

TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY
TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023
6:00 PM

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Departmental Reports
2. Discuss 11 Oscawana Lake Road
3. Putnam County SPCA Presentation
4. Homeland Towers Presentation
5. Putnam Valley Library - \$259 Vote Presentation
6. Supervisor's Comments
7. Legislative Report
8. Approval of Minutes
9. Parks and Rec: a. Approve Day Camp Salaries
b. Approve Refunds
10. Finance – Approve formal Resolution for Highway BAN – already passed informally
15. Public Comment
16. Audit of Monthly Bills

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION R#23-165

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

ADD: #2A – Resolution for 11 Oscawana Lake Road.

ADD: #8A - Approve Ring Squared Internet Proposal for LP Community Center.

ADD: Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss a personnel matter. No further business will be discussed.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Parks and Recreation Director Frank DiMarco gave the following report:

Check PVPR.com for regular updates.....

We are running about twice as many Mini Camps as usual that include the following:

Boys Basketball Camp – June 26th- June 30th

Girls Basketball Camp – June 26th-June 30th

Intramurals Camp- Week #1: July 10th- July 14th / Week #2: July 17th-July 21st

Golf Camp- July 10th-July 13th (4th-6th Grade) / July 17th- July 20th (7th-12th Grade)

Cheer Camp- August 7th-August 11th

Arts & Crafts Camp- July 10th – August 1st (Monday's: K-4th Grade & Tuesdays: 5th – 8th Grade)

And in addition to our regular programs we have a few Spring Events

1. Spring Palooza- May 20th

- Food Trucks
- Tag Sale
- Live Band (3pm-6pm)
- Cornhole Tournament
- Kan Jam Tournament

2. Sunset Series – Starting June 15th (Every other Thursday)

3. Fireworks- July 1st – 7pm-9pm – Band / Fireworks @ 9pm

At approximately 8pm on Friday night I was landlined by Putnam County dispatch to investigate a potential brushfire across Indian lake in Garrison. Shortly thereafter, I called the 911 center to confirm a large area fire on the mountain across from Indian Lake. I came up with an approximate location of Fort Defiance Hill road, but unfortunately it was difficult to locate as it was not near any structures yet.

At 10:25 Friday night Crews from Cold Spring, Garrison, Putnam Valley, Continental Village, North highlands, and Yorktown set up command at the end of Fort Defiance Hill road and operated until around 2am.

Saturday morning at 7am chiefs from Cold Spring, North highlands, Put Valley, and Garrison met to make a plan of attack for the day as the fire had grown from 8 to 20+ acres. Within a couple hours Multiple departments from Dutchess county, Westchester county, Putnam county, and Orange county operated all day with state police and Westchester county helicopters, along with NY state forest rangers and state parks. All crews remained until around 4pm until exposures were safe and the scene was then handed over to the state as rain was coming in the forecast.

We urge everyone to use caution when outdoors as fires like these can start very easily. The NYS burn ban is still in effect until the 14th of May. If you see any fires outdoors dial 911.

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

- 1 Structure Fire
- 3 PIAA's
- 5 Wires Down
- 6 EMS Assist
- 1 USB outlet Fire
- 6 Automatic Alarms
- 4 Standby/mutual aid

26 calls for the month. A total of 323.0 man hours for the year so far.

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

Mark Weiss said they had a great start in March with lots of good concerts. We had two (2) young men from Quebec playing the fiddle and guitar and they were great.

Linda Thornton said we have built a lot more diversity into our programming.

- On April 29th at 7:30 PM we have the Cortlandt String Quartet. This is a classical music quartet which was formed just to come to Tompkins Corners and is led by Andy Stein.
- On May 7th from 2-5 is our annual Pete Seeger concert. This year we have a special focus on the need to protect the Hudson River.
- May 10th we are beginning a sketch booking watercolor workshop.
- May 20th is "What's Your Story? – this program is based on the "Moth Hours".
- Kate Hoekstra will be showing her paintings in the art gallery. They are all flowers and you can see them from April 29th until June 25th.
- June 10th will be a coming home concert with David Amram and his family.

Please sign up for our newsletter for more information.

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

Ms. Anderson said the total calls for March 2023 were:

67 Medical Emergencies
4 Car Accidents
4 Mutual Aid Out
3 Mutual Aid In
15 Mutual Aid Out of County

999 hours was the total time members spent on duty in our headquarters for March.

Our EMS WEEK Open House will be held on Sunday May 21, 2023 from Noon – 4PM. All are welcome to stop by and take a tour of our building. See our ambulances; watch a live extraction demonstration done by the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department and other fun activities. Snacks and water will be provided. This is free and open to all ages.

If anyone would like more information on how to volunteer with us or on CPR and First Aid classes please send an email to Captain@pvvac.org.

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. This Saturday there will be a backyard beekeeping forum. We already sell local honey at the Grange.
3. Our monthly meeting is being held on May 1st – please join us.
4. The small animal farm market is being held on the second Saturday of each month from April to October – between the hours of 10 and 1. They would also like to have craft vendors there as well. There is a Facebook page for the Grange.

Putnam Valley Library Director, Katherine Reilly gave the following report:

Please look for any/all information at www.putnamvalleylibrary.org

1. Storytime is running now for children from birth to 5 years old on Thursdays at 10:30 AM.
2. Ms. Reilly thanked the Town for the help given when the large tree fell down over the stream.
3. The library vote is being held on May 16th through the School District. There are informational meetings being held, the next one is on April 29th at the library. There are several others being held on zoom.
4. Digitally we have something called “Universal Class” which offers a whole array of recreational courses. There are courses to improve business skills, and there is a lot for home schooling. This is free.
5. There is a beat boxing and body percussion program for teens going on right now.
6. Sustainable Putnam is holding a program this Saturday from 2-3:30PM on home energy.
7. Next Wednesday there will be a puppet making program from 4:30-6:30 for Elementary School children.
8. If you are interested in Ham Radio there is a meeting once a month on Saturdays.
9. We also have added a “library of things”. Right now we have a seed library which consists of seeds that people can take, and we hope people will plant them. There are a lot of herbs and vegetables.

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

On that note I'd Like to take another minute to Thank Sean Vanhorn for his 16.5 years of dedication to the Highway dept and Residents of Putnam Valley.

Just an update on the Bell Hollow culvert project: we are moving forward slowly we have acquired the land need for the replacement and have begun removing the trees and are awaiting DEC approval. This is needed due to the location of a brook.

The black Top plant is open and we have begun repairing berms that were damaged during the winter as well as black toping around basins we are repairing. We will be out replacing berms that can no longer be fixed and need to be replaced.

Speaking of basins we have a crew out almost every day repairing basins many of the basins are in need of repair. We will have at least 1 crew working on them every day and if we free up on other work we will send out a second crew.

Our Tree crew continues to remove dangerous trees as needed

Our Vacuum truck has begun cleaning basins in Lake Peekskill once that is completed we will move on to Lake Oscawana , Roaring brook and then begin other sections of town.

We will be renting a street sweeper for the month of May hopefully this machine will meet the needs for us and then we will purchase 1. This machine will not only assist us with sweeping of the roads but also doubles as a 2nd vacuum truck and when possible can go out to also clean basins so we would have 2 and maybe just maybe we can get all 2000 or so basins cleaned this year, and even get some done twice we will see.

I met with our black top company , we went through all the roads we will be blacktopping this year's tentative list Milling and resurfacing Hickory Lane, Traverse, Spruce and Reichert streets, and Angela drive. Resurface : Columbus Ave, Cold Spring Road, Club house Pine Hollow, Florence , Azela drive, Laurel Rd, Ann Place, Elinor Place and Hillar Road. I really hope we will be able to get these roads and even a few more done this year.

Lastly within the week few weeks we will be starting a few Drainage upgrade jobs on Cindy Lane, Walnut Road and Fawn run

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 249 Days till Christmas

DISCUSS 11 OSCAWANA LAKE ROAD

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi said the last time you were here we talked about your concept plan. She said you brought some great points up to this Board and we did some investigating. The way the Town has always done the estimate and usage of the sewer was based on assessed value of a property. Once you do everything to this building that you want to do, the assessed value will go up, giving you the allotment that you want. So if we accepted your concept plan, allowing the resident over commercial, it just makes sense. The Board unanimously has decided to accept your concept plan. We have a Resolution that we are going to accept tonight; but part of that Resolution says you have to add a water meter to the building, that way we can monitor it like some of the other buildings. Additionally, any new buildings that come before us as a "change in use" will have to do the same thing in the future. Supervisor Annabi this is fair as assessments go up and down. Mr. Keating said that was the way it always should have been done. Supervisor Annabi agreed but said this was set-up in the "80's. She told Mr. Keating that he still has to go back to the Planning Board, which is also stated in the Resolution. Councilwoman Tompkins is glad they came to this point and that you can move ahead. Councilman Luongo said they did more research and they all came to this conclusion. Supervisor Annabi said this is a good start for Oregon Corners. Mr. Keating said thank you and we appreciate the moving forward.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INCREASE IN THE DAILY SEWAGE DISCHARGE ALLOCATION AT 11 OSCAWANA LAKE ROAD, TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY, NEW YORK

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R23-166

RESOLUTION 4:19 - #_____ of 2023

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INCREASE IN THE DAILY SEWAGE DISCHARGE ALLOCATION AT 11 OSCAWANA ROAD, TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY, NY

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2022, 11 Oscawana Lake Road ("the Applicant" or "Applicant") submitted an application to the Town of Putnam Valley Planning Board to obtain site plan approval for a change of use of an existing two-story office building such that the first floor will remain as office space and the second story will be modified from the existing office-space to contain three residential apartments (seven total bedrooms: two, two-bedroom apartments and one, three-bedroom apartment); and

WHEREAS, the property is 0.57+/- acres in size and is located in the CC-1 Zoning District and is listed on the Town Assessors' role as Section 91.27 Block 1 Lot 14 ("the subject property"); and

WHEREAS, the subject property is located in Sewer District #2; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant's design professional, in a memo dated January 24, 2023, calculated the current, existing wastewater (sewage) flow at 600 gallons per day (GPD); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant's design professional, in a memo dated January 24, 2023, calculated the increased wastewater flow from the proposed use at 1,350 GPD, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, having no authority to authorize or approve an increase in wastewater allocation to Sewer District #2, on February 13, 2023 denied the application and referred the application to the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, at regularly scheduled meetings of the Town Board on March 15, 2023, and April 12, 2023 testimony was presented by the Applicant in requesting an increase in allocation, and this information was reviewed by the Town Board and the request to increase the daily sewage discharge allocation to 1,350 GPD was fully considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley hereby grants the Applicant's request to increase the daily sewage discharge from 600 GPD to 1,350 GDP, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this approval is conditioned upon the installation of a water meter on the main water service line to the building prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy and the Applicant's submission of monthly water usage records to the Town Building Inspector; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that failure to file the monthly water usage reports or exceeding the approved allocation of 1,350 GPD may result in a stop work order and violations issued by the Town Building Inspector, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant is referred to the Planning Board to complete the review and processing of the site plan application.

Dated: April 19, 2023

Moved: Supervisor Annabi

Seconded: Councilman Luongo

Motion passes/ fails: Ayes 5 Nays 0

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
PRESENT/ABSENT Councilman Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT/ABSENT Councilman Luongo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT/ABSENT Councilwoman Tompkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT/ABSENT Councilman Russo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT/ABSENT Supervisor Annabi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PUTNAM COUNTY SPCA PRESENTATION

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi introduced ASPCA Officer Ken Ross and his Assistant and son Officer Kenny Ross.

Officer Ross said we have a wonderful relationship with Putnam Valley and hope to continue to do so. We provide the dog control services in Putnam Valley, but we have opened it up to all animals. If there is ever an animal issue you can always reach out to Mary Madsen, one of our officers, about any animal issue here.

Officer Ross said a lot of people don't realize what we do at the SPCA. We were originally founded to be police. We are supposed to be out there stopping animal cruelty, investigating and arresting the people perpetrating these crimes. We are also a mechanism to help. If we find someone can't afford to feed their dog or take care of their animal in the right way, we try to be an intermediary between vets and owners. We also drop off dog and cat food that we get donated to us from different pet stores.

One (1) topic that comes up at this time of year is leaving pets in hot cars. We patrol the parking lots across the county looking for pets left in cars. We are also looking for the elderly and infants. It is not illegal to leave your animal in the car; however New York State when it comes to leaving animals in the vehicle has some pretty specific guidelines. The temperature has to be high, at least 70 degrees outside, and there has to be fear that the animal is going to go into distress. The temperature inside a vehicle can be 40 degrees hotter than the exterior temperature. We carry laser thermometers that we shoot through the window to get the temperature inside the car. We try to find the people that own the car inside the stores so no arrest or summons has to be given. When we first started this we use to pull about 75 dogs out of vehicles, last year it was down to about 30 animals. We start in Carmel and end in Cold Spring and then we work our way back.

This Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 PM at the Bureau of Emergency Services in Carmel, we are presenting, for about an hour to an hour and ½ a class on how to recognize animal cruelty. April is Animal Cruelty Prevention Month, and a lot of people are unsure if what they are seeing is actually animal cruelty. At this seminar we want to teach people to know what to look for. Barking dogs do not always indicate that they are being abused. Some dogs just bark all the time. Some dogs that are very skinny may be sick and not malnourished. This class was started to help Emergency Service workers. Also, importantly, serial killers usually begin with animals so this class may help alert us early enough that a child may be headed in the wrong direction.

Supervisor Annabi said Mary has been wonderful here. She always comes when you call her and gets here as quickly as she can. Councilman Luongo agreed and said we had a bad situation here recently and Mary was amazing.

HOMELAND TOWERS PRESENTATION

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi introduced David Kenny, Attorney for Homeland Towers who said he is here for their application re: 22 Living Springs Lane. He said there have been some previous comments made by Mike Musso, (the Town Boards' Wireless Consultant), for some possible alternative sites at 295 North Street, as well as a potential Con Ed tower at Secor Road that were reviewed. Mr. Kenny said we have already included in our application some responses which state that those alternatives are not viable. We have done some more research and we do feel that those sites will not solve this issue. We also feel that Mike Musso has confirmed that there is a need for a facility in this area; however we are open to look at other sites as we have some time right now, because 22 Living Springs Lane is in need of some clean-up. We do want to solve this gap in service; and we are not married to any particular property. Tonight we are asking the Town formally if we can work together to find other alternative properties, whether they be Town or private properties that may be able to support this tower.

Supervisor Annabi said she is always open to new ideas; and this Board will always listen to what you have to say. The Town Board cannot help you with private properties; but you can always reach out to our Town Assessor and see if there are any Town properties in the area where you are looking.

Mr. Kenny said their goal right now is to speak to Bruce Barber about some possible town properties that might be viable; and our site acquisition team is always available for any private property that might come up. Mr. Kenny said if anyone is listening we are looking for a property on the west side of the Taconic, near Bryant Pond. Supervisor Annabi said if anyone is interested please call her at Town Hall.

Mike Musso said he thinks what Mr. Kenny just said was very positive. The concept plan on the property that was submitted is a tough site. Putnam Valley is not an easy place for carriers due to the topography. Towers are set at certain heights due to the Town Code. This application from Homeland with Verizon as its anchor gave a lot of data on the existing sites. Homeland has worked with all the carriers in our region. I have done siting plans in Municipalities over time and what you are asking for is a great first step to overlay zoning. The criteria for what Homeland is looking for in regards to this tower would be important to know. We should also let people know what the Town's criteria is such, for example, that you can't put a tower in a wetlands area. These are things that can be scoped out. If 22 Living Springs is where they end up Mr. Musso is looking for more information that is site specific.

We are working on the environmental cleanup needed with the owner on that piece of property. It is not impossible but it does add another layer of coordination.

PUTNAM VALLEY LIBRARY - \$259 VOTE PRESENTATION

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi introduced Library Board President, Terry Raskyn, Library Treasurer, Leslie Martin, and Library Director, Katherine Reilly to discuss the Putnam Valley Library budget vote which will be found on the back of the School Budget Ballot on May 16th from 6 AM to 9 PM.

Ms. Raskyn said, we have tried to get a public vote on our funding twice before on the November ballot with a 414, but they did not pass. Our situation is so critical right now we cannot wait until November; that's why we are going for the \$259. This allows us to place a vote on school budget, and allows us to ask for a certain amount of money, which will help solve some of the heavy duty financial problems we have with our infrastructure. We are almost the only library within the Mid-Hudson System which does not have sustainable funding. That means we don't know what we are going to get from year to year. The amount we get from the Town Board has stayed relatively the same from year to year but the prices of things have gone up. We are falling far behind.

Ms. Raskyn and Ms. Reilly presented a slide show with the following information:

- The library has been around since 1939. It used to be a toothpick factory.
- We are an Association Library so we are able to be on the school ballot.
- If this passes the Library budget will be determined by the taxpayers.
- Your school tax bill will have a separate line item for your library tax.
- The amount we are asking for will not increase or decrease every year, if anything were to change either way it would have to be voted on again.
- If the vote does not pass, we will stay contracted with the Town.
- The library puts on many programs for all ages. The library offers many services to all residents. Total annual attendance at the library for last year was 42,000 people.
- Books and e-books are very expensive and we have to buy them.
- Our skylight must be replaced. A very large tree fell down, and left a gaping hole. We need an upgrade to our HVAC, we need to replace the elevator, there are required updates, we are not ADA compliant, our computers are over 13 years old, we need to upgrade our Wi-Fi, we would like to increase the hours open, and amount of days/times we are open, we would like to offer more museum passes, we need more equipment; and we would like to update our physical collection.
- We would like to be able to increase the wages our employees are making.

- If this passes, whatever overlap money we received from the Town will be returned.
- The average home will only see about a \$50.00 increase in taxes for the year.
- We will have to save for some of these needed items over time, including the skylight. We have a plan for the money that comes in.
- We would like to fix up our community room.
- Anyone who lives, works, or goes to school in Putnam Valley can get a library card.
- The taxable district will change if this passes. Right now only Putnam Valley residents pay library tax. If this passes, anyone in the Putnam Valley School District will now be responsible to pay the library tax.
- The idea that you can use the Mahopac Library whenever you want to is not true. Why should they have to underwrite us when they pay their own taxes to support their library?
- Libraries are the backbone of the community. Your home value goes up when you have a good library and a good school district.
- Absentee ballot applications are available.

The Town Board relayed questions they received from the community to the Library representatives as follows:

Supervisor Annabi said you stated that you will not be asking for the \$460,000.00 every year, but you will still be receiving that money every year correct? Up until you decide to do another 259? Ms. Raskyn said yes, that is true, but we will not be asking for an increase every year.

Supervisor Annabi asked what your expenditures are for personnel and other budget items. Ms. Reilly said our budget is on the website. Ms. Reilly added that currently we spend about \$300,000.00 dollars per year on personnel. That covers wages - there are no medical benefits, or pensions given. Supervisor Annabi asked how many people are employed at the library. Ms. Reilly said right now we have two (2) full timers and eight (8) part time workers. They do get the New York State required sick time and days off. They are getting minimum wage, and most of the part-timers may be getting a little more than minimum wage, but maybe only \$1.00 more. Other libraries in the Mid-Hudson system pay more. The Library Board is not paid, they are volunteers.

Supervisor Annabi read another question re: "you are paying staff, but you are not even open all the time." Ms. Reilly said we are open 39 hours per week, the mandatory amount of time a library must be open is 35 hours per week.

Supervisor Annabi read another community comment which stated that the budget graph you showed in your slide presentation does not match up to your expenditures re: the skylight and the plumbing, there are a lot of contradictions. Ms. Raskyn said these are numbers looking forward and are only a prediction.

Councilman Luongo read a question given to him: "How are the door count numbers determined? Is it every time the door gets opened?" Ms. Reilly said we have an old counter, and when people come through the door it counts. Ms. Raskyn said we divide it in two (2) because if they come in they do have to go out.

Supervisor Annabi asked; on your chart of what the difference is between what the Towns versus the Schools are paying, you have the Town of Southeast, which shows the Town is paying \$420,000.00 and the School District is paying \$9,000.00. How is it split like that? Supervisor Annabi said I thought you had said this is the only Town not in a 219 or a 414. She added, from your information it does look like the only 414 is in Patterson. Ms. Raskyn said no, I said, we are the only ones without sustainable funding. They are a public library. Ms. Reilly said there are different structures of libraries in New York State, some are Civil Service, some are Association, some are Municipal, and so different libraries can get different funding. There are also Special District Libraries. Each library is going for a different type of vote either a 259, a 414, and some libraries are doing both.

Councilman Russo said he has gotten a lot of questions lately about how the Library Board is elected. Ms. Raskyn said the Library Board holds an Annual Meeting each October when we have a spot open. We put it out to the Library Members. The members are people who hold library cards. The notice goes out in the Library Newsletter, and you can apply to run for one (1) of these seats. The election is held at the annual meeting, or you can even vote in the week or two (2) beforehand – it's like an absentee vote. Councilman Russo then asked what is the turnout like for your elections. Ms. Raskyn said a few years ago we had a great turnout, but during covid it sort of shut things down. Last time no one showed up at our annual meeting.

Councilman Russo said the sense that he is getting from some residents is that they are concerned that the people setting the budget for the Library may not representing all of the people of the Town. Is there a way moving forward that the Board Members can have elections that might be a little more public? Ms. Raskyn said it is very expensive to send out a postcard. Everything is published on the website, including our by-laws, the agendas and minutes. Our meetings are generally the third Monday of the month. Ms. Raskyn says we care for the library and its funds like they are our own.

Supervisor Annabi said looking at your budget, it says your total revenue is \$444,777.00. Then it says your total expenses are \$444,770.00, are you saying that that at the end of every year that is all you have left? Ms. Reilly said if that. Ms. Raskyn said

our maintenance is going up. Ms. Reilly said this is a budget that we project and prices have changed.

Supervisor Annabi said a question she got is, do you have an outside auditor? When was the last time you were audited? Ms. Raskyn said we will have an outside auditor if the vote passes to the tune of \$8,000.00 per year. We have not ever had an audit to date. If there are any more questions please e-mail trustees@putnamvalleylibrary.org.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi said this is a reminder from our District Clerk, beach tags, boat tags, mooring permits, parking passes and keys, are available at the District Clerk's office. Please note that the Lake Peekskill Improvement District keys are only given to property owners, the cost is \$10.00 for the boat key and \$10.00 for the beach key. Just because you have access to the beach does not necessarily mean you have access to the boats.

The plan for the harvester is to be on the lake no later than April 28th. There are still positions available for Lake Supervisors in Roaring Brook and Barger Pond. If you are interested please reach out to Karen with your resume no later than the beginning of May at kkroboth@putnamvalley.gov. Lake Peekskill is also looking for a lake monitor.

Supervisor Annabi said we have two (2) residents from Putnam Valley who were honored at the Youth Awards Dinner last week. This is a chance for our youth who put a lot of commitment to our community and community service to be appreciated. We also would like to thank Faith Carravone and Julianna DeGiorgio and congratulate them.

Supervisor Annabi said yesterday our County Legislator, Bill Gouldman, had our Highway Commissioner and the legal team for the County, sit down in the County Building with residents of Putnam Valley to discuss the infamous bridge. The meeting went well, I, Councilman Luongo, as well as Highway Superintendent Keeler attended the meeting. The County was able to hear our concerns. Unfortunately, there is not much they can really do. Right now, Surety, who is the bonding company, for this project, has full reign. Until Surety tells the County "you are good to go", and that either the contractor is responsible, or you are going to share the responsibility, we don't know because the Bonding Company has not responded to the County yet. We are in limbo here until that happens. We are the victims. The County has been talking about us every single day, and we appreciate that. Supervisor Annabi and Highway Superintendent Keeler have been in touch with Legislator Gouldman every day. The whole Board has been in contact with the County, and they have been very transparent. Supervisor Annabi said she has asked why they can't use their AAA rating to bond out, and get this work done, and then get reimbursed?

Sadly, that's not how it works, because the DOT has very strict guidelines and you can't change anything without having to redo the entire work. They are working with the DOT to try to come up with a Plan B in this situation. The County did assure us that one (1) way or another this mess will be cleaned up. Debris should be removed and the barriers will be cleared up. It remains safe due to the collaboration between our Highway Superintendent and the County Highway Superintendent. It is tested daily, it's just not enough; but they are doing the best they can. It's not great news, but at least they heard us. Councilman Luongo said we have much better communication this year than last. County Legislator Gouldman answers the phone every time I call. It did seem at one (1) time like Putnam County ended at the Taconic, but last night I felt good with the information that we got. Councilman Smith said he was not at the meeting last night; but just to pass this information along, this is not a Town project, it is a County project. Councilman Smith would like the County to send a mailing out to everyone in Putnam Valley to let residents know what is going on because not everyone watches the Town Board Meeting, people just don't know. Problems and contractual things do come up; but we all should be informed as to what has occurred and how it will be remediated.

- Supervisor Annabi said this Saturday is our Town Wide Bulk drop-off, and this Sunday is our Town Wide Shred Event both at Town Hall.
- Saturday, July 1st will be the Town's first 4th of July Fireworks Celebration with music, food and fireworks at the Town Park
- Our Memorial Day Service is being held on May 29th at 11:00 AM here at Town Hall.
- EMS Week begins on May 21st at the Ambulance Corps. at 12:00 PM.
- Putnam Valley is having the Salem Witch Trials/ Reckoning and Reclaiming on May 16th. This is a zoom program.
- Tompkins Corners Cultural Center has their monthly poet's corner, and the Bob Seeger Memorial Concert.
- We are still collecting for the Putnam Valley Food Pantry. The box is still at the Town Hall.
- If you or someone you know would like to be a lifeguard please reach out to Putnam Valley Parks and Rec. – they are always in need of lifeguards.
- September 16th is Town Day.
- Hazardous Waste Day at the County is May 6th. You must preregister with the Putnam County Health Department.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Legislator Gouldman said, yesterday I had the Putnam County Highway Department and the Putnam County Law Department come into the Physical Services Committee to give an update on the bridges and Peekskill Hollow Road. It was a very informative session, and I wish there has been more residents in attendance. Legislator Gouldman thanked the people that did come and who asked the questions that they asked. The meeting can be viewed on social media later on this evening, as well as on the County website.

April is National Donate Life Month, please be an organ or tissue donor. In New York State there are about 8,100 people needing an organ transplant which is the third highest need in the United States. Four hundred New Yorkers die every year waiting for an organ transplant.

Legislator Gouldman along with the Town is coordinating a town-wide clean-up. He will also be supplying bags, vests, gloves, and safety equipment for the residents use. The Boy Scouts will be out picking up garbage this weekend, please watch out for them. If you are interested in putting together a team, call my office at 845-808-1020.

Putnam County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is May 6th from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Canopus Beach in Fahnestock State Park. Preregistration is required so please visit the Putnam County website www.putnamcounty.com.

The DEC is currently having their annual seed sale. This is a good time to get affordable New York State grown trees, shrubs, and seedlings. There are more than 50 species from locally sourced seeds to choose from. Order early, the sale ends on May 12th.

Legislator Gouldman had a request from Supervisor Annabi, Councilman Luongo, and Highway Superintendent Keeler to improve the signage by the Elementary School. Happily, the signs are up, and they look good.

Congratulations to Julianna and Faith from the Putnam Valley High School for receiving a Putnam County Youth Award.

This month the County Legislature unanimously voted to set aside two (2) million dollars for facility improvements, this money will go to fixing County Buildings throughout the County. This money will be used exclusively to make needed improvements and upgrades to County Facilities.

County Legislator Gouldman would like to thank the residents who have reached out to him regarding issues they may have. He is interested in your concerns and his door is always open. Please call 845-808-1020 if you would like to speak to him.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presented by Councilman Russo

RESOLUTION #R23-167

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to accept the Town Board Meeting Minutes from March 8th and March 15th, 2023

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

**ACCEPT INTERNET PROPOSAL FROM RINGSQUARED FOR THE LAKE
PEEKSKILL COMMUNITY CENTER**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R23-168

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to accept and sign the attached proposal from RingSquared, 14 Industrial Avenue, Mahwah, NJ 07430, for the installation of internet service at the Lake Peekskill Community Center. The cost of the installation is a one-time fee of \$110.00. The monthly fee for the service will be \$70.00. The cost will be covered by the District.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried.

APPROVE DAYCAMP SALARIES 2023

Presented by Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION #R-23-169

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to approve the following additions/changes to the Day Camp personnel.

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| 1. EMT Cheryl Silvernail | \$30.00 per hour |
| 2. EMT Office Hours NTE 50 hours | \$20.00 per hour |
| 3. Andrew Salustri – Co-Director | \$22.45 per hour |
| 4. Michael Roman – Co-Director | \$21.45 per hour |
| 5. Junior Counselor | \$10.50 per hour |
| 6. Senior Counselor | \$11.70 per hour |
| 7. Specialist | \$12.21 per hour |
| 8. CIT Coordinator | \$13.50 per hour |
| 9. Maintenance | \$18.00 per hour |
| 10. Maintenance Assistant | \$11.70 per hour |

Seconded by Councilman Russo, unanimously carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION REFUNDS

Presented by Councilman Smith

RESOLUTION #R23-170

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

Charles Bennett 1436 Mohawk Road Mohegan Lake, NY 10547	\$104.00 Day Camp Overpayment
Lisa Peterson 3817 Valley View Street Mohegan Lake, NY 10547	\$34.80 Day Camp Overpayment
Christine Hritz 112 Lake Drive Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$500.00 LPCC Deposit Refund
Kelly Riley 49 Johnson Street Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$421.20 Day Camp Unable to attend
Nectar Vega 35 Aqueduct Road Garrison, NY 10524	\$175.00 Into to Piano Child not in PV School – unable to attend

Seconded by Councilman Russo, unanimously carried.

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**BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY,
PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "TOWN"), AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
UP TO \$1,000,000.00 IN SERIAL BONDS OF TH TOWN FOR THE ACQUISITION OF
MACHINERY AND APPARATUS FOR USE BY THE TOWN'S HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION #R23-171

**BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF
PUTNAM VALLEY, PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "TOWN"),
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$1,000,000 IN SERIAL
BONDS OF THE TOWN FOR THE ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND
APPARATUS FOR USE BY THE TOWN'S HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley (the "Board"), Putnam County, New York (the "Town") proposes to authorize the issuance of \$1,000,000 in serial bonds of the Town to finance the acquisition of machinery and apparatus for use by the Town's Highway Department (the "Project"), at an estimated maximum cost of \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board now wishes to appropriate funds for the Project and to authorize the issuance of the Town's serial bonds and bond anticipation notes to be issued to finance the aforementioned specific object or purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board (the "Town Board") of the Town of Putnam Valley, Putnam County, New York (the "Issuer" or the "Town") (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of such body), as follows:

SECTION 1. The Town is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of machinery and apparatus for use by the Town's Highway Department. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforementioned specific object or purpose is \$1,000,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefor and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of (i) the issuance of the \$1,000,000 in serial bonds of the Town authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such bonds, and (ii) unless paid from other sources, the levy and collection of taxes on all taxable real property of the Town to pay the principal of such bonds or notes and the interest thereon as the same become due and payable.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforementioned specific object or purpose is fifteen (15) years, pursuant to subdivision 28. of paragraph a. of Section 11.00 of the Law; however, the maximum term of the bonds authorized to be issued by this resolution shall not exceed five (5) years from the date of the first borrowing hereunder.

SECTION 3. The temporary use of available funds of the Town, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Law, for the capital purposes described in this resolution. The Town shall reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by Section 1 of this resolution. This resolution shall constitute a declaration of official intent to reimburse the expenditures authorized herein with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 4. Each of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the Town, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the real property within the Town without legal or constitutional limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest on said serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and provisions shall be made annually in the budget of the Town by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and bond anticipation notes to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

SECTION 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said obligations and of Section 21.00, Section 50.00, Section 54.90, Sections 56.00 through 60.00 and Sections 62.10 and 63.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Town Board relative to authorizing serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and prescribing terms, form and contents as to the sale and issuance of bonds herein authorized, including without limitation the determination of whether to issue bonds having substantially level or declining debt service and all matters relating thereto, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the Supervisor of the Town, as the chief fiscal officer of the Town (the "Town Supervisor"). Further, pursuant to paragraph b. of Section 11.00 of the Law, in the event that bonds to be issued for one or more of the objects or purposes authorized by this resolution are combined for sale, pursuant to paragraph c. of Section 57.00 of the Law, with bonds to be issued for one or more objects or purposes authorized by other resolutions of the Town Board, then the power of the Town Board to determine the "weighted average period of probable usefulness" (within the meaning of paragraph a. of Section 11.00 of the Law) for such combined objects or purposes is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, as the chief fiscal officer of the Town.

SECTION 6. The Town Supervisor is hereby further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, if applicable, as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 7. The Town Supervisor is further authorized to enter into continuing disclosure undertaking with or for the benefit of the initial purchasers of the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SECTION 8. The Town Board hereby determines that the actions authorized by this resolution and the adoption hereof collectively constitute a "Type II" action within the meaning of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation thereunder (collectively, "SEQRA") and that no

further action under SEQRA need be taken by the Town Board as a condition precedent to the adoption of this resolution.

SECTION 9. The intent of this resolution is to give the Town Supervisor sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements and instruments, or to do any similar acts necessary to affect the issuance of the aforesaid serial bonds or bond anticipation notes without resorting to further action of this Board.

SECTION 10. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money; or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

SECTION 11. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this resolution, or a summary thereof, to be published in the official newspaper(s) of the Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Jacqueline Annabi, Supervisor	✓	
Louie Luongo, Board Member	✓	
Christian Russo, Board Member	✓	
Ralph Smith, Board Member	✓	
Stacey Tompkins, Board Member	✓	

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: April 19, 2023

Seconded by Councilman Smith

PUBLIC COMMENT

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

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

Resident Christie Kroll read the following:

I am Christie Kroll and I have lived at 683 Peekskill Hollow Rd for 36 years, almost to the day. My question to the board is: How will the YMCA proposal before the planning board work with respect to our noise ordinance?

Thanks to Supervisor Annabi and to Mr. Quaglietta for having taken time to talk with me about the Putnam valley Noise Ordinance and how it may be applied to the YMCA proposal. The issue is important to me, but I believe what happens next at the planning board and with the town board may also have impacts for both the town and its residents.

The YMCA at 684 Peekskill Hollow Rd has a proposal before the planning board to expand the scope of its operations to include an amphitheater for 600 persons with 150 parking spaces for large scale events, anticipating year round use as a rental facility.

The Putnam Valley noise ordinance is not applicable to daytime noise, and if I am reading Chapter 82 correctly, Exceptions

C. Noise from individually sponsored events where a permit for public assembly or other relevant permission has been obtained from the Town Clerk.

If the YMCA rents out an amphitheater for large events: Will it be able to circumvent noise restrictions entirely by obtaining permits from the Town Clerk?

How often could the YMCA apply for exception to the noise ordinance?

Can such permits be denied? If so, who denies the permit?

The ultimate decision over the YMCA proposal rests with the planning board, but once something is built it is town code that will define what is and is not permitted. If the noise ordinance is unable to protect residents from 'unreasonably loud and disturbing noise', neighbors and the planning board need to know this as soon as possible so that noise can be fully addressed during the planning process. Thank you.

Highway Superintendent Shawn Keeler, spoke as a member of the Little League. He thanked Supervisor Annabi and Councilman Luongo for coming to the Little League Opening Day Parade. He also thanked County Executive Byrne, and Assemblyman Matt Slater for attending the event. Mr. Keeler thanked the residents for being patient with the closing of Oscawana Lake Road for the short time it was closed. The kids had a ball as well. On Saturday, Mr. Keeler got a call from the Make a Wish Foundation, who asked to join with his Keeler Christmas Lights Display. They said all money raised at his 2023 light display will be matched by them, and the money will be donated to their organization. The Town Board applauded and congratulated him for this wonderful opportunity.

Susan Caddoo, a member of the 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 42 Counties of the New York State election voter database. They compiled this information and you can find the results at auditny.com.

Ms. Caddoo 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 many 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.

AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R23-172

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

<u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
42302-42366	87,202.67

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried.

REMOVE BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R23-173

RESOLVED, that the Town Board remove the Budget Transfers and Amendments as there were none.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Annabi made a motion to go into Executive Session, and to close the meeting at 7:51 PM. No business will be conducted afterward.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried

Respectfully Submitted


Sherry Howard
Town Clerk
5-01-2023

