing John Cohen's film "50 Miles to Town Square" in conjunction with the Putnam Valley Historical Society. There will also be a film narrated by Town Historian Dan Ricci made from donated postcards.
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – June 19<sup>th</sup> is Putnam County week. There is a list on their website of all activities going on around the County.
- June 18<sup>th</sup> is "Out to Lunch", which is a group of performers who do a little jazz, country, and folk music.
- June 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

New Parks and Recreation Senior Rec. leader Amanda McGannon spoke at the podium:

- Boot Camp will begin June 6<sup>th</sup> for 6 weeks at the Town Park Pavilion.
- Corn Hole Tournament – July 16<sup>th</sup> – starts 12 PM at the Town Park.
- There will be self-defense class beginning in July.
- Goat Yoga will begin again on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Sunset Series begins on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 7 PM – 9 PM
- Women's Softball is beginning again in June. The games will be played on Tue. and Wed. nights. We will also be trying to put a fall league together.
- Sports Intramural Camp will be running from July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup>; with a second week on July 7<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>. K – Grade 8 welcome.
- Boys Basketball Camp is running from June 27<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>. This is for boys from 3 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Cheer Camp is from June 27<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Middle School. Grades 1 – 8.
- Shrub Oak Tennis Camp, (which has multiple starting dates), can be found on our website.
- This past weekend we had our community tag sale. It was a little smaller than expected; but was still fun and the weather was beautiful.

If anybody has any suggestions, or ideas, give us a call in the office at 845-526-3292. You can also check our social media, we are very active. Check our website where we have a link where you can join a mailing list. Call us if you are interested in being a lifeguard this summer.

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

- 1 Building Fire
- 2 Passenger Vehicle Fires
- 1 Outside Rubbish/Trash
- 1 Rescue EMS
- 1 Medical Assist
- 6 Motor Vehicle Accidents with Injuries
- 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents with no Injuries
- 1 Arcing shorted electrical equipment
- 1 Stand by
- 1 Dispatched and cancelled en route
- 1 Steam, vapor, fog
- 9 Smoke Detector Activation – no fire

For a total of 27 calls.

Councilman Luongo said in April one (1) of the barns at the Cimarron Ranch burned down. It started at around 4 AM. He added that the PVVFD was at that call for 375 man hours with everybody's input. Incidences like this make the members of the Department shine. Supervisor Annabi said some people think because they are volunteers they don't show up, they always show up!

Councilman Russo gave the Putnam Valley Free Library Report as follows:

- Putnam Valley Chess Club meets every Wednesday from 4 – 7 PM. All Ages!
- Rainbow Family Storytime is being held on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Sit, Rollover and Read where children can read to Sunny Boy a certified therapy dog is on Wed. from 4 – 5 PM.
- Music and Movement is every Tue at 10:30 AM ages 0-5. Registration preferred.
- Storytime with Miss Isabelle meets every Friday at 10:30 AM outside in the garden, weather permitting.
- Knitwits meets every other Saturday from 2-3 PM. All ages and skill level welcome. Masks required. This is a free program.
- Crochet Corner with Kristin meets every other Saturday from 1 PM – 2 PM. All ages and skill levels.
- Amateur Radio – May 21, 2022 at 10 AM. All ages welcome.
- If you need community service hours please call the library.

- Need help with financial concerns? Come on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.
- Free support for your tech needs, call Isabelle at 845-528-3242 for more information.

For more information please call the Library at 845-526-3242; or go on line at –  
PUTNAMVALLEYLIBRARY.ORG

### **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi said please don't forget Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day. We will be holding our annual ceremony here at Town Hall at 10:00 AM. The next stop is at Lake Peekskill, and the final ceremony is held at the VFW in the Parking Lot. Please join us for all three (3) of these ceremonies where we pay tribute to those we lost.

Supervisor Annabi said we were the first Town to put up the Military Banners in Putnam County and the rest of the Towns followed behind. This is our third year of doing this. Thanks to Sheryl Luongo for getting this off the ground. We have over 100 banners now.

Supervisor Annabi said Putnam Valley has contracted with Millennium Strategies to help us get some grants for our Town. She just received notice from Congressman Maloney's Office that we received one of the many grants she applied for. The Town received a grant for potable water and a water treatment plant. She said this is a 3.6 million dollar project that Congressman Maloney has put us in to receive for the fiscal year of 2023. It will help us with the 30 homes in this area that have been affected by the watershed. It will help us put up a water plant and allow the Town to build wells for the homes the Town has been supplying water to all these years. She thanked Congressman Maloney's Office for allowing this opportunity to help us get these people potable water.

### **LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Legislator Nancy Montgomery said as to ARPA Funding, she didn't hear anything directly from the County Executive but she did hear from a community based organization she helped try to get some of the funding. Legislator Montgomery said we should be getting Resolutions from the County Executive's Office for the June Legislative Meeting; so hopefully in July we will be voting on approving the funding you have requested. Supervisor Annabi said this is huge and will be so helpful to us. Legislator Montgomery said how glad she is to see that Oscawana Lake is on the agenda. She added that last night they had a presentation from Cornell Cooperative Extension and they are presenting a "Let's Talk Lakes" program on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in Kent.

Legislator Montgomery said they did get an update from Social Services. There is an initiative by them to create a Stabilization Center like the one (1) they have in Dutchess County. A stabilization Center is where you go if you are experiencing a mental health crisis, an overdose, or an issue with an arrest, instead of going to the hospital, (which is not always needed). That person is taken to the Stabilization Center where they are kept for about 23 hours until they can figure out where to go. Sometimes trying to figure out what services are needed can be an awful maze. The plan is to possibly locate it at Putnam Hospital Center. This is a great idea, and closer to Putnam Valley than Dutchess. Supervisor Annabi said this is great for Putnam County. Legislator Montgomery said the opioid money is also coming in, and that Putnam County will be getting around 706 thousand dollars.

Legislator Montgomery thanked everyone who called her about road issues. When she calls the County Highway Department they usually address these issues right away.

Supervisor Annabi said Councilwoman Tompkins and Councilman Smith will be attending the "Let's Talk Lakes" Conference in Kent.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

#### **RESOLUTION #R22-207**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to accept the Town Board Meeting Minutes from April 20<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

#### **RESOLUTION R#22-208**

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

#11A - Resolution to amend Resolution #22-198 to authorize Earl Smith to be paid \$24.00 when acting as the Assistant Harvester Operator.

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

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins unanimously carried



**PRESENTATION BY CHRIS KOPF, CPA – O'CONNOR DAVIES AUDITORS**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

- Supervisor Annabi introduced Chris Kopf, a Partner from our audit firm O'Connor Davies. He started his presentation and 2021 financial results by saying that the Town Board will be pleased with the results of the Town's 2021 financial audit. On the first page of the audit report that he read at the podium he explained that they gave their "unmodified opinion", which is also known as a "clean opinion" and it is the highest level of assurance that they can give to a client.
- Mr. Kopf next spoke about the figures on page 57 which is our main Primary Operating Fund, (which is the General Fund); this is the budget you adopt. Here is the original budget and what you have modified during the course of the year, here is where you see what actually occurred financially for the conclusion of the year. Mr. Kopf said on this page you can see you ended the year with a very strong cash position. Your cash increased by 1.5 million over the previous year. At year end you had a fund balance of approximately three (3) million dollars, that's up from the prior year. Mr. Kopf said keep in mind you had two (2) tough budget years in a row due to the pandemic.
- You also now have ARPA money (unearned revenue) which does not get recognized as revenue until it gets spent.
- On page 58 you will see in the first column your original budget. You will also see at the bottom the amount of (\$294,135.00). Mr. Kopf explained that when you originally adopted your budget you planned to use the \$294,135.00 of your accumulated fund balance to balance your budget. If you look at the last column you will see that you wound up with a positive balance instead, so you did not need to use the \$294 thousand dollars you planned to use. You generated revenue much higher than you projected. You did come in under budget in the Parks and Rec. line due to the pandemic; but you came in over budget in the Building Department fines and penalties line.
- Your Mortgage Tax money was over what was anticipated, that is good for your Town.
- On page 66 is your Highway Fund. You did great and you have always come in on or below budget here. Considering the work they do that is amazing. You ultimately came in with a fund balance of almost 1 million dollars. Between your higher than expected CHIPS reimbursement, coming in under budget on repairs and maintenance, and spending less on the retirement system accounts, that accounts for the reason the Highway Department had a good year.

- On page 12 is your Government Wide Financial Statement. This is the Government's attempt to convert your books into business. On this page it looks like you are in a deficit, the reason for this is 23 million of this money is associated with what is known as "Other Person Employee Benefits" (OPEB). Municipalities are required to record the future cost of health insurance to all the anticipated employees. It's an actuarial calculation which is recorded on the books, and that's what puts you into the deficit. There is no mechanism to fund this, and you would probably never fund it because you would never charge the current tax payer for a future expense.
- On page 36 (long term debts): you only have one (2) outstanding bonds; one (1) that you took out last year, to finance some highway equipment, and one you took out in 2019. All are in good order and good standing.

Supervisor Annabi thanked Ms. Angelico, for taking care of the Town and being fiscally responsible to the community.

**PRESENTATION BY ALAN PALEY/PROCELLACOR – LAKE OSCAWANA**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi introduced LOMAC President Alan Paley who will discuss a trial they would like to do in Lake Oscawana.

Mr. Paley said the following:

AHP Opening Remarks for Town Board Hearing re Herbicide Trial

Thank you for giving LOMAC the opportunity to provide a bit of background for the proposed trial of ProcellaCOR. My name is Alan Paley and I am a member of the Lake Oscawana Management Advisory Commission. We thought it would be helpful to understand the background of how we arrived at the proposed trial of Procellacor to reduce the growth of Eurasian milfoil in certain areas of the lake.

Eurasian milfoil is an invasive, non-native aquatic plant introduced to the lake about twenty years ago. It was probably introduced into the lake from the hull of a boat or a boat trailers that had transported the milfoil from another waterbody. It has now spread to virtually every part of the lake and covers about 80 acres which is about one quarter of the entire lake. Of the area that is capable of growing plants (which is called the littoral zone), Eurasian milfoil has now expanded to become dominant across about 80% of that area.

Since the District's formation, the District has operated a harvester, which cuts and removes aquatic plants from the lake. In 2021, the District purchased its third harvester, its largest and most efficient machine yet. The harvester, however, is not ideal to remove certain types of aquatic plants or plants growing in rocky or shallow areas. When used in shallow areas, the harvester stirs up the bottom sediment, releasing phosphate and nitrogen embedded in the sediment into the lake which encourages further plant growth and harmful algae blooms.

In 2016, the District obtained the necessary DEC permits and stocked the lake with triploid grass carp, which feed on aquatic plants. In 2021, the District obtained DEC permits to add additional carp to the lake. Unfortunately, the carp are selective eaters and don't always feed on the types of plants we would like them to devour. The DEC imposes strict limits on the number of carp that can be stocked in a water body because when carp were first stocked in lakes in NY some were overstocked and the carp ate all of the plants in the lake which was more damaging to the lake. Lake Mahopac experienced this problem.

Over the years we have learned that managing the plant growth in the lake requires a variety of tools. Combating the continued spread of milfoil in shallow areas of the lake requires us to look beyond the harvester and the carp. Procellacor specifically targets milfoil. It tricks the milfoil plants into growing too fast so that they exhaust their ability to sustain themselves and die. Procellacor is applied in minute quantities and breaks down and dissipates to nondetectable levels within 24 hours after its application. Procellacor has been used very successfully for this purpose in numerous other lakes and water bodies, including drinking water reservoirs, both in New York State and other states. Based on the available information, LOMAC believes Procellacor will be the most effective and efficient method to combat the spread of milfoil in shallow portions of the lake. This is why we want to do a trial application in limited areas of the lake.

ProcellaCOR should be applied in June or early July. Due to timing constraints, the Town has already submitted an application to the NY DEC for the necessary permits so that if the Town decides to proceed with the trial the application process can be completed in a timely manner. In addition, the applicator must be a NY licensed professional. The DEC is currently awaiting the Town determination to proceed with permit approval.

Thank you.

Supervisor Annabi stated that the final say will be based on what LOMAC feels. LOMAC decides what is best for the lake, and this is what the Town will move forward on. Once LOMAC and the District decide they will let the Town Board know. Then everything will be finalized that needs to be finalized.

Councilman Luongo asked if the Procellacor will take care of the milfoil, and the carp will take care of the other, and we will still cut. Are they all in conjunction with one (1) another? Mr. Paley said yes, because no one (1) tool does it all. He added that the Procellacor will not get rid of all the milfoil either because it cannot be used in all of the lake. He does not believe they would be able to get DEC permits to use it at the outlets to the lake. There are shallow portions of the lake such as in Wildwood and the entrance to Abele which are fouled with milfoil and we can't get the harvester in it. It also doesn't kill the milfoil forever, the typical application is for two (2) or three (3) years. If it works it will be money well spent.

Councilwoman Tompkins said you just said that you won't be able to get approval to put it in the outlets to the lake. So if you can't put it there why is it okay to put it anywhere? Mr. Paley responded and said the DEC will not allow us to put it where it exits the waterbody because they would have to do a study about downstream effects. Councilwoman Tompkins said but it is water and it will travel. Mr. Paley said it does dissipate in 24 hours to non-detectable levels. Councilwoman Tompkins asked about the long term negatives to this product, and if this doesn't work what would be the next plan? Mr. Paley said the problem with the long term plan if this doesn't work is that the alternatives are expensive and the alternatives are difficult (i.e. suction dredging).

Resident Joe DiSalvo said to Mr. Paley, you want to use this in the most prolific areas such as Lookout and Abele, why is it so prolific there and not in other places? Mr. Paley said the reason it grows in those areas is the shallower the area the more the sunlight hits it. It can't grow in the deeper areas of the lake. Mr. DiSalvo said he heard on the zoom call that the reason for the large amount of growth in certain areas is because of higher concentration of nutrient run off. Mr. Paley explained that what was said is that the increased amount of plant growth in the lake, not just milfoil, is coming from increased nutrients due to runoff into the lake from septic systems, fields, storm water drains, lawns, and use of phosphate fertilizers. Mr. Paley added that the Town does not have jurisdiction over septic systems; the County Board of Health does. He said when we see extra growth in areas of the lake we have the limnologist test for e-coli. If the levels come up high we and Supervisor Annabi go to the Board of Health. They send someone down to test and we are hopeful that they will take action and try to find where this e-coli is coming from, it's likely from some septic system running into the lake. There are two (2) different problems here: (1) that which are already in the lake and (2) what is going into the lake. We did get a grant a couple of years ago to put filters into the lake which collect phosphorus, but we cannot change and clean them enough to keep up due to cost and insufficient manpower.

Resident Di Salvo then asked if eventually the milfoil will become Procellacor resistant. Mr. Paley said if it is done improperly that could happen; but we do not intend to apply it to the same area every year. We are hopeful that the Procellacor does work for a three (3) year period. Procellacor's use for aquatic plants has only been around since 2018; but the chemicals in it have been used for plants for many years. Thus there is no long term study for the use in lakes.

Resident John Powers said according to the chemicals own warnings you are not supposed to use this product upstream from drinking water, and we are upstream from Peekskill's drinking water. Mr. Paley agreed that we are upstream from the City of Peekskill's drinking water, but we are quite far away, and we believe that the DEC's rules allow us to use it where we proposed. If we were to use it at the very exit of the outlet, we don't think we would ever get a DEC permit because of that; and because it is wetlands. That's why we are not intending to use it deep within the Abele Cove. The DEC will either issue a permit or they won't.

Resident Powers asked if it was normal for LOMAC to make this decision, why isn't there a vote? Supervisor Annabi said LOMAC is a committee whose goal is to help the wellness of the lake. So anything lake related such as the harvester etc. goes through LOMAC. Supervisor Annabi said this has been discussed and reviewed over and over and has been budgeted for. LOMAC has brought this to your attention just to bring it to your attention. This is something LOMAC has the right to do since they are the managers of the lake. With the guidance of the scientists from NEAR (North Eastern Aquatic Research) they are tasked with maintaining the health of the lake. This is how LOMAC was set up in 1980 for this purpose, and the members of LOMAC are appointed.

Resident Dr. Henry Spinelli said there has been no double blind study on this potentially toxic agent. In the State of California it is a known carcinogen. You only have four (4) years of study. Dr. Spinelli said to Mr. Paley you seem to be biased as you keep presenting and defending a known toxic agent. Mr. Paley denied any bias in this matter. Dr. Spinelli said he lives on the lake and he appreciates that there is an overgrowth of weeds. He believes you are treating a fever and not the underlying cause of the fever. He has read reports that the clarity of the lake is declining; but this is not a sustainable thing in the long run. He continued and said even if you dump the toxic agent into the lake and are successful in curtailing some of the milfoil overgrowth; biologically those plants will grow some resistance. Additionally, as it is a known carcinogen, I am concerned about the children, fertility problems, cancers and birth defects. The watershed is a problem, this is a stopgap. He said he is not attacking anyone but in the past LOMAC has recommended three generations of harvesters, carp, etc.; but the underlying problem is phosphates and we are not tackling that. I understand that there "is no teeth" to anything; but maybe we have to create some teeth. If you are only interested in economics, when you destroy the residential values, businesses that depend on the lake and the watershed, this is a problem.

Resident John LaFata said LOMAC is not making any decisions on their own. They are in constant contact with NEAR whose sole job is to study these problems. So it is not "us" it is us in conjunction with NEAR. Dr. Spinelli said he understands that; but he is not sure that the consulting body is correct in their assessment, and maybe we should call other people in. He added "by not treating the underlying problem, I fear this will bite us in the tail."

Resident John Powers reiterated his question as to why LOMAC is empowered to make this decision. Supervisor Annabi said the decision regarding the need for the carp and the need for the harvester came from the scientists (NEAR). The Town Board does authorize them to move forward, but that is the extent of it. Town Attorney Ryan added that the ultimate approval or denial does rest with the Town Board. Supervisor Annabi agreed with that statement but added that there would have to be a lot of reasons for them to say no to something if that is what the District wanted. Supervisor Annabi said there are a lot of concerns; but also a lot in favor. The letters right now are split, but we will ask for people to keep sending them to the Town Clerk.

Resident Powers said the only reason we even know about this is because we got a flyer which actually looked like an advertisement. Not everyone got one, so not a lot of people know about this. Supervisor Annabi said that flyer came from the DEC not the Town, it was a requirement. Mr. Paley said he went around to several areas around the lake and told them what was going on. He said he can't do more than that, he does not have anyone's e-mail addresses. He said that LOMAC has given three (3) presentations on this subject over the last three (3) years. Councilwoman Tompkins thinks this may be a disconnect in communication.

Mr. Powers said putting herbicide in the lake is a loaded issue. He spoke to a chemist and a microbiologist who told him that it would indeed go away within 24 hours if it was in sunlight on the surface. That is not how chemicals react, they go into the soil, and the deeper parts of the lake, those things don't go away in 24 hours, so those are going to be in the lake for we don't know how long. Mr. Paley said it will be placed on top of the water by a licensed applicator in shallow areas. Mr. Powers said those plants cannot be composted, and I gather them and use them for composting when the harvester goes by. Mr. Paley said there is risk in everything we do, just look at the medicines we take. We have looked at the available options and have decided it is worth it. Mr. Powers said, again, some of us only saw the flyer by accident, and also concerning is the Board is saying it's not us it's LOMAC. Supervisor Annabi said this is just like the budget, we listen to the District and vote on what they want. This has been going on with multiple public discussions and has even been budgeted for. The mailer had to be put out to people that about the lake per DEC requirements. Mr. Powers said what they sent out looked like an advertisement. It also said in the content of the flyer if you don't respond, - then you approve. Supervisor Annabi said she did not know that the flyer said that. Mr. Paley said the company that will be applying the chemical is the one (1) who sent out the flyer per DEC requirements for the permit.

Dr. Spinelli said perhaps the people who are for this are the ones who are in the areas with the most phosphates. The intrinsic problem causing this is phosphate dumpage of septics, fields etc. Supervisor Annabi said we are doing everything we can regarding that with the filters, notifying the Board of Health, doing the tests the Board of Health requires, and the septic pump-outs, there is nothing more that we can do. Mr. Paley said many years ago they took the overseeing of the septic tanks away from the towns and gave it to the County because there was too much patronage going on. The Town has very little power in this area. Supervisor Annabi does call the Board of Health when a septic is suspected of spilling into the lake. She is putting her trust in science and NEAR because they have the most experience with this. If they think it's the right thing and LOMAC thinks it's the right thing, the Board would have to decide yes or no. If the letters mostly are against that would be brought to the attention of LOMAC and the Town Board would take into consideration. Right now the letters coming to us say yes, as well as what the science is saying. The DEC is also in agreement with it.

Mr. DiSalvo said other alternatives have been mentioned, he wondered if any of them were viable if they decide against the Procellacor. Mr. Paley said most of the alternatives are very expensive and way over the budget for the Districts.

Supervisor Annabi thanked everyone for coming and suggested if there were any more questions to contact LOMAC. You can also get information from their website. She also thanked Mr. Paley for coming.

County Legislator Montgomery said there is a septic repair program. Mr. Paley said they are aware of it and have advertised to let people know. She said they should let her know if there is something that the County can do. Mr. Paley said the County has worked well with them and they have asked for the limnologists report to be forwarded to them. County Legislator Montgomery said she did not know if they got their permit from the DEC yet, and she doesn't want to throw a wrench in it; but would it be helpful to hold a workshop with the Public and the EPA, who authorized this chemical, to explain to the public exactly what the chemical is and about the treatment. Mr. Paley said we did this about a month ago in a zoom meeting with the District and a limnologist who gave a one (1) hour presentation. Legislator Montgomery said if you change your mind and want an EPA rep. please let her know.

**VOTE ON PLANNING BOARD SUBMISSION REGARDING PORTERS ROAD  
WIRELESS FACILITY**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Klaus Wimmer from Homeland Towers was present. Supervisor Annabi apprised him of the situation that occurred where no survey was submitted by them, the Town Board cannot move forward without that.

**RESOLUTION #R22-209 – removed from Agenda as no survey was submitted.**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board remove the approval of the submission of a planning application by Homeland Towers, LLC and T-Mobile Northeast LLC to the Town of Putnam Valley Planning Board for 30 Porters Road regarding a proposed wireless communication facility, including a 150 foot monopole together with a 2,650+/- square foot multicarrier equipment compound at the base thereof.

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried.

**APPROVE MS4 REPORT**

Presented by Councilwoman Tompkins

**RESOLUTION #R22-210**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the MS4 Annual Report. Reporting period is March 10, 2021 to March 9, 2022. Submission of the Annual Report is required by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

**APPROVE AUDIT REPORT**

Presented by Councilman Russo

**RESOLUTION #R22-211**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to accept and approve the Report to Those Charged with Governance, dated April 18, 2022, created by O'Connor Davies, Accountants and Advisors, following their audit of all financial statements and supplementary information of the Town of Putnam Valley for the year ended December 31, 2021

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried



**AMEND EARL SMITH RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE SOMETIME ACTING HARVESTER OPERATOR**

Presented by Councilman Smith

**RESOLUTION #R22-212**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board amend Resolution #22-198 to authorize Earl Smith be paid \$24.00 per hour, no benefits, when acting as the Assistant Harvester Operator for the 2022 season. This appointment is on an as needed basis with no benefits.

Seconded by Councilman Russo, unanimously carried

**DISCUSS PARKING CODE CHANGES**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi said for us to be truly business friendly we have to change our parking code. Right now our code states that you can park one (1) car for every 100 square feet at a building. We are trying to change the code to increase the parking spots. This will help our businesses survive, and hopefully we can eventually have business neighborhoods. We won't have large stores here but it would be nice to have some Mom and Pop shops.

Supervisor Annabi also said the Lake Peekskill Parking Lot is a District Parking Lot and she would like to discuss it being able to be accessed for commercial use. Right now you can only use that parking lot to go to the beach. So you have to be a homeowner, and you have to be going to the beach to use that lot. If the District allows us to change the code, we can change it to a Municipal Parking Lot and the businesses can be allowed to flourish. No one would be able to use it as a park and ride.

Supervisor Annabi said we are also looking to define what a district resident is. The code would be changed to state, "lot owners shall not receive a permit, only resident homeowners".

**PARKS AND RECREATION REFUNDS**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R22-213**

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

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

Carolina Layton 96 Lake Drive Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$500.00 LPCC Deposit refund
Jorge Granda 31 Argyle Street Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$500.00 LPCC Deposit refund
Maeve Casado 36 West Avenue Putnam Valley, NY 10537	\$337.50 Day Camp Staying with Day Care
Lisa Mulzoff 53 Shawnee Road Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$15.00 Tag sale- programs cannot attend
Kataryna Mytych 9 Yonke Road Mahopac, NY 10541	\$166.50 Day Camp refund Going to Poland
Edyta Bansiak 9 Yonke Road Mahopac, NY 10541	\$112.50 Day Camp refund Going to Poland

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried.

**PARKS AND RECREATION PERSONNEL**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R22-214**

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

1. Lori Carra, Kingdom Faire Bus Driver, @ \$25.00 per hour.
2. Jeanette Rein, Kingdom Faire Bus Driver, @ \$25.00 per hour.

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried

**APPROVE LIFEGUARD PERSONNEL**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R22-215**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the 2022 Lifeguard pay scale. The following is a list of potential lifeguards for the 2022 season. Lifeguards will be selected pending verification of required certifications and availability. Per hour salary based on number of seasons employed as a lifeguard. Starting salary is \$14.00 per hour, with Jr. Guards at \$13.00 per hour.

To: Town Board  
Date: May 10, 2022  
From: Frank DiMarco, Parks and Recreation  
Re: Lifeguard Salaries

**Request for approval of the 2022 Lifeguard pay scale.**

**The following is a list of potential lifeguards for the 2022 season. Lifeguards will be selected pending verification of required certifications and availability.**

**Per hour salary based on number of seasons employed as a lifeguard. Starting salary is \$14.00 hr. with Jr. Guards at \$13.00 hr.**

1. Douglas Brown	@\$15.00 hr.	
2. Dylan Costello	@\$14.75 hr.	
3. Kyle Costello	@\$14.75 hr.	
4. Nicholas Dimichele	@\$13.00 hr.	Jr. LG
5. Jaiden Donohue	@\$14.00 hr.	Sub only
6. Austin Fabiano	@\$15.25 hr.	
7. Katie Flor	@\$14.00 hr.	
8. Vito Giannelli	@\$14.00 hr.	
9. Abigail Lowder	@\$14.75 hr.	
10. Joey Maloney	@\$14.00 hr.	
11. Faith Marrero	@\$14.00 hr.	
12. James Mazzarisi	@\$15.00 hr.	
13. Jason Nikaj	@\$14.00 hr.	
14. Amanda Orlando	@\$15.00 hr.	
15. Leland Petrash	@\$14.00 hr.	
16. Davin Porteus	@\$14.00 hr.	
17. Logan Porteus	@\$14.00 hr.	
18. Gabriella Randazzo	@\$14.00 hr.	
19. James Russo	@\$15.00 hr.	
20. Tim Sainz	@\$15.75 hr.	
21. Zachary Smith	@\$15.25 hr.	
22. Hudson Sperrazza	@\$14.00 hr.	
23. Parker Sperrazza	@\$14.00 hr.	
24. Desiree Turtenwald	@\$16.50 hr.	Sub only

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried.

**APPROVE GROUNDSKEEPER/RECREATION ASSISTANT**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R22-216**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board appoint Michael Fraioli to Groundskeeper/Recreation Assistant at the yearly salary of \$40,690.00 beginning on May 23rd, 2022. This would represent Step 1 of the Union Contract.

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried

**HIGHWAY – APPROVE CHANGES IN PERSONNEL**

Presented by Councilwoman Tompkins

**RESOLUTION #R22-217**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board appoint Anthony Cotone as a full time Laborer for the Highway Department as of June 13, 2022, at a rate of \$30.13 per hour. He will be transferring from the Parks and Recreation Department as Charles Kuchera will be retiring from the Highway Department on May 30, 2022, after 31 years of service.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

Supervisor Annabi thanked Chuck for his 31 years of hard work and all he's done for the Highway Department.

**HIGHWAY - APPROVE SEASONAL LABORERS**

Presented by Councilwoman Tompkins

**RESOLUTION #R22-218**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board appoint the following seasonal laborers for the Highway Department. They will be working from approximately June 6, 2022 through September 2, 2022, at the rate of \$16.00 per hour with no benefits. If necessary, they may be utilized as fill in laborers after that date. The names are as follows:

Jake Jemty  
William Venezia  
Nicholas Pezzola  
Mark Mazzarisi

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

**STANDARD WORKDAY RESOLUTION**

Presented by Councilman Smith

**RESOLUTION #R21-219**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board amend Resolution #R21-114 and add new Standard Workday Resolution.

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board amend Resolution #R21-114 removing past appointed, adding newly appointed, currently appointed, and elected personnel. The

Town Board will establish the following standard workdays for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System based on the report of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried.

**APPROVE NYS NAMING OF PUDDING STREET OVERPASS “PUTNAM VALLEY FIRST RESPONDERS BRIDGE”.**

Presented by Councilman Russo

**RESOLUTION #R22-220**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley declares its support for a portion of the New York State Highway System, which is located in the Town of Putnam Valley and passes over the Taconic State Parkway, to be designated and named the “Putnam Valley First Responders’ Bridge” by the New York State Legislature.

Dated: May 18, 2022  
Moved: Councilman Christian Russo  
Seconded: Councilman Louis Luongo

By a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NAYS the Resolution is carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Councilman Luongo said one (1) of the things we are trying to do is make our community more business friendly. So please, whenever possible, shop local! We do have services in Town, and those are the things that keep a small community going.

Councilman Luongo noted that this week we are supposed to have extreme weather with heat. Hydration is very important; don’t wait until you realize that you need to drink water. Drink a steady amount of water all day, everyday!

Supervisor Annabi reminded everyone that Memorial Day is Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Town Hall is closed that day, and the memorial service will be held here.

Supervisor Annabi said in regards to Kingdom Faire it is every weekend from 10 AM - 7 PM. You can get the shuttle from the Town Park at the Senior Center, or the Jefferson Valley Mall. It's a lot of fun, with lots of food vendors, and great acts.

**AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

**RESOLUTION #R22-221**

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

<b><u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNTS</u></b>
<b>38573-38578</b>	<b>13,762.82</b>

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

**RESOLUTION #R22-222**

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

Seconded by Councilman Russo, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Annabi said that the Town Board Meeting scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> has to be cancelled as there will be no quorum. The meeting will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM instead.

Supervisor Annabi made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. There will be no further business.

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried.



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

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted



Sherry Howard  
Town Clerk  
06-02-2022

