

TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023
6:00 PM

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Departmental Reports
2. Acceptance of Donation & Recognition for Lemonade Stand
3. Continue Public Hearing – Regulations for short-term rentals
4. REMOVED
5. Public Hearing – 2024 Budget
6. Public Hearing – Building Permit Threshold Changes
7. Supervisor's Comments
8. Legislative Report
9. Approval of Minutes
10. Districts – Approve Applied Watershed Services, LLC Proposal for Lake Oscawana
8. Parks and Recreation – A. October 2023 Refunds
B. Personnel Changes
9. Public Comment – Three Minute Time Limit per Person
10. Audit of Monthly Bills
11. Budget Transfers and Amendments

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023
6:00 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Annabi
Councilman Luongo
Councilman Russo
Councilwoman Tompkins

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Sherry Howard
Town Counsel Sarah Ryan

ABSENT: Councilman Smith

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

New Library Director Amina Chaudhri gave the following report:

Putnam Valley Library Report - October 18, 2023

Adult Services:

In 2022 and 2023 we continued providing educational and entertainment via Zoom programs as well as in person. One experiential program that has been overwhelmingly popular has been our Soundbaths. We have also expanded our monthly program offering to include math tutoring and will soon be adding a craft session on Mondays with any fiber related art. We have Defensive Driving coming up on November 4th, 2023.

We continue to expand our partnerships with community groups and organizations. This year we partnered with the Mental Health Association of Putnam to bring programs for youth, The Prevention Council of Putnam to do Narcan training for staff and community members, and we were even able to install and stock free opioid emergency stations.

The Peekskill Cortlandt Amature Peekskill / Cortlandt Amateur Radio Association continues to hold their monthly meetings as well as co-host various educational programs. They now offer on site testing for licensing free of charge. We also began co-hosting what will be a local chapter of the Sewing Guild of America & will continue to partner with Tompkins Corners and Warner Library among others to reduce the cost of programs and increase attendance and reach of the library's offerings.

Youth Services:

Pumpkin Painting: 102 participants. Lots of nice comments from the parents. Kids could choose not just paint but a variety of stuff (ribbons, stickers, sequins, feathers) that sparked their imagination.

Toddler Story Time: a six-week series about emotions. There is a strong demand for toddler programs, including in the afternoon and afterschool time slots.

Young Authors Reading: Annual program funded by Barry and MJ Ross. Kids who attended the workshops have reported being motivated to continue writing stories and creating more books. See the Young Authors Display Shelf on the main floor of the Library by the elevator.

To come:

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10/31: Halloween Trick or Treat: we'll take pictures of the costumes and put the photos up for a few days. There will be three story times, including one with actor and library patron Alex Morf.

11/7: Puppet-making workshop: kids will create big whimsical two-dimensional hand puppets with Clarissa Lega, a puppeteer, educator and creative artist.

11/28: Gingerbread Houses decorating workshop!

Library-related Activities:

- Board of Trustees: We had our annual Trustees Election and Board Meeting on October 16, 2023. Leslie Martin, Joseph Ferraro and Gabrielle Del Pozzo Finkel won.
- Putnam Valley Library Food Pantry: Due to the increasingly cold weather, we will be closing our food pantry (located on our front porch) on October 31, 2023. We will reopen it in the Spring of 2024.
- Children's Librarian/Library Assistant: We are currently hiring for this position, and I have posted the job at both MHLS, RCLS, SENYLRC, NYLA as well as Rutgers, Drexel, St. John's and SUNY Albany Universities. It's also posted on our bulletin board, on Facebook and in the Putnam County News and the Highland Current. We interviewed a potential candidate on 10/17/23.
- Glassolutions: Our new skylight installation completed on September 22, 2023. Everyone is thrilled with how beautiful the work has turned out and the amount of extra light the Library is now receiving has been a bonus. It was a pretty smooth one and a half day process and Glassolutions left the Children's Room and parking lot in immaculate condition.

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

- Saturday, October 21st 7:30 PM, \$20.00 per ticket, a youthful Scottish/American band called "Corner House" will be playing.
- Sunday, October 22nd we will have a staged reading of Thornton Wilders, Our Town. We are trying to collaborate with other groups so we can work together better.
- Friday, November 3rd at 7:30 PM Tad Crawford will be holding a conversation about Art, Money and Fiction. He has written several books on the subject. The cost is \$10.00.
- Sunday, November 5th from 2 – 4 PM. A reception and exhibit by artist Karin Lemke. This program is free.
- Sunday, November 12th at 2:00 PM. we will be presenting George and Ruth: songs and Letters of the Spanish Civil War. The cost is \$20.00.
- "The Down Hill Strugglers", an old time string band will be playing in the John Cohen Memorial Music Series on Sunday, November 18th at 7:30 PM at a cost of \$20.00.
- November 19th at 3:00 PM will feature our monthly poet's corner. Lucia Cherciu will be this month's featured poet. The cost for this is \$10.00.

Highway Superintendent Keeler's report is as follows:

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 completed the Hillair Road drainage project in Lake Peekskill we have added 6 basins and 500 ft of 12 inch pipe. Unfortunately we hit quite a bit of ledge rock that needed to be drilled and split. That job took a little longer than had planned. This morning we started a drainage project on Chippewa rd in which it was discovered that there was a failing pipe causing ground disturbance, after further evaluation and the knowledge of my Foreman Dave Conklin we find a way to reroute the storm water, this will require roughly 152 feet of pipe to be redirected and a basin and approximately 200 foot of old rotted metal pipe removed . We will then repair the drainage issue on Muller Mtn road and Woods end Kennels Road

Our blacktop crew has been out patching, repairing berms and filling in cross pieces through out town

The blacktop company will return November 6th and Blacktop Hillair Ann Pl and Elinor and Possibly Cindy Lane and South Street at that time

As we transition out of road work and repairs in the next few weeks you will be seeing our tree crews out quite a bit this fall and winter cutting down dangerous trees.

Our Vacuum truck has been out every day cleaning basins. It is now in the Barger Street area. We are still hoping for a late winter if so we are hoping to get back to the all lake communities again we should be able to. The guys cleaned 152 basins in the last month 2083 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 blowing leaves and cutting back anything that may grow. I just want to touch on the mowing for a minute as everyone knows we received a lot of rain this summer and unfortunately the way we got rain 1 day sunshine the next and then rain again the weeds grow like crazy so it was very tough to keep up with and we feel behind yes so I rented a 2nd mower for a month and it helped us greatly .This was the case not only here in Putnam Valley but most of Putnam Westchester and Dutchess counties that I know of.

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 67 Days till Christmas

Fire Department Chief Frank DiMarco gave the following report:

Fire Department

You'll see by the call reports that we have actually been relatively quiet, or should I say at the normal pace with 35 calls for the month.

We are currently in the midst of concentrating our efforts in recruitment. You should be seeing multiple PSA's on both channel 20 and social media. Putnam Valley Fire Department has been able to maintain a great reputation among the other departments in the county as well as the 911 call center due to our ability to respond to all of our calls. Unfortunately, with people aging out or moving, we are seeing decrease in membership from nearly a hundred to the upper sixties of active members.

I am relatively an easy person to find or contact, so if you would like to have a conversation on what it entails to volunteer, please feel free to reach out to me.

I did want to reiterate that with fall and the cooler weather coming we need to be conscious about starting up ~~the~~^{our} fire places, wood burning stoves and so forth. We also should be careful not to blow leaves in the roadways. Usual calls for the next few months or so are, chimney fire, brush fires due to ash disposal and car accidents due to debris in the roadway. So again, be conscious of those things I mentioned.

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

There were 35 calls for the month, for a total of 527.88 man hours for August.

Parks and Recreation Director Frank DiMarco gave the following report:

Parks and Recreation Report

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. We have been able to provide program opportunities for all ages now, which is a great thing to see considering we used to have sacrifice many of the adult programs to accommodate for the children over the last few years.

The Harvest Fest was a huge success with close to 600 people in attendance. Again, giving us something to build on in the future. And have some additional seasonal events. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

We currently have 12 projects in the works at all different stages. All will be significant improvements to the camp and park facilities. Most of the funding via insurance, FEMA and some grants that Jackie and I have been working on.

Director DiMarco said most people know about the vandalism we suffered at the Town Park Camp Facility. We had some assistance repairing the camp with the help of some wonderful children in this Town. Director DiMarco thanked the children and said he does not know how to express his gratitude for this gesture. It restores your faith. These amazing children ran a lemonade stand and the money they raised was donated to help buy security cameras for the Day Camp. Councilwoman Tompkins and Director DiMarco gave certificates of Appreciation to the following children:

Cole Martin
Maeve Martin
Harper Costa
Annalisa Trezza
Anthony Lombardo
Gio Lombardo
Connor Keeler
Brendan Keeler

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION R#23-322

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

AMEND: – Item #3 to state “Continue Public Hearing on Short Term Rentals
ADD: #10c - Approve Grant Application from the NYSDEC Invasive Species Early Detection/Rapid Response and Control Program 2023
ADD: #10d - Approve Grant Application from the NYSDEC Invasive Species: Lake Management Planning and Implementation Program 2023
REMOVE: Item #10 b – Award LPID Truck Bid
REMOVE: Item # 4 – Schedule vote on Short Term Rentals Town Code 11/15/23

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, 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

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FOR LEMONADE STAND

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R23-323

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley does hereby accept, with gratitude and appreciation, the donation of **ONE THOUSAND AND EIGHT HUNDRED AND 00/00 (1,800.00)** from residents Margaret Martin, Amy Trezza, Michelle Costa, and the eight (8) children who generously operated a lemonade stand to raise such funds for the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board will dedicate the donated funds to the Putnam Valley Parks and Recreation Department for the purchase and installation of security cameras at the Town Camp, located at 140 Brookfalls Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579

Dated: October 18, 2023
Moved: Supervisor Annabi
Seconded: Councilman Luongo

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

By a vote of 4 AYES, and 1 ABSENT, the Resolution is passed.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING ON REGULATIONS FOR SHORT TERM RENTALS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi said the only change that we made from the last Public Hearing is that you may have to add a screening. Town Attorney Ryan said it now authorizes and requires the Planning Board to consider screening where appropriate.

**RESOLUTION TO RE-INTRODUCE THE REVISED PROPOSED LOCAL LAW
RELATING TO SHORT TERM TRANSIENT RENTALS (STR'S)**

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R23-324

WHEREAS, on June 14th, 2023, the Town of Putnam Valley Town Board proposed that a Town Zoning Code Local Law Amendment be made to Town Code Chapter 165, entitled "Zoning" specifically to create §§165-36.1 adding Short Term Rentals (STR'S) as a particular Special Permit Use; and

WHEREAS, since the initial introduction of the proposed Local Law, said law has undergone additional, substantive, amendments and revisions; and

WHEREAS, the revised proposed amendments are annexed hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein as if recited verbatim, and the Town Board does direct that said amendments be spread across the record as if they, in fact, had been read verbatim; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the revised proposed amendment must be referred to the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation for review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing relating to these proposed amendments remains open.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town Board hereby continues the Public Hearing on the revised proposed amendments through November 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be come to be heard, in the Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, NY; and
2. The Town Board refers this matter to the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation for a recommendation pursuant to GML §239-m; and
3. The Town Board directs the Town Clerk to notify the Town Clerks of each of the surrounding Municipalities of the Public Hearing pursuant to GML §239-nn.

Dated: October 18, 2023
Moved: Supervisor Annabi
Seconded: Councilwoman Tompkins

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

By a vote of 4 AYES, and 0 NAYS the Resolution is passed.

Supervisor Annabi said to Town Attorney Ryan that she did have one (1) resident ask a question as follows: If the resident rents his/her house out as an STR before 12/31/2023 even if it's December 1st of 2023, will they still be grandfathered in? Attorney Ryan responded, if they can show proof of operation anytime between 12/31/2022 and 12/31/2023 they will be allowed to continue while they are waiting for their permit. It also does not guarantee that they will get a permit for 2024. Supervisor Annabi said, this does not give anyone priority or grant anyone an automatic permit, so if you are a current STR host or want to be one (1) come January 1, 2024 you both have to follow the same exact procedures. Attorney Ryan said if the Planning Board finds you do not meet the provisions of the code anyone can be denied a permit. If you continue operating and you do not get a permit, you will be fined and brought to court by the Building Inspector. It will be handled just like any other Town Code violation.

Dunderberg Road Resident Lisa Yarusso asked what the purpose for and why is there is another Public Hearing today? Attorney Ryan explained that because we made a change in the law we are allowing people to voice anything they would like to say again. At the meeting on November 15th if the Town Board feels everyone has been heard and the Town Board is satisfied with the law as written they can close the Public Hearing and vote on the law that night. They can also keep the Public Hearing open if they choose as well. Once the Town Board votes, the Town Clerk sends the law to Albany where it gets filed. Attorney Ryan said the Planning Board is up to speed on the latest edition of the law. Attorney Ryan suggested the Town Board adopt the fees and violation fine amounts at the same time they adopt the law.

PUBLIC HEARING OF 2024 BUDGET

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Supervisor Annabi said everyone has had a chance to look at the budget, it has been available and has been on our website for about a month now. Our budget is well below the CAP at 1.68%. We do have an 8.25 million dollar bond which is going to all damage not just the roadways. This includes our bridges, our culverts, district beaches, Town Park etc. Supervisor Annabi said we have been having a FEMA meeting every Wednesday so they are aware of everything that we are doing. A lot of our jobs will be reimbursed to us by FEMA at around 70%; that will be a very good portion of it. Some of this work will be done "in-kind", meaning from our own Highway Employees. There will be a lot of work and it will mostly be happening all at the same time. Supervisor Annabi said it was a good thing that we added a 5th guy.

Supervisor Annabi thanked our Town Counsel for keeping everyone focused and on task. You do a great job.

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R23-325

RESOLVED, that the Town Board open the Public Hearing on the 2024 Town/Highway/District Budget.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried.

There were no comments made. Supervisor Annabi said we will keep the Public Hearing open until November 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM, at which time it will be voted on. Any comments or changes will have to be done by November 09, 2023.

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R23-326

RESOLVED, that the Town Board close the Public Hearing for comments and changes on the 2024 Town/Highway/District Budget on November 09, 2023 at 4:00 PM. The 2024 Town/Highway/District Budget will be voted on at the Town's Regular Meeting on November 15, 2024.

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING BUILDING THRESHOLD CHANGES

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

Town Attorney Ryan said last month the Town Board introduced a Local Law increasing the threshold for a new construction or edition that would trigger the requirement to go before the Planning Board. It is public record, but previously the threshold had been in any construction or building an edition, anything over 700 square feet anywhere in any District you had to go before the Planning Board. Now it is broken up by Districts (see law below). This will repeal and replace what is currently in the Zoning Code.

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R23-327

RESOLVED, that the Town Board open the Public Hearing on the Local Law Amending Provisions of the Town of Putnam Valley Zoning Law Relating to Actions Exempted from the Development Approval Plans in Residential Zoning Districts. This Public Hearing will remain open until November 15, 2023 and voted on November 15, 2023.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

Town of Putnam Valley Local Law No. ___ of 2023

A Local Law Amending Provisions of the Town of Putnam Valley Zoning Law Relating to Actions Exempted from Development Approval Plans in Residential Zoning Districts

BE IT ENACTED, by the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley, Putnam County, New York, as follows:

Part 1. Title

This Local Law shall be known as the "A Local Law Amending Provisions of the Town of Putnam Valley Zoning Law Relating to Actions Exempted from Development Approval Plans in Residential Zoning Districts."

Part 2. Enactment

This Local Law is adopted and enacted pursuant to the authority and power granted by §10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

Part 3. Amendment of the Zoning Law

The Town of Putnam Valley Zoning Law is amended as follows:

Replace

Section 165-16(B)(2)(b) "Development Approval Plan;" "Applicability of regulations":

- (2) Any development and use that falls within any Environmental Management District, as defined in Article VI of this chapter, but exempting therefrom:
 - (a) Alterations which do not change or affect the use and occupancy of a building.
 - (b) Enclosed additions to floor space that do not exceed the following:
 - (1) In the LP Zoning District: 800 Square Feet.
 - (2) In the R1 and R2 Zoning Districts: 1,000 Square Feet.
 - (3) In the R3, CD, and PD Zoning Districts: 1,100 Square Feet.

Part 4. Severability

The invalidity of any part or provision (e.g., word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence) of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Law which can be given effect in the absence of the invalid part or provision.

Part 6. Supersession

This Local Law is intended to supersede any provisions of the Town Law, the laws of the Town of Putnam Valley, and the New York State General Municipal Law which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Local Law.

Part 7. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon the filing with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law, and specifically, Article 3, Section 27 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

- Town-wide Bulk Drop-off is October 21st 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.
- On Saturday and Sunday the VFW is having a haunted house. They did a great job. It's startling and spooky not scary.
- Putnam County is holding their Senior Health Fair on Thursday, November 2nd 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.
- The German-American Club is having a Halloween Party on October 28th.

Supervisor Annabi said a question was raised at the Debate as to whether the Town followed legal procedure for minor tree work performed at the end of March of this year on a property located on Bell Hollow Road. "An accusation was made that the Town performed this tree work for the benefit of the private property owner. I would like to clear up this misunderstanding. This past winter the Town became aware of the deteriorated condition of the Bell Hollow Bridge and began to explore options to repair or replace the bridge with minimal disruption to residents who live on this road. Our Town Engineer proposed a solution that would require a new bridge crossing to be constructed adjacent to the existing bridge in order to avoid a closure. This proposed plan required the Town to purchase or otherwise obtain title to a portion of a privately owned vacant parcel in order to install the new bridge.

Our Town Attorney then began an extensive months' long search for the property owner. The current owner, who lives across the Country, was contacted in April 2023. She was under the impression that her late husband had donated the property to the Town decades ago. No donation was ever made officially, she then expressed her desire to offer the property as a donation to the Town with verbal authorization to enter the property and perform any preliminary work for the eventual bridge repair. In early March, our Town Counsel prepared and sent documents to the property owner which was required to transfer ownership of the donated property and the property owner promptly returned those documents to the Town. Due to a clerical error on the part of the property owner's notary, the transfer documents had to be re-executed.

While the Town was awaiting the corrected documents, the Highway Department performed minor tree work that would ultimately be necessary for the Town's public improvement project. The Town is now the owner of the property and is in the process of obtaining the permits and approvals required to begin the bridge replacement. NO work was performed by Town Employees for the benefit of a private resident; rather any work performed has been for the public health, safety, and welfare of the traveling public and the community of residents who reside on Bell Hollow Road. Thank-you."

Supervisor Annabi said she also wants to clear up another rumor that occurred on Monday which is that the Town, this Board, and the previous Board was aware of illegal dumping at the Fire Department. The Fire Department was aware that there was going to be fill which was ordered. At no time did the Town Board or the Fire Department know the fill was contaminated. At no time did the Town Board or the Fire Department order contaminated fill. When the fill was found to be contaminated the DEC was brought in immediately. When the State Agency was brought in the Town stepped back in regards to the testing of that fill. That was all done between a contracted entity to the Town, which is the Fire Department, and the State DEC. The Town has no jurisdiction with a contracted entity. However, when it came time for the remediation the Fire Department did come to the Town, and it has been filmed, aired, and done in person here at the Town Hall 23 times. From September 23rd, 2019 to February 8th, 2021 there were 23 meetings here-live-televised, with minutes, regarding these issues. Nothing was ever hidden from the public; nothing was ever done to protect or to hide anything. Anybody can order fill, you can go into Facebook and type in the words "free fill" and get it. No one knew it was contaminated, we all live here, no one ordered contaminated fill. Once we found out the fill was contaminated the DEC got involved, the Town got the remediation in place, the Fire Department cleaned that up in 2019. If you have any questions about that Supervisor Annabi will talk about remediation through the minutes, you can get that from our Clerk.

All the minutes regarding a Public Hearing and the remediation are Public Record. There is some sort of litigation going on about getting some of this money back, I cannot talk about the legal ramifications, it is not in the purview of the Town Board because they are a private contracted entity, no different than any other contracted entity. Our Attorney is a contracted entity, I can't tell her how to spend her money. Contracted entities perform a service to the Town and thank you to the Fire Department for everything you do for us, you are always there and you never say no to any community service.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

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

Bill Gouldman is not able to be here today, so he requested I give his report.

** On Monday, October 23, Putnam County will be having another Flu Clinic at the Putnam County Dept of Health, 1 Geneva Road, Brewster, from the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 pm. The clinic is open to all Putnam residents from 18 years of age and older. Appointments are needed. Go to the Putnam County Website to make an appointment.

** For the last 2 weeks the Legislature has been in the process of reviewing the county budget for 2024. If there are any specific budget issues you are concerned about, please reach out to Bill.

**Last week was the end of Fire Prevention Week. Legislator Gouldman would like to remind you to text your smoke detector alarms. When there is a fire, smoke spreads quickly. You need a working smoke alarm to keep your family time to get out. Save your family. Test your smoke alarm today.

**The Putnam County Plumbing/Mechanical Trades Board is seeking applications for an open board position. Applicants must be either a Putnam County resident or a Putnam County registered Plumbing/Mechanical Trades journeyman or be an owner/licensed Master Tradesman of a Plumbing/Mechanical Trades business located in Putnam County, fire sprinkler experience preferred.

Please submit resume and letter of interest to:
Secretary, 110 Old Route 6, Building 3, Carmel, NY 10512

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****Putnam County will be offering a Free Rabies Vaccination clinic on Saturday, November 18th from 10am – 12pm. The clinic is being held at the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park (Upper Park), 201 Gipsy Trail Road, Carmel, NY and it is open to all Putnam County residents. For more information and directions, please call the Putnam County Department of Health at 845-808-1390 ext. 43160.**

**** Halloween is around the corner. Legislator Gouldman would like to remind everyone to take special caution during this time of year. Have fun, but be cautious.**

**** Bill is interested in your concerns. His door is always open. If you see something or have a problem or issue, just give his office a call at 845-808-1020. If he can correct your issue, he will.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION #R23-328

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to accept the Town Board Meeting Minutes from September 13, and September 20, 2023.

Seconded by Councilman Russo, unanimously carried

APPROVE APPLIED WATERSHED SERVICES, LLC PROPOSAL FOR LAKE OSCAWANA MANAGEMENT FOR 2024

Presented by Councilwoman Tompkins

RESOLUTION #R23-329

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to accept and sign the 2024 Applied Watershed Sciences, LLC proposal for the professional limnological and lake management consulting services for Lake Oscawana. The proposal includes the long-term sampling plan for one year, April-October monitoring (seven months), on-going communications, public outreach, data analysis, reporting and recommendations. The total cost of the proposal is \$38,477.00. The District will cover the cost of the plan.

Supervisor Annabi seconded for discussion. Supervisor Annabi said this has been part of their budget for a while now, in fact the amount budgeted for was a little higher to make sure they had a cushion.

Seconded by Councilman Russo, unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE NYSDEC INVASIVE SPECIES EARLY DETECTION/RAPID RESPONSE AND CONTROL PROGRAM 2023

Presented by Councilwoman Tompkins

Supervisor Annabi said we have been looking for, (along with our Wetlands Inspector, Town Planner and our Grant Writers), a grant to help especially in Lake Peekskill with our HAB'S (hazardous algae blooms) and septic issues. We are still looking for grants to help with our septic's but these grants are for the HAB'S. The City of Peekskill is going to sign off on a letter of support so these things together should help us detect and move forward with taking care of these HAB'S, providing we are able to get these grants.

RESOLUTION #R23-330

WHEREAS, the Town of Putnam Valley desires to respond and control invasive species in Lake Peekskill; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Putnam Valley hereby requests financial assistance from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Invasive Species Early Detection/Rapid Response and Control (Terrestrial and Aquatic) Program FY23.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley does hereby authorize the Supervisor, or designated Town Representatives, to execute a grant application and other required documents to apply for and receive funding from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Invasive Species Early Detection/Rapid Response and Control (Terrestrial and Aquatic) Program FY23, which grant, if awarded will be for \$25,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Putnam Valley authorizes, certifies, and appropriates up to a 25% (6,250.00) maximum local match (either cash or in-kind) of the total project cost, from the Lake Peekskill Improvement District Budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby determine that this action is a Type II action requiring no further environmental review.

Dated: October 18, 2023
Moved: Councilwoman Tompkins
Seconded: Councilman Luongo

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

By a vote of 4 AYES, and 0 NAYS the Resolution is passed.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE NYSDEC INVASIVE SPECIES: LAKE MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM 2023.

Presented by Councilman Luongo

RESOLUTION #R23-331

WHEREAS, the Town of Putnam Valley desires to create and implement a Lake Management Plan to address invasive species in Lake Peekskill; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Putnam Valley hereby requests financial assistance from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Invasive Species: Lake Management Planning and Implementation Program FY23.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley does hereby authorize the Supervisor, or designated Town Representatives, to execute a grant application and other required documents to apply for and receive funding from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Invasive Species Lake Management Planning and Implementation Program F/Y2023, which grant, if awarded will be for \$50,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Putnam Valley authorizes, certifies, and appropriates up to a 25% (12,250.00) maximum local match (either cash or in-kind) of the total project cost, from the Lake Peekskill Improvement District Budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby determine that this action is a Type II action requiring no further environmental review.

Dated: October 18, 2023
Moved: Councilman Luongo
Seconded: Supervisor Annabi

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

By a vote of 4 AYES, and 0 NAYS the Resolution is passed.

APPROVE OCTOBER 2023 REFUNDS

Presented by Councilman Russo

RESOLUTION #R23-332

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept the October 2023 refunds:

To: Town Board
From: Frank DiMarco, Parks and Recreation Director
Subject: Parks and Recreation Refunds
Date: October refunds 2023

Kristen Fleming 585 Peekskill Hollow Road Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$50.00 Programs Overpayment
Patricia Kennedy 274 Peekskill Hollow Road Putnam Valley, NY 10579	\$150.00 Programs Tennis schedule change due to rain
Yolanda Wright 1 Trolley Road Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567	\$630.00 Day Camp Children did not attend the last two weeks of camp due to a house fire
Stephanie Abreu 306 Lake Drive Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$500.00 LPCC Deposit refund
Carolina Layton 96 Lake Drive Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$500.00 LPCC Deposit refund
Karen Rubistello 16 Williams Street Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$500.00 LPCC Deposit refund
Estella Melendez 43 Johnson Street Lake Peekskill, NY 10537	\$500.00 LPCC Deposit refund

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried

APPROVE CHANGES TO PERSONNEL

Presented by Councilman Russo

RESOLUTION #R23-333

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve the following additions/changes to personnel:

1. Edward Bradley, Re. Ass't for programs and sports, @ \$15.00 per hour
2. Kanyon Lewis, Rec. Ass't. for Programs, @ \$15.00 per hour.
3. Cassandra Tenesaca, Rec. Ass't. for Programs, @ \$15.00 per hour.

Seconded by Supervisor Annabi, 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 25th at 6:00 PM. This year they are dedicated to both Charlie Milo and Edward Scott, two great men. 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. Keeler said if you are following on Facebook there is a High School Student named Eduardo Recinos. He is the Team Manager of the Putnam Valley Varsity Football Team. He is currently nominated as a "Heart of a Giant Award" from the Hospitals for Special Surgery and the New York Giants. He was born with Spastic Cerebral Palsy which caused him to have much difficulty walking. He began walking with assistance at the beginning of High School and pushed himself to where he can now walk on his own. His commitment to the PVHS Football Team has been unwavering. He has not missed a single practice, team game or team dinner. Please vote for him on Facebook he is very deserving!

Councilman Luongo said the Fire Department ran their annual Fire Prevention Program in the schools. The day after they got a comment from a parent who said their children came home from school and forced them into checking their smoke detectors and making an escape plan – so it works and was very nice to hear. Also please remember to have your house numbers visible.

Additionally, please don't blow your leaves onto the road. When leaves get slippery and wet they are like driving on ice. Lastly, October 15th was "white cane day", the white cane is the symbol for someone who is visually impaired. If you are driving and see somebody with a white cane they cannot see. Please keep that in the back of your mind.

Supervisor Annabi said one (1) of the things this Board and the previous Board tried to get was some sort of public transit to Putnam Valley. We can't get this because Putnam Valley has the most roads in all of Putnam County. Supervisor Annabi continued, and said, however, after speaking to Dr. Vinnie Tamagna, (who is the Commissioner of Transportation); there is a very strong possibility that we will get something called "Response on Demand". This will help our seniors and our disabled. If someone is a senior or someone is disabled this can help them get around. This service bus will come and get them and bring them where they need to go. This has not been finalized yet. We are working very closely with the County and the Transportation Department to get this into Putnam Valley. Once it is 100% set the Town will be notified, it will not matter how many residents use it, it will not be like the transit system we tried before.

Supervisor Annabi said the German American Club is having a Fellowship Halloween Party on October 28th from 6-10PM. You need to register for that on their website.

Saturday, November 11th at 11:00 AM the Town will be holding their Veteran's Day Ceremony.

Thanksgiving is coming; we have a lot of families in need. The food pantry is an asset to our community. There has been a serious shortage of turkeys and hams, if you can donate please do. The Pantry will take all of the frozen food on November 18th if you can drop it off. Any shelf-stable food can be dropped off in Town Hal, there is a box in the hallway.

On Tuesday, October 31st which is Halloween; between the hours of 9:30 – 11:30 Town Hall will become a safe "trick or treat" zone. Children of all ages are welcome, costumes are a must!

Councilman Russo mentioned the Putnam Valley Education Foundations event "Trunk or Treat" happening at the High School on October 29th from 2 – 4PM.

AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R23-334

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

<u>VOUCHER NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
N/A	N/A

Seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins, unanimously carried.

BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS

Presented by Supervisor Annabi

RESOLUTION #R23-335

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approve Budget transfers and Amendments for Year-To-Date October 18, 2023;

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Year: 2023 Period: 0 Trans Type: B1 - Transfer Status: Posted
 Trans No: 117729 Trans Date: 09/27/2023 User Ref: MANGELICO
 Requested: Approved: Created by: MANGELICO 09/27/2023
 Description: YTD BUDGET TRANSFERS THROUGH 9/30/2023 - PART II
 Account # Order: Yes
 Print Parent Account: No

Account No.	Account Description	Amount
A.1620.210	BUILDINGS.IMPROVEMENTS	-21.00
A.1620.430	BUILDINGS.POWER & LIGHT	1 500.00
A.1620.440	BUILDINGS.SUPPLIES & MAINTENANCE	550.00
A.1620.478	BUILDINGS.CLEANING & MISC	500.00
A.1645.400	TOWN VEHICLE.CONTRACTUAL	21.00
A.1990.400	CONTINGENT ACCOUNT	-1,500.00
A.1990.400	CONTINGENT ACCOUNT	-550.00
A.1990.400	CONTINGENT ACCOUNT	-500.00
A.1990.400	CONTINGENT ACCOUNT	-3,502.75
A.1990.400	CONTINGENT ACCOUNT	-8,425.98
A.7020.410	LIFEGUARD TRAINING.EXPENSES	3,502.75
A.7022.200	CAMP.EQUIPMENT	8,425.98
A.7110.400	PARKS.CONTRACTUAL	-600.00
A.7110.410	PARKS.VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	600.00
Total Amount:		<u>0.00</u>

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Year: 2023 Period: 9 Trans Type: B1 - Transfer Status: Posted
 Trans No: 117726 Trans Date: 09/27/2023 User Ref: MANGELICO
 Requested: Approved: Created by: MANGELICO 09/27/2023
 Description: YTD BUDGET TRANSFERS THROUGH 9/30/2023 Account # Order: Yes
 Pmt Parent Account: No

Account No.	Account Description	Amount
A 1990.400	CONTINGENT ACCOUNT	-509.00
A.1990.400	CONTINGENT ACCOUNT	-1,400.00
A.3310.200	SIGNS.TRAFFIC SIGNS	609.00
A.5010.424	HIGHWAY SUPT.CONTRACTUAL	741.41
A 5132.400	GARAGE.CONTRACTUAL	-741.41
A.7020.400	RECREATION.CONTRACTUAL	3,502.75
A.7020.450	RECREATION.KINGDOM FAIRE	-3,502.75
A.7020.450	RECREATION.KINGDOM FAIRE	-8,425.98
A.7022.400	CAMP.SUPPLIES	8,425.98
A.7022.401	CAMP MAINTENANCE CONTRACTUAL	1,400.00
A.7110.400	PARKS.CONTRACTUAL	-239.13
A 7110 410	PARKS VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	239.13
A.7310.200	CHILDRENS CENTER.EQUIPMENT	1,555.76
A 7310.400	CHILDRENS CENTER.CONTRACTUAL	-1,555.76
SD01.1420.410	ENGINEER	-140.00
SD01.8540.400	DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	140.00
SM01.1630.463	TELEPHONE	90.01
SM01.1630.472	POWER AND LIGHT	-90.01
SM01.1640.200	GARAGE.TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT	-118.58
SM01.1640.210	GARAGE TIRES	118.58
SM01.1640.424	GARAGE.MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	-1,419.85
SM01.1640.424	GARAGE.MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	-368.98
SM01.1640.471	GARAGE.GAS, OIL, AND GREASE	1,419.85
SM01.1640.472	GARAGE.TRUCK MAINTENANCE	368.98
SM01.7180.200	BEACHES AND LAKE EQUIPMENT	-500.00
SM01.7180.212	BEACHES AND LAKE.IMPROVEMENTS - CARRARAS	500.00
SM01.7180.471	BEACHES AND LAKE.MAINT & REPAIRS	-266.50
SM01.7180.472	BEACHES AND LAKE CONSERVATION	266.50
SM03.7110.120	RECREATION.LIFEGUARDS	-101.05
SM03.9030.800	SOCIAL SECURITY	88.43
SM03.9035.800	MEDICARE	12.62
SM04.1980.420	PAYMENT OF MTA PAYROLL TAX	5.11
SM04.7110.120	RECREATION.LIFEGUARDS	1,032.00

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SM04.7180.471	BEACH.MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	-5.11
SM04.7180.471	BEACH.MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	-1,032.00
SM04.7180.471	BEACH.MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	-90.55
SM04.9030.800	SOCIAL SECURITY	90.55
SM05.7110.120	RECREATION.LIFEGUARDS	1,185.25
SM05.7180.200	BEACH.EQUIPMENT	-524.97
SM05.7180.210	BEACH.IMPROVEMENTS	-1,185.25
SM05.7180.471	BEACH.MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	496.74
SM05.9030.800	SOCIAL SECURITY	29.23
SM06.1630.400	ADMIN & CLERICAL.EXPENSE	54.65
SM06.1980.420	PAYMENT OF MTA PAYROLL TAX	1.48
SM06.7110.120	RECREATION.LIFEGUARDS	-56.13
SM07.7180.210	BEACH IMPROVEMENTS	-222.10
SM07.7180.471	BEACH.MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	222.10
SM08.1420.400	SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL	-169.63
SM08.1630.400	ADMIN & CLERICAL.EXPENSE	169.63
SM08.1640.473	PLOWING FIRE LANES	-760.50
SM08.1640.473	PLOWING FIRE LANES	-62.25
SM08.1980.410	DAM.FENCING FOR CARP	750.00
SM08.1980.420	PAYMENT OF MTA PAYROLL TAX	10.50
SM08.9030.800	SOCIAL SECURITY	62.25
SM10.7110.120	RECREATION.LIFEGUARDS	-320.00
SM10.7180.471	BEACH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	320.00
SM11.1420.400	LAW.CONTRACTUAL	30.00
SM11.1630.400	ADMIN & CLERICAL.EXPENSE	-30.00
SM11.1640.400	TRUCK.MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR	44.96
SM11.1640.472	HARVESTER MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR	901.26
SM11.7180.200	LAKE.EQUIPMENT	-946.22
SS02.1630.400	ADMIN & CLERICAL.EXPENSE	-38.68
SS02.8120.411	FUEL	9.09
SS02.9030.800	SOCIAL SECURITY	29.59
Total Amount:		0.00

