

TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY
TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023
6:00 PM

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Departmental Reports
2. 11 Oscawana Lake Road – Proposed Conversion to Residential Apartments
3. Putnam Prevention Council Presentation
4. Supervisor's Comments
5. Legislative Report
6. Approval of Minutes
7. Approve Declaration of March 20th as "Florence Clifton Day".
8. CCE Presentation of Ridgeline Map
9. Approve Contracts for Fireworks for July 1st and Town Day Celebrations.
10. Facilities: Approve Hewlett Packard Financial Services Proposal for Computers
11. Highway: Approve Truck bid
12. Assessor: Approve Putnam County Real Property tax Service Contract
13. Parks and Rec: a. Approve Sunset Series Coordinator
b. Approve Refunds
c. Approve Personnel
14. Districts: Wetlands Fee Waiver
15. Public Comment
16. Audit of Monthly Bills
17. Budget Transfers and Amendments

TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY
TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023
6:00 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Sherry Howard
Town Counsel Sarah Ryan

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Luongo asked for a moment of silence to honor our troops stationed around the world.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION R#23-131

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

AMEND: # 11 on the agenda to read, "Approve Highway Department to Advertise to Go Out to Bid for a Truck".

AMEND: Pubic Hearing to add a three (3) minute time limit per person.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Alyssa Anderson from the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps gave the following report:



Report for Putnam Valley Town Board March 15, 2023

Our total calls for February of 2023 was 86.

67- Medical Emergencies

10 - Car Accidents

19 - Mutual Aid out

2 - Mutual Aid in

14- Mutual Aid Out of County

719 hours was the total time members spent on duty in our headquarters for January.

17 hours was the total time members spent on duty to respond from home for January.

If anyone from the community needs a CPR class or a First Aid class or both, please send an email to captain@pvvac.org and 1stLT@pvvac.org or call 845-526-3119 and leave a message for the 1st Lieutenant or the Captain and we can arrange classes.

Thank you all for your continued support, Captain Cheryl Silvermail.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Frank DiMarco gave the following report:

Parks and Recreation Report

On the Parks and Recreation Front, I just wanted to remind anyone interested in day camp to get you registration in as we did have to close registration the last few years

We are still in desperate need of a Nurse or EMT for the summer day camp, please contact the office for further information on that.

Other job opportunities include child care for the Children center and Life guards

As mentioned last month.....In addition to our regular Egg Hunt scheduled for April 1st, we have a new program called Egg my Yard, where we will come out and Hide pre filled eggs in your yard.

We are putting together a Spring Palooza on May 20th and a Yankee game outing on June 14th.

Finally, we are actually taking pre-registration at a discounted rate for the next basketball season. We are trying this in the effort better accommodate the large number of registrants we get in that program

Mr. DiMarco announced that on July 1, 2023 there will be an additional Sunset Series concert added with a Fireworks display at the end. There will be food trucks there as well. We are planning to have a shuttle from the Elementary School to the park. The concert will be the usual time which is from 7 PM to 9 PM.

Fire Chief Frank DiMarco gave the following Fire Department report for the month of February 2023:

13 PIAA's
2 Controlled Burns
1 CO Detector
11 Automatic Alarms
1 Brush Fire
4 Standby/mutual aid

32 calls for the month. A total of 1908.80 man hours for the year so far.

Mr. DiMarco said thank-you to all to the dozen or so members who made themselves available during the storm, it was a long day and night. We are expecting a very busy brush season. Please be conscience of any dumping of ashes and fires you may have.

Mark Weiss and Linda Thornton from the Tompkins Corner's Cultural Center gave the following report:

Mr. Weiss thanked Supervisor Annabi for getting some unexpected paraphernalia that was found on the front lawn removed within a couple of weeks. Our Cajun Jam which was our season opener was a great success. We had lots of good activity.

1. Scottish Band, "Heron Valley" will perform at 4:00 PM on March 19th. \$20.00 cost. This is a family friendly event.
2. Aoife Scott – Irish Folk Singer will be featured on March 24th at 7:30 PM - \$20.00 cost.
3. Art Exhibit and Reception for Jacqueline O'Malley-Satz – March 26th 2-4 PM. Subject: Ireland: On Location. She will be doing some live sketching.
4. Saturday, April 1, 2023 we will be showcasing some sultry jazz and blues with Samoa Wilson at 7:30 PM.
5. Friday, April 14th Nicolas Babineau and Alexis Chartrand from Quebec will be offering two (2) Quebecois Workshops for fiddle and guitar. This is being held from 3:30 – 4:30 PM. The cost is \$25.00.

Library Director Kathleen Reilly and Terry Raskyn reported the following:

Ms. Raskyn said a large tree fell and broke a large part of the guard rail in-between the waterway and the parking lot. We are waiting for a fence company to come and fix it.

These unexpected expenses are why we are trying to get on the school budget ballot. We have gotten a sufficient number of signatures to do this. Instead of contracting with the Town the voters will decide what the library gets. We are asking for a generous increase so we can get ahead of our needs. The Skylight in the Library was placed there in 1978; it is now passed its prime and needs repair. It had a 25 year life span and we are way past that. We are not ADA compliant, so we have to regrade the entire parking lot. We used to be open seven (7) days a week and would like to go back to that, but we don't have the money to hire the employees who right now just make minimum wage. We need to catch up and improve. The library budget will not be a part of the school budget, we will be separate entities. There will be a proposition on the back of the school budget ballot, we are asking for \$460,000.00, this will enable us to know what we are getting from year to year. It will stay at \$460,000.00 until we ask for an increase from the voters. The cost of books and services has also gone way up. For the average home in Putnam Valley this should come out to an increase of less than \$50.00 per year, I think we have to afford that. The Governor has also put into place a budget that significantly lowers aid to libraries. The construction grant we have for the skylight only covers about 30% of the cost.

Ms. Reilly said of the 66 libraries in the mid-Hudson system our library is one (1) of only nine (9) that are not sustainable. Sustainable means you know what's coming in year to year. New York State Legislators felt that funding for Public Libraries were not keeping up to keep them sustainable, so they created this law 259 to include them in the school vote. This way each library could put up a proposition for an amount so people could vote on it. It puts it in the hands of the voters.

Ms. Raskyn said the Library will be holding some forums both in-person and virtual. We will answer any questions you have. If this passes you will see on your school bill a line for your school tax and a line for library tax. The school is on a different fiscal year than the Town so any overlap would be returned to the Town. We cannot afford to keep doing what we are doing on the money we have. We have many services people don't even know we have.

1. Storytime is running now for children from birth to 5 years old on Thursdays at 10:30 AM.
2. Movement and Music is being held on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM.
3. Bilingual Story time is for ages 4-8 on Saturday's
4. We have scheduled a Family Concert with violinist Daisy Joplin in April.
5. We are having a program entitled, "They Paved Paradise and Put up a Power Plant", on April 7th at 7:00 PM, which is about Indian Point.
6. Stories and More

Terry Raskyn gave an update on what is going on at the Grange:

1. There will be a bunch of programs with the 4H and Cornell Cooperative Extension on gardening and things like that.
2. We will be learning how to pickle things.
3. We will be starting the small animal farm market in April. They would also like to have craft vendors there as well. There is a Facebook page for the Grange.

Highway Superintendent 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

We have continued to cut shoulders on Bell Hollow, and are continuing to do the same in all of Roaring Brook.

We added a basin and 140ft of 12in pipe on Barger Hill Road to alleviate a drainage issue.

We have also been out doing some cold patching and are awaiting the opening of the blacktop plants so we can begin black top road repairs

Our Tree crew has been out removing several trees through out town

On Wednesday March 8th I spent the day in Albany advocating for additional money from the State for road and bridge repairs

The phones at highway are now monitored 24 / 7 and I ask residents with issues to call us and not post on Facebook as we don't troll for complaints

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

285 Days till Christmas

Superintendent Keeler then discussed the subject of Putnam Valley Little League. He said if you have a child that would like to play go to putnamvalleylittleleague.com and sign them up. April 15th at 11:00 AM is opening day. Oscawana Lake Road will be closed for about ½ an hour at that time from Kramer's Pond Road to the Town Park.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi said thank-you to the Highway Department for all their hard work during the storm. Councilwoman Tompkins said the alerts were really good too, and everyone should sign up for them. Supervisor Annabi said she only sends out alerts for emergencies. Go to the Town Website and sign up to receive emails, text alerts or both.

PUTNAM PREVENTION COUNCIL PRESENTATION

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi introduced Kristen McConnell and Lauren Johnson from the Prevention Council of Putnam.

Ms. McConnell said we were here last year to talk about trends and strategies around the spectrum of substance use. Slides will be available for anyone to view after tonight. She said our agency is located in Carmel and we promote education and awareness related to substance abuse disorders and problem gambling to the residents of Putnam County and the surrounding area. We offer community education, media campaigns, prevention, and training. We have recovery services and peer intervention.

Ms. Johnson said to help with prevention we will be doing a community scan; where we look for areas of substance abuse. We also look for information from informants such as Supervisor Annabi to help us with what is going on in a community. We help with policy change, education campaigns and community coalitions. We try to help with limiting access and availability to our young people. We have a full time employee to help with peer recovery services. We do a lot of naloxone distribution and training, this saves lives. Please give us a call if you would free training at 845-225-4646. No group is too small or too big. We also have fentanyl test kits available which are used much like a pregnancy test. It can be dipped into any substance to see if a person is using fentanyl, they are available to anyone, no questions asked!

Ms. Johnson spoke about alcohol, cannabis, THC, tobacco and vaping trends around Putnam County. She said the County was significantly trending downward in our children until covid. This is no surprise to many of us, so we have increased our capacity to not only provide prevention, but also recovery support.

Ms. McConnell said we are seeing an increase in the use of marijuana (cannabis) since 2020. The main concern is the high potency of the cannabis available in local stores. Part of the community scan will be to go into gas stations, deli's etc. that are carrying these products. We have a media campaign which shows pictures of what the edibles look like. We are seeing in Putnam young people overdosing because they don't realize how potent these drugs are.

The THC in these products has grown greatly over the last 30 years. She said when they speak to school officers they report when they find a nicotine vape pen on a student there is usually a THC vape pen as well.

Ms. Johnson said because Putnam Valley chose to opt-out, if you do see a retailer who is selling you can report that to the Cannabis Control Board on their website. This is a state regulated agency. She added that 2/3 of the overdoses in 2021 were fentanyl related. It is projected to be much higher in 2022.

These are not pharmacy grade or pharmacy made so the amount of fentanyl in each pill can vary so the dose you are getting is not the same each time. This causes a lot of our fatalities. Naloxone or Narcan can reverse a fentanyl overdose but some people are afraid to use it because there is a myth that if you come into contact with it you could then overdose yourself. You do have to be careful because fentanyl is a very dangerous drug and universal precautions must be followed when administering the Naloxone so this does not happen. Fentanyl needs a doorway to enter the body. Each kit comes with gloves and a mask which should be used. They make these kits readily available and we offer training at our offices, events, and on-line.

Ms. Johnson spoke about how important medication take back is. She said they offer medication deactivation bags to place medication in. Medication take back day at the County Sheriff's Department is on April 29th. At these medication take back events, in partnership with Putnam Hospital, we will now be able to provide sharps containers to be able to accept needles for proper disposal.

Resident Patty Villanova asked if Putnam Hospital still has a detox facility. Ms. Johnson said they do not. She then asked if they are considering bringing it back again with all the drug use we are experiencing? She also asked what they are doing to facilitate Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and groups like this that have saved so many lives. These groups find it very hard to find places to meet. Ms. McConnell said we are a not-for-profit so we are not part of County Government, but we do work closely with County Government. They are in the planning stages of opening a stabilization center which is a place where you can go to begin your recovery and detox for up to 24 hours. There are a lot of recovery groups who are connected with us. Ms. Johnson said if anyone is trying to find a recovery group or a room you can call our peer Victoria Metz at 845-225-4646, she is a great advocate for the recovery community.

Supervisor Annabi said she just wants the community to know that our medication take-back box can no longer be used for medications due to new DEA regulations, thank you to Jason at the Putnam Valley pharmacy that now has a usable disposal box for old unused medications. Our medical take back box will now be converted into a take-back box for e-cigarettes, and vape disposal. Those are not DEA regulated. Supervisor Annabi added that their slide show can be found on our website.

11 OSCAWANA LAKE ROAD – PROPOSED CONVERSION TO RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi said 11 Oscawana Lake Road is an applicant in front of us. They are looking to do a Special Use Permit change. They are a commercial building who is looking to do residential over commercial. However, the area that they are in is on a sewer. The sewer area they are in has a tank there which is a 60,000 gallon per day tank.

Building owner, Philip Keating, said they are not looking for a Special Use Permit, it is not required. They have been in front of the Planning Board and what we are putting in is part of the zoning for that district; so residential is allowed.

Architect, Robert Keeler, who is in charge of this project said we do have an application in front of the Planning Board. Originally the Special Use Permit that was part of that application was part of a café proposal which was which was something just thrown out there. We had no restaurateur that was going to do that so we took it out of the application. We are here for a Change of Use, not a Special Use Permit. The change of use will be from Commercial Use Business (B1) to Residential Apartments (CC1 Zoning District). It is an as-of-right use for residential on the 2nd story of a two (2) story commercial building. We are here because it is outlined in the 2007 Comprehensive Plan for any change of uses or additional flow rates to the Oregon Corners Sewer District requires a Town approval above the Planning Board ability to approve this. We are requesting to convert about 3000 square feet of 2nd floor space to three (3) residential apartments. This would be two (2) two (2) bedroom units, and one (1) three (3) bedroom unit. Mr. Keeler said there was a time when downtown Oregon Corners was filled with many businesses, right now it is not what it used to be. We are trying to use the Zoning Code and As-of-Right uses in that area to bring some vitality back to that area. We will also be updating the building as part of our application which will add some bustle to the downtown area.

Mr. Keeler said now we have a roughly 600 gallon per day flow rate based on a business use that is broken out to a square footage per occupant. The residential uses are based on per bedroom 150 gallons per day. It ends up being up being an additional 750 gallons per day to the sewer. Mr. Keeler does not know the background of what the metering status is for the pump into the Cortlandt/Westchester system is. He could not find any record of it. He does not know if any future development or future applicants may come to this board as there are 130 properties attached to/or have the right to connect to this sewer district.

Supervisor Annabi likes the idea of having residential over commercial downtown. It is always important to have more housing. However, the contract we have with Westchester County allows for us to have 60,000 gallons per day. The reason why we had to have a meter is because we wanted to expand the sewer station down there. So we will look to see if it is even possible. Right now the contract with Westchester County does not allow us to exceed that. The 60,000 gallons includes all of the vacant buildings we have down there. They are already tapped into it. If for some reason they all filled up, they are already in it. She does not want to have to tell someone sorry you can't put a business in here because somebody already took the sewer line. An option could be that you put your residential on a septic system and keep your commercial on the sewer. You can go to the Board of Health and see what you can put in over there for those bedrooms. If you do that you can then come back and we can talk again. Mr. Keeler said we did a follow up with that thought, what is there is a decommissioned system that was abandoned over 30 years ago so it would need to be brought up to today's standards, which usually requires a lot of land which we don't have on that property. Supervisor Annabi asked if he had spoken to the Board of Health, because there are so many options now with the new septic systems. Mr. Keeler said the amount of property area where that system is, and the fact that it has been decommissioned for over 30 years limits us. If the bedrooms were already on that system that would be one (1) thing; but because of the change of use, and the change of codes from 1989 when it was decommissioned and not having the amount of land needed to support a septic system doesn't support what we are proposing. In the scheme of things 750 gallons may sound like a lot but it is not really. Supervisor Annabi said right now we cannot expand Pump Station #1. The Town Board cannot go forward at this time for you to add residential on the sewer system because it could bring us over the usage of 60,000 gallons. We have to find another option such as you contacting the Board of Health. Mr. Keating said it's not just space for the septic system, the County Board of Health requires a 100% expansion of that, so even if there was enough room within the property limit they will require 100% of that on top of that in case of failure. Supervisor Annabi said the County has been working on newer systems, where that is not always the case. There are even above ground systems. Mr. Keeler said these new systems require very specific circumstances.

Mr. Keeler said if the zoning code states it's an as-of-right use and yet no property could support that as-of-right use why is that use outlined in the zoning code which is law? So this cannot really be applied to any building in Oregon Corners. Attorney Ryan said this is about the feasibility of the infrastructure that we have in place now. Zoning is still limited to what the environment can provide.

Supervisor Annabi said the contract we have with Westchester regarding the sewer does not allow for any residential over commercial in that building. Mr. Keeler asked if there was a capacity increase that the Town Board would approve. Attorney Ryan said it would be up to the applicant to come in with a proposal for the Board to review. Mr. Keeler said could we lower the 750 to 450 or even 300? We could reevaluate the plans,

and start taking some bedrooms out. With the 7 bedrooms currently in the proposal it would raise the gallons per day to about 1300, (it's a 750 gallon increase over the current rate). Supervisor Annabi does not have a number off the top of her head. Attorney John Zarcone said as far as septic systems go there is a big difference in what is required by the Department of Health for anything over six (6) bedrooms. Councilman Luongo said we can do some research and come up with something that is suitable for both sides. Supervisor Annabi said we will also speak to our Town Engineer and Wetlands Inspector to get a healthy number for both of us. Mr. Keating said in the meantime they will also contact the Health Department for some information from them. Mr. Keating said right now the building is vacant and if no one pays taxes on it, it will become an abandoned building.

Supervisor Annabi told Attorney Zarcone, who is the Attorney for the person wanting to purchase 11 Oscawana Lake Road, to come back on April 12th at 5:00 PM so we all have enough time to do our research. Mr. Keeler said everything is still on the table to make this work. He said it would be easier from an engineering point of view and from a financial place to have an idea of what would be acceptable. Supervisor Annabi does understand this.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Legislator Gouldman's report is as follows:

Putnam Valley Town Board Meeting

March 15, 2023

Thank You Ms. Supervisor and Happy Saint Patrick's Day to Everyone and I hope everyone is safe after the large snow storm we just received. *Thank Highway Dept*

At the Putnam County State of the County Address this past week County Executive Kevin Byrne presented his address. It was a presentation on his Vision of Putnam County and what he is looking forward to for the upcoming year. I encourage you to watch his presentation go to www.putnamcountyny.com

** He mentioned the bridges and the Peekskill Hollow Road work. I have been talking to him almost everyday about this issue and he gets it, He mentions it and starts at 1:15:17 into his presentation.

** At last weeks Full Legislative Meeting the County Legislature passed the Town Boards request to re-appropriate funds from the ARPA funding for the 2 important projects.

- 1) Reduction of Phosphorus in Watershed area, which involves drainage repair from Hiawatha and Wenonah Road and from Oscawana Lake Road. It is important that this project move ahead as soon as possible for the health of Oscawana Lake. The estimated cost of the project is \$483,120.
- 2) Bell Hollow Bridge Replacement Plan. The current condition of the bridge is of serious concern and the bridge needs to be replaced as a matter of urgency to ensure public safety. The total estimated cost for this project at this time is \$1,290,455.

Page # 2

** At this months Full Legislative Meeting we passed 20 additional Body Worn Cameras. There are currently 76 body worn cameras being used by Patrol Deputies, Patrol Supervisors, Civil Deputies & BCI (Bureau of Criminal Investigation) Personnel. The new cameras to be purchased will be utilized by some Corrections personnel and SPOs in public buildings such as the County Office Building and DMV. There are a few things to be worked out. But the bigger picture is that they will protect the officers and the public.

** The County Legislature recently passed legislation which County Executive Byrne passed into law a tax exemption that will provide a 10% property tax exemption to all members of the fire departments and ambulance corps in the county. Everyone is having recruitment and retention challenges throughout the county. This is a good incentive for individuals to join and will retain a strong volunteer fire and ambulance corps.

** The Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District and Cornell Cooperative Extension has a great opportunity for all residents of Putnam County. They are offering many exciting trees and shrubs at their annual sale. Order soon so you can get the species that you are looking for. Go to the County website and look for annual tree & shrub seeding sale. Orders must be received by 3/24.

** The DEC's Annual Spring Seeding sale is also open. This is also a great opportunity to purchase affordable, New York grown trees and shrub seedling for conservation planting. They grow more than 50 species from locally sourced seeds, so the plants you order will be well suited to New York's climate.

Page # 3

You should order early so you can get the species that you are looking for. Check the DEC's website. The sale is open until May 12th.

** Putnam County is offering a Free Rabies Vaccine Clinic you can bring your dogs, cats and ferrets to the Clinic on Saturday, March 25 from 10am – 12pm. The clinic is being held at the Veterans Memorial Park, 201 Gibsy Trail Road, Carmel. Please call the Putnam County Department of Health at 845-808-1390 ext 43160 for more information.

** The Putnam County Home Improvement Board, a nine-member Voluntary Board, is seeking applications for an open Board position. Please go on the Putnam County Home Improvement Board website for more information.

** Putnam County is looking for qualified individuals to serve on the Putnam County Ethics Board. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to the Office of the County Executive via email to CountyExecutive@putnamcountyny.gov. The deadline was March 8th, but I spoke to the County Executive and they are still excepting resumes. So, if you are interested, please send it soon.

** Local Police Departments plan on a DWI Crackdown for Saint Patrick's Day. Many of us will be celebrating this holiday. So make sure you have a plan to get home. There is never an excuse for drinking and driving. Enjoy the day and be safe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION #R23-132

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to accept the Town Board Meeting Minutes from February 15th and February 20th 2023.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried.

APPROVE DECLARATION OF MARCH 20TH AS “FLORENCE CLIFTON DAY”

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R-23-133

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley would like to express its congratulations and well-wishes to long-time resident Florence Clifton on the celebration of her 105th birthday, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board acknowledges Florence's milestone in being the oldest living resident in Putnam Valley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Florence was a telephone operator at Graymoor in Garrison and, having retired in her late 80's. Florence drove her car until she was 101 years young and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Florence is a lady of strong faith, who believes that she is still here because God is not ready to take her home yet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Florence is blessed to be surrounded by family, with her younger brother at the age of 92, son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren very active in her life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in honor and recognition of this joyous and momentous occasion, the Town Board hereby declares the March 20th shall henceforth and forever be known as “Florence Clifton Day” in the Town of Putnam Valley.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

CCE PRESENTATION OF RIDGELINE MAP

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi introduced CCE Chairwoman Wendy Whetsel who presented a newly created ridgeline map. Ms. Whetsel said this map is a great resource to use for our community. Supervisor Annabi said she will present it to our Town Planner and Town Engineer to make sure this is what we are looking for. If so, on April 19th we will vote on it and you can come and join us.

APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR FIREWORKS FOR JULY 1 AND TOWN DAY

Presented by Councilwoman Tompkins

RESOLUTION #R23-134

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with the following pertaining to fireworks displays:

JULY 4 EVER FIREWORKS, INC. – for fireworks services on July 1st 2023 in celebration of Independence Day for the sum of \$8,000.00 - \$4,000.00 of which will be deducted from the Parks and Recreation budget; and \$4,000.00 of which will be deducted from the Town Budget; and

JULY 4 EVER FIREWORKS INC & ROCCO POLIFRONE – for fireworks services for Town Day on September 16th, 2023 for the sum of \$10,000.00, which is budgeted for this calendar year.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

APPROVE HEWLITT PACKARD FINANCIAL SERVICES PROPOSAL FOR COMPUTERS

Presented by Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION #R23-135

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the leasing of ten (10) computers from Hewlett Packard Enterprise for a total cost of \$13,091.80, which will be paid over a period of 36 months, at a monthly rate of \$360.64. This amount is included in the Facilities Department budget for the purposes of upgrading equipment on a rolling basis.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – APPROVE PERMISSION TO GO FOR A TRUCK BID

Presented by Councilman Russo

RESOLUTION #R23-136

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Highway Department to go out to bid for a new Ford F-250 truck. The 2003 Ford F-350 that we currently have has 100,000 miles on it and is in need of major repairs, for approximately \$7,500 - \$9,500.00, or more, above the \$5,000.00 that was previously spent on repairs. The estimated cost for the Ford F-250 is \$75,000.00. This cost is within the Highway budget.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

APPROVE PUTNAM COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICE CONTRACT

Presented by Councilwoman Tompkins

RESOLUTION #R23-137

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the Town Supervisor to enter into a contract with Putnam County for the purposes of real property tax services for the calendar year 2023.

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried.

APPROVE SUNSET SERIES COORDINATOR

Presented by Councilman Russo

RESOLUTION #R23-138

RESOLVED that the Town Board approve the Sunset Series/Advertising Coordinator, Sherry Howard for the 2023 Concert Series, @ \$3,900.00. This has been accounted for in the 2023 budget and we are currently under budget at this time.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION REFUNDS

Presented by Councilman Russo

RESOLUTION #R23-139

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor refund the following for March 2023:

Bernadette Polisana 11 Cindy Lane Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$700.00 LPCC Deposit Refund
Natalie Castro 68 Peekskill Hollow Road Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$500.00 LPCC Refund Deposit
Carey Gersten 98 Pleasant Road Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$500.00 LPCC Deposit Refund

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION PERSONNEL CHANGES

Presented by Councilman Russo

RESOLUTION #R23-140

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor accept the following additions to Parks and Recreation Personnel:

1. Andrew Salustri, Day Camp Office Hours, @ \$20.75 per hour.
2. Michael Roman, Day Camp Office Hours, @ \$20.00 per hour,

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried

WETLANDS FEE WAIVER

Presented by Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION #R23-141

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Building Department to waive the Wetlands Permit Fee for the sand reclamation at Park Beach in Roaring Brook Lake, and Children's Beach, 20 Lake Shore Road, Roaring Brook Lake – Tax map # 41.6-2-13.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi reminded everyone that there is a three (3) minute talk time.

Susan Caddoo, a volunteer for New York Citizens Audit, said it is an all-volunteer non-partisan group of citizens that formed across all of New York State who did a forensic analysis of the New York State's election voter database. She said there are three (3) basic tenets of an election: (1). Voter rolls must be accurate; (2). Votes counted must be from qualified voters; and (3). the number of votes must equal the number of voters. She said from their findings there were clearly inconsistencies. Ms. Caddoo listed many of the discrepancies that she said the group found in their research. The NY Citizen's Audit believes that with so many inaccuracies it is impossible to base an accurate election on that database.

Resident, Patty Villanova said she is very familiar with Audit New York and said she thinks the Town Board should create a resolution referencing election integrity as other Town Boards have done. She added that their information is impeccable and the Town Board should look at it.

Ms. Villanova then asked about the contract that the Town signed above with the County Office of Real Property Tax, if this work is already being done in-house with our Tax Assessor why are we signing a contract with the County? Supervisor Annabi said the County still has to get the information to our Assessor for our local taxes, we do this every year.

Ms. Villanova said we also need more information on the library ballot. She said the Town gives the library about \$340,000.00 per year and you are asking for \$460,000.00. She asked who elects the Library Board, not the people of this Town. She said we do elect the Town Board who makes our fiscal decisions. Ms. Raskyn said people who come to our annual meeting can vote for the Library Board Members. Ms. Villanova said it is not the same thing as the Town voting for the Town Board Members who represent us. When you put this on the ballot it will be hard to ever reduce it, whereas our elected Town Officials can make a change if that's what we feel is needed. This is a work around. Ms. Raskyn said the Town does not determine our budget, we are a contracted entity. Ms. Villanova said it is still a contract that is in the hands of our elected officials.

Library Director, Kathy Reilly said once the budget vote takes place the amount stays the same, that's why we asked for more because we may not go back and ask again. At least we will be guaranteed that amount until we ask again, and when we do ask it will have to again be voted on at the School Budget Vote. We are the only library in Putnam County that is not sustainable. Ms. Raskyn said we have had to cut back our services considerably. Ms. Villanova said people now have all the needed technological equipment in their homes. Ms. Reilly said we have a 2 -3,000 person door count and we offer many more services that people don't even realize. Ms. Reilly said there are some people who do not have a computer at home and they do come in and use ours. If it gets voted down this time we will keep trying. Ms. Villanova said we need to live within our means, we have no commercial tax base here. Supervisor Annabi said everyone should go to the forums that the Library is offering and ask your questions there. This is very important.

Councilman Smith mentioned the presentation tonight by Robert Keeler, he hadn't seen him since the fourth grade, and was very impressed by his presentation and professionalism. He was very proud of him, and congratulated him.

Supervisor Annabi again thanked the Highway Crew and NYSE&G for all their hard work during the storm. NYSE&G did a great job in keeping in touch with her and Highway and our First Responders. It was key in keeping our roads open. Please sign up for our Emergency Alerts.

BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R23-142

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve Budget transfers and Amendments for Year-To-Date February 2023;

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Annabi said we will be going into an Executive Session to discuss a personal issue. No new business will be discussed afterward.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo

AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R23-143

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

<u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
41695-41803	100,163.02
41529-41809	38,348.48
41190-41814	132,160.89
41894-41955	26,656.67

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Annabi made a motion to close the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried

Respectfully Submitted



Sherry Howard
Town Clerk
3-28-2023

