

**TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Departmental Reports
2. Public Hearing – Regulations for short-term rentals
3. Supervisor's Comments
4. Legislative Report
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Presentation of 2024 Budget
7. Districts – Approve Hilltop Boat Rack Purchase  
Approve Lake Oscawana Walleye Purchase
8. Building Department – Approve Change in Title
9. Public Comment – Three Minute Time Limit per Person
10. Audit of Monthly Bills
11. Budget Transfers and Amendments

**TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councilman Smith  
Town Clerk Sherry Howard  
Town Counsel Sarah Ryan

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Tompkins asked for a moment of silence to honor our troops stationed at home and around the world.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

**RESOLUTION R#23-297**

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

- ADD: #6A** - Approve Surveying Services for New Hill Road Culvert
- ADD: #6B** - Approve Surveying Services for Brookfalls Road Culvert
- ADD: #6C** - Approve Landmark Contractors Proposal
- ADD: #6D** – Proclamation and Recognition
- REMOVE: # 11** - Remove Budget Transfers and Amendments

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried

**ADD:** an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss an Attorney/Client Issue with no further business afterward.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi  
Parks and Recreation Director Frank DiMarco gave the following report:

**Parks and Recreation Report**

**For Parks and Recreation, I just wanted to mention that the Recreational programming has done very well this year, increasing by almost 300% with the Addition of the Senior Recreation Leader position last year. And, the rest of my office has responded well to the increase in activity participating and helping with all programs along the way. As always, please go to PVPR.com for a current listing of programs, we also keep a help wanted page up as we are always looking for help.**

**Both Children Center and Day Camp was also increased by an average of 25% putting both programs at capacity. Again, they too did an outstanding job adjusting to the adversity throughout the year.**

**The sunset series was very successful. Sherry Howard in conjunction with my full-time staff adjusted to many inclement weather postponements and regardless, we averaged around 150 people per concert.**

**As far as projects right now, the water system that was wiped out during the July storm is almost complete. Solar power for the camp and an alternate route into the camp are still in planning stages. We are also looking at resurfacing and possibly adding a few courts in the park to accommodate the newer leagues such as pickleball and Corn hole**

Fire Department Chief Frank DiMarco gave the following report:

PLEASE INSERT

7 PIAA's  
11 Wires Down  
9 EMS Assist  
11 Automatic Alarms  
4 Standby/mutual aid  
1 Vehicle Fires

There were 43 calls for the month, for a total of 336.52 man hours for August.

Highway Superintendent Keeler's report is as follows:

Superintendent Keeler said we took delivery of our new street sweeper and it's been out working every day operated by Tom Gambichler.

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 especially over the month

We removed a 30 in covert pipe on North Shore Road which was damaged in the July 9/10 th storm and replaced it with 40 feet of 36 inch pipe. He replaced 38 Feet 15inch pipe on Jeanne Drive

We started the Hillair Road drainage project in Lake Peekskill we have added 2 basins and 80 ft of 12 inch pipe. Unfortunately we hit quite a bit of ledge rock that needs to be drilled and split but we hope to have that project wrapped up by the end of next week. We will then repair the drainage issue on Muller Mtn road

We added berms to Angela Drive as well has backfilled them with dirt and laid out grass seed

The blacktop company will return the fall and Blacktop Hillair Ann Pl and Elinor and Possibly Cindy Lane at that time

Our Vacuum truck has been out every day cleaning basins. we will then be headed over to the Barger Street area next week after that we will go back and hit all lake communities again we should be able to complete another round in these sections before we have to shut the machine down for the winter. The guys cleaned 233 basins in the last month 1931 so far year to date

Speaking of winter our mechanics when time allows have begun the process of looking over plows and sanders and making repairs as needed.

Our mower has been out and will remain out through the fall.

We are still repairing many washouts on the sides of the roads, We had 8 trees come down during the heavy rain storm on Sept 8<sup>th</sup> and several others 2 this week alone 1 today was a massive oak tree all which we cleared from the roadway and side of the roads. WE STILL HAVE LOTS CLEANUP TO DO PLEASE BEAR WITH US!

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](mailto:SKEELER@PUTNAMVALLEY.GOV) 95 Days till Christmas

New Library Director Amina Chaudhri gave the following report:

## Putnam Valley Library - September 2023 Updates

[Putnamvalleylibrary.org](http://Putnamvalleylibrary.org) - click on our calendar for programs!

Adults: In August and September we had wonderful presentations on historic sites of Westchester county. We continued our regular programming with new members coming to Mahjong and Chess groups. We also have programs through our partnered organizations including the Mental Health Association and the Peekskill-Cortlandt Amateur Radio Association.

We have our Zoom Book Club on October 12th at 7 p.m. and in-person Mystery Book Club on October 25th at 6 p.m. Additionally, we have Knit and Knot, Mah Jongg and free math tutoring.

Upcoming programs include a Sound Bath (10/03/2023 7:00 PM) , and tomorrow night Bear Mountain Bridge in pictures with Historian Frank Goderre at 7pm. We will also be having an adult session of Song and Beat TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 6:00—7:00 PM. Song and Beat will be a chance to learn and try some Afro-Caribbean beats on hand drums with Ernesto M Abreu Head teaching artist.

Children's: We have Lego Club on the 4th Wednesday of each month), Chess Club, Sit, Roll Over & Read. We also have Biweekly story times and monthly Stories & More resumed mid-September

Our Young Authors Reading event is planned for September 30th, with 8 young authors/readers returning who also participated in the July Creative Writing Workshops.

Don't forget - we also have free museum passes (with valid Library memberships), digital and audio eBooks, computer and printer usage as well as faxing and copying services. (The latter three services have a fee for usage.) Check us out!

Linda Thornton gave the report from the Tompkins Corner's Cultural Center as follows:

- Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Songs, Stories, and Art with John John Brown at 7:30 PM.
- Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> is the Harvest Fest. There will be music all day. The Rewilding School will be there to make all different kinds of things using leaves. Smoke meats and vegetarian chili will be served. \$10.00 suggested donation.
- Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM is our monthly poets corner featuring Tony Howarth
- Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30 PM, \$20.00 per ticket – a youthful Scottish/American band called "Corner House" will be playing.

Tony Arrien the Town's Videographer asked to speak at the podium. He said he is retiring on September 29<sup>th</sup>. He introduced his successor, Kelvin, who he described as highly capable and who has worked with several other Municipalities. Mr. Arrien said all of the things he has been doing will go into new talented hands. Tony reminded the community to continue to ask to have your information put on Channel 20 by contacting Kelvin through the Town so there is a seamless transition. Tony thanked everyone for all of the opportunity he received working for the Town.

Supervisor Annabi said since a segway has come up, she is going to change agenda item #6D to right now instead.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously passed.

Supervisor Annabi went up to the podium and read a proclamation from the Town thanking Tony for all of his years of service. In addition, Supervisor Annabi presented Tony with an appreciation plaque from the Town.

### **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING ON REGULATIONS FOR SHORT TERM RENTALS**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi said last week we presented the updated version of this new Local Law. Supervisor Annabi said there is one (1) more item she wants to discuss with the Town Attorney regarding this Law in consideration of any property which is one (1) acre or less - if we can add some sort of screening to be placed into the policy – this could be a fence or some sort of shrubbery between the properties. Attorney Ryan said this is something that the Planning Board could put in their review.

Councilman Luongo said this is important for delineation/definition as some properties here run into each other. Attorney Ryan said this could be written into the code including height and set back distance so when someone looks into having a Short Term Rental they would know this is a requirement. Councilman Russo asked if the screening would only be required on the sides of the STR where there is another house. Supervisor Annabi said yes; it's only to define the property lines. Councilman Luongo added that it would also not be needed in the front of the house. This will only be required on a "developed residential lot".

Supervisor Annabi said right now there is a Special Use Permit in the books which includes hotels and bed and breakfasts; but it doesn't define Short term Rentals. There is no definition of STR's anywhere in our books. The only way to regulate it is to incorporate it into our current code of Special Use Permits and explain what has to be done.

Lookout Manor Resident, Patty Villanova said it reminds her of the words of Benjamin Franklin, "those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Ms. Villanova is opposed to this law for a number of reasons. She believes it is another unnecessary regulation, and is another money grab in a number of ways. Concerns that were raised by people about noise etc. are already covered by existing laws. If you look at why people are doing this – it is because they are having a hard time paying their bills and taxes. Ms. Villanova also believes that this law will not be enforced fairly or properly - there will be selective enforcement. The reason for that is because of another law that she was involved with which was a local law pertaining to non-residents of the Lookout District who were mooring their boats illegally. This law was passed in 2022. This year there were flagrant violations of the law. A Town Employee who was not a resident got a permit – that boat is still there and it is registered in Connecticut – and it's the second summer. It was reported to the Supervisor and the Building Department - we have the law on the books and nothing got done. This was also known to the District Clerk. This is just more regulations with no enforcement.

Resident Sam Oliverio said he applauds the Town Board for focusing on the nuances of these regulations. The Board has taken each comment at the Public Hearings into consideration and put together a very fair and equitable regulation. Mr. Oliverio's concern is not the residents of Putnam Valley having an STR, but it's the outsiders who have come in and escalated prices of our real estate to where everybody's assessment has to be raised. We saw it this year in our assessments. They have a lot of money, they come in here and purchase our property and start to destroy our community. This is why we do need regulations. Mr. Oliverio hopes this law passes before the New Year. He is sick of seeing different people in some of the houses in the lake communities every weekend.



Lisa Yarusso a resident of Dunderberg Road asked a question about the fencing? She asked if there anything in there about unobstructed views? Supervisor Annabi said we have successful regulations in our code book now regarding maximum height and width which will now be included in this code. Ms. Yarusso worries about the lake communities and the obstruction of their views – is there anything in the code that addresses that? Attorney Ryan said she does not believe so. Ms. Yarusso said please take that into consideration. She added the law also does not address close proximity and lot size. Where she lives there are four (4) possible STR's on one (1) small piece of property. Supervisor Annabi said that is being addressed by other regulations such as amount of parking spaces delegated to the property and the number of bedrooms to the number of people renting. Supervisor Annabi thinks those regulations will make a difference. Ms. Yarusso thinks the regulations are necessary but feels there are enough small lake communities to consider where it is and to say you can't do it here because it is too close to the other properties. Ms. Yarusso said we already battle with places to park amongst the neighbors especially on the way to the boatyard all summer long.

Roaring Brook Lake resident Sarah Bartlett noted that the Governor has signed the Home Rule request so that you have the ability to propose a 2% tax. So could you shed some light on the time table for when you plan to move forward with that? Attorney Ryan said in order to do that we have to go through the same process that we are doing now in order to pass a Local Law. It will be introduced at a Public Hearing so the resident's will be informed as to when that will be. Ms. Bartlett then said it sounds like it will be the responsibility of the hosts to collect the taxes. There could be a platform like Airbnb which does it for you; but if you are not on Airbnb is it the host's responsibility? Attorney Ryan responded, by saying - ultimately it will be the responsibility of the property owner; however, it is generally considered a "pass through" tax.

Mill Street resident Justin Baker said he appreciates the attention you have given the code. Mr. Baker asked several questions about the code. He asked, in Section G there is currently an inspection for accessory apartments, does the inspection for STR'S use align with accessory apartments? Attorney Ryan said yes if you are using it as an STR you would be subject to the same inspection process. Mr. Baker then asked about Section E2 which prohibits parcels utilized for commercial or industrial purposes - does this include a home business, or an agriculture/farm stand business? Attorney Ryan said if it's a residential district you are allowed to have an STR. There is a list under Section C that says what Districts are allowed. Lastly, Mr. Baker asked if fees or taxes would be assessed differently for owner occupied primary residents versus commercial interests. Attorney Ryan said, as far as the taxes go they apply to any dwelling unit that is being let out for rent. She added the Town Board has not yet decided on the fees – that will be done by Resolution. Mr. Baker said he and his wife see a lot of value in STR's.

Resident Michael Grossman said he and his long time neighbor have no fence between them, and it seems like a tremendous imposition to him if he is required to put up a fence which his neighbor could also look out and see in his backyard. Is there a stipulation for an agreement between neighbors not to do something if it's okay with the non-short term rental neighbor? Mr. Grossman's neighbor, (because of where the trees are placed), crosses into his yard. If Mr. Grossman has to put up a fence on the property line it will cut off part of the neighbor's area. Attorney Ryan said this provision has not yet been written into the code. The Board if it chooses could build in a waiver so then if the Planning Board feels the fence is not necessary it could waive it if the neighbors are in agreement. Mr. Grossman then asked about the fees which he said seems like something that could end up being an onerous thing or not much at all. For people who need to do this to make ends meet for a weekend here or there you don't want to discourage them. Supervisor Annabi said the Board would like to keep the permit fees at a reasonable cost and make the fines heftier. Mr. Grossman asked if there are fines now for breaking noise regulations etc. Supervisor Annabi said yes there are -neighbors have to be neighborly - there are always a few bad apples. Mr. Grossman said the way that assessments and taxation are done does mean new people pay more for places versus people who have been here for a long time. Is it in the Boards jurisdiction to formulate that differently so that there could be a sliding scale for long time residents? Supervisor Annabi said assessments are based on New York State calculations -there is no way around that.

Supervisor Annabi said this Public Hearing will remain open and our next meeting will be on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Attorney Ryan said at the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> the Board will reintroduce a new version of this local law, (with some screening requirements in it), and the Public Hearing with Public Comment will be continued on October 18<sup>th</sup> – so you will have a week to review it.

Hi

After much thought, review and attending the public hearings I need to address my concerns.

I seriously encourage that density (number of rentals in a small community)/ lot size (minimum one-half acre) and proximity to other owners be addressed. This has been brought up consistently at town board meetings and public hearings. We haven't heard any response to address any part of these issues.

We live next to an air B and B ,18 feet from our home. It is 20 feet from the neighboring houses. Clearly effecting out privacy.

Enacting this law without addressing the above is a serious disservice to long time Putman Valley residents.

Looking forward to seeing your responses to the above concerns

Thanks

Lisa and Bob Yarusso

### **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

- Supervisor Annabi said thank you to everyone for the success of Town Day – it was huge. Thanks to our Highway Crew, our Putnam County Fire Police, and our Fire Department for all of their hard work. Our Sheriff's Department was there on foot and in cars. Our Parks and Rec. Department did a phenomenal job as did Elaine McGinty. Thank-you to Citywide Auto, AAA Carting, and the Putnam Valley Pharmacy for their sponsorships - with an event sponsorship from the Ana Anastasia Foundation. All the rides and the music were free to our families thanks to them. The Town Board then thanked Supervisor Annabi for all the work she did to put this together. Supervisor Annabi also thanked the School District for giving us the buses – every community person was there!!
- Supervisor Annabi said Roaring Brook had their annual 5K Walk/Race which was fantastic. There was about 150 people there of all ages. Councilman Russo walked with his family. The donations they got were donated to, "Second Chance Foods".
- Tompkins Corners Church will be presenting - Songs, Stories, and Art with John John Brown at 7:30 PM, and on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> will be their Harvest Fest. There will be music all day. This is an amazing place – it's always a great time.
- The Sunset Series ended last Thursday with one (1) of the best bands entitled, Andrea and the Armenian Rug Riders".
- The German American Club's Oktoberfest was again successful. There were a couple of great bands there – we have some great community events. Look for our monthly Newsletter.
- Parks and Rec Harvest Fest will be October 13<sup>th</sup> – lots of fun family things to do.
- October 14<sup>th</sup> is the Putnam County Board of Health's Hazardous Waste Drop-Off. You have to preregister to attend at [putnamcountyny.com](http://putnamcountyny.com). They are holding these at Canopus Beach Parking Lot and at Fahnestock.
- Town-wide Bulk Drop-off is October 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:45-11:45 AM. Town Hall is also open from 8:00 AM – 12:00 noon.

- Sunday, October 22nd is the last Community Shred for the year. If you have any documents you want to get rid of please come to Town Hall from 10 AM – 2 PM. This is a free event.
- Putnam County is holding their Senior Health Fair on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 AM to noon at the Koehler Senior Center on Route 6 in Mahopac. It's for seniors, care takers, and family members of seniors.
- AAA curbside bulk pick-up schedule – Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> is for Lake Oscawana, Brookdale Gardens, Lookout Manor, Hilltop, Abele Park, Glenmar Gardens, and Wildwood Knolls. Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> is Roaring Brook Lake. You can go to [putnamvalley.gov](http://putnamvalley.gov) and find this information there.

### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Councilman Russo read County Legislator Gouldman's report as follows:

Legislator Bill Gouldman is not able to be here today because he has a Legislative meeting, so he requested I give his report.

**\*\* He would like to remind everyone that School is open, and he wish's all the students a successful year. Let's get back to basics and remember road safety. These are our children, our neighbors' children and the future of our community. Please keep them safe.**

**\*\* September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The subject of suicide can be a difficult topic to discuss, but there is help if you need it. Please reach out.**

**\*\* Legislator Gouldman would like to encourage everyone to get involved in the 2024 Putnam County Budget process. See how the county obtains and uses revenues and how your tax dollars are used.**

The process starts on October 5 at 7:00pm, when Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne will be presenting <sup>his</sup> her 2024 Budget to the County Legislature and community leaders at the Historic Courthouse in Carmel. He hopes you will be able to participate.

**\*\* Putnam County is hiring. If you know someone who qualifies, please have them go to the County Website for more information.**

**A few positions are**

**Commissioner of Health**

**Commissioner of Social Services & Mental Health**

**Deputy Commissioner of Finance**

**There are also continuous recruitment exams currently being offered by the Putnam County Personnel Department.**

**\*\* The Putnam County Home Improvement Board is seeking applications for an open position.**

**Applicants for the position must be a resident of Putnam County or own a business within the County and must be able to commit to a minimum of one evening meeting a month.**

**If you know someone who might be interested, please have them submit resume and letter of interest to:**

**Putnam County Home Improvement Board**

**110 Old Route 6**

**Building # 3**

**Carmel, NY 10512**

**\*\* The Putnam County Department of Health will be offering Freedom from Smoking, an evidence based smoking cessation program, to individuals who live or work in Putnam County. Classes will be held at the Putnam County Department of Health on Mondays from 6:00 – 7:30pm beginning October 2 to November 3. Please go to the Putnam County website for more information.**

**\*\* Putnam County will be offering flu shot vaccines  
Monday, September 25  
Wednesday, October 11  
Monday, October 23**

**The health department's skilled and experienced public health nurses will be giving the flu shots. Go to the Putnam County website for more information.**

**\*\* Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day for Putnam County residents is on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 12:30pm at Fahnestock State Park, Canopus Beach Parking Lot, Route 301, Kent, NY. Go to the Putnam County website for more information.**

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**\*\* If you know someone who would be interested in a Babysitting Course on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 12:00pm. It is being held at 301 Manchester Road, Suite 201A, Poughkeepsie, NY. Babysitting is a great way for a young person to make extra money. Please reach out to Legislator Gouldman for more information.**

**\*\* The Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services will be offering EMT courses on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6pm – 10pm starting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested, please reach out to the Bureau of Emergency Services.**

**\*\* Legislature Gouldman is interested in your concerns. There is help out there, for whatever you may be going through. If you have an issue, please give him a call at 845-808-1020. He will make every effort to assist.**

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Presented by Councilman Smith

**RESOLUTION #R23-298**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to accept the Town Board Meeting Minutes from August 9, and August 16, 2023.

Seconded by Councilman Russo, unanimously carried

**PRESENTATION OF 2024 BUDGET**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Town Clerk Howard presented the Town Board with the 2024 Town/Highway Preliminary Budget.

Supervisor Annabi said right now our budget shows an increase of 2.89%. The reason it is this high is because we had to get a BAN for \$8.5 million dollars for all the work we had to do after the storm. Even though we will be getting reimbursed from FEMA - that is down the road. Our Town budget is 13 million in total so we needed to get a BAN. Councilman Smith clarified that a BAN is a Bond Anticipation Note which is like a loan at a very low interest rate.

Supervisor Annabi said the New York State Comptroller's Office sends us a letter which tells us the Tax CAP for 2024. The tax cap has always been right at the 2% mark. This year the tax cap is 3.37% due to inflationary consideration. Right now even though we are below this percentage at 2.89% this Board is still looking to get our number below 2%. The budget has to be passed and voted on no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>. We will not be going over the CAP. The budget will be on the website for the community to see as of tomorrow. You can also get a copy in the Town Clerk's Office.

**APPROVE SURVEYING SERVICES FOR NEW HILL ROAD CULVERT**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R23-299**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the Town Supervisor to enter into a contract with Larry L. Lynn Land Surveyor, P.C., 66 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 per the attached Estimate of Surveying Services, pertaining to the New Hill Road culvert, totaling \$7,145.00 which services are required to address severe damage that was caused as a result of the storm of July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried.

**APPROVE SURVEYING SERVICES FOR BROOKFALLS ROAD CULVERT**

Presented by Councilwoman Tompkins

**RESOLUTION #R23 –300**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the Town Supervisor to enter into a contract with Larry L. Lynn Land Surveyor, P.C., 66 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 per the attached Estimate of Surveying Services, pertaining to the Brookfalls Road culvert, totaling \$5,875.00 which services are required to address severe damage that was caused as a result of the storm of July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried

**APPROVE LANDMARK CONTRACTORS PROPOSAL**

Presented by Councilman Russo

**RESOLUTION #R23 –301**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the Town Supervisor to enter into a contract with Landwork Contractors, 57 Route 6, Suite 208, Baldwin Place, NY 10505, pertaining to the repair and replacement of the front steps and hand rails at the entrance to Town Hall totaling \$11,700.00.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried

**APPROVE HILLTOP BOAT RACK PURCHASE**

Presented by Councilman Smith

**RESOLUTION #R23 –302**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorize the Town Supervisor to accept and sign the estimate from the Dock Doctors, 19 Little Otter Lane, Ferrisberg, VT. 05456 for the purchase of two (2) kayak racks for Hilltop. The racks are adjustable, commercial grade, aluminum racks able to store eight (8) crafts each. The total cost including shipping is \$5,224.81. The purchase of the racks will be paid by the District and it is within their budget.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

**APPROVE LAKE OSCAWANA WALLEYE PURCHASE**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R23-303**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board authorize the purchase of 1000 Walleye for Lake Oscawana from Mid-Atlantic Stocking aka Fish Haven, 978 Owego Road, Candor NY 13743. The cost of the Walleye is \$2,000.00 and \$380.00 for shipping, for a total cost of \$3,380.00. The Walleye will be delivered at the end of October, early November. The purchase of the Walleye will be paid for by the District and is within their budget.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried

**APPROVE BUILDING DEPARTMENT CHANGE IN TITLE**

Presented by Councilwoman Tompkins

**RESOLUTION #R23-304**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board change Patricia A. Smith's title from Assistant Zoning at Step 7 to Assistant Building/Deputy Zoning a Step 1 until January 2024 then to Step 2.

Seconded by Councilman Smith, unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

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

Highway Superintendent Keeler said per his family's Christmas Light Display this year – the lighting will be on November 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be shuttle buses from the German American Club so you can park there and get a ride to my house to view it. Mr. Keeler said the money raised this year will go to the "Make a Wish Foundation". Mr. Keeler added that we are also a contender on the Channel 7 Television Show "The Great Christmas Light Fight".

Mr. Sam Oliverio queried that the State now recognizes that inflation impacts our budget? – It's about time! He added the Town Board created an excellent budget even at the 2.89% - especially since right now inflation is at 4.6%

### **AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

### **RESOLUTION #R23-305**

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

<b><u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNTS</u></b>
43803-44021	111,516.98
43582-44006	165,674.44
43779-44028	5,291.62

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Annabi made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss an Attorney/Client matter. No further business will be discussed afterward.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Annabi made a motion to close the meeting at 7:23 PM.

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Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Sherry Howard  
Town Clerk  
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