



**Town Board Meeting**  
**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Town Hall**

**6 PM**

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**AGENDA**

**Meeting called to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

1. Recognition of Sheryl Luongo, Retiring Assessor
2. Community Reports
3. **Public Hearing:** Amendments to Local Zoning Laws
4. **Public Hearing:** Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department 2026 Contract
5. Supervisor's Comments
6. Legislative Reports
7. Approval of Minutes
8. **Parks & Recreation:**
  - a. Approve January 2026 Refunds
  - b. Approve January 2026 Personnel Changes
9. **Highway:**
  - a. Approve New Laborer Hire
  - b. Approve Snow Plow Riders Hire for 2026 Winter Season
10. Approve Appointment to LOMAC
11. **Districts:**
  - a. Approve 2026 EverBlue Lakes Contract
  - b. Authorize to Go to Public Bid for District Grass Cutting 2026
12. **Grant Applications:**
  - a. Approve Application for Municipal Parks and Recreation Grants Program
  - b. Approve Application for Local Government Efficiency Grant Program
13. Update on Contracts Subject to Attorney Review from January 21<sup>st</sup> Work Session
14. **Finance:** Audit of Monthly Bills
15. Public Comment [Three-Minute Time Limit Per Person]

**Adjournment**

**Next Town Board Meeting: Work Session, Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 5 PM**

**Public Hearings:**

1. **Local Law Amending Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption, Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 5 PM**
2. **Local Law Amending Veterans Property Tax Exemption, Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 5 PM**

**TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

**6:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Jolicoeur  
Councilman Luongo  
Councilman Brooks  
Councilman Russo  
Councilwoman Howard

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk Michelle Stephens  
Town Counsel David E. Daniels  
Town Counsel Lillian Mead

Supervisor Jolicoeur opened the meeting at 6:05 pm with the Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence during which attendees were invited to reflect and offer thoughts or prayers for those in need.

**RECOGNITION OF SHERYL LUONGO, RETIRING AESSOR**

A recognition ceremony was held in honor of **Sheryl Luongo**, retiring Town Assessor.

The Supervisor noted that earlier in the day, a luncheon was held at Town Hall in recognition of Ms. Luongo's retirement. While the Town Board expressed sadness at her departure, it was acknowledged that Ms. Luongo is retiring after **24 years of service to the Town**, including **18 years as Town Assessor**.

Ms. Luongo was invited to the podium, where the Supervisor presented a **proclamation** on behalf of the Town Board recognizing her years of dedicated service. The proclamation cited, among other accomplishments:

- 24 years of service to the Town of Putnam Valley, including 18 years as Assessor;
- 15 years of service with the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department, including service as President from 2020 to 2024;
- 30 years of service with the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps;
- Recognition in 2023 for responding to over 700 life calls; and
- Current service as President of the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps, with additional recognition in 2025 for her dedication and service.

The Town Board expressed its deep appreciation for Ms. Luongo's professionalism, dedication, and commitment to the residents of Putnam Valley and congratulated her on her retirement. A commemorative plaque was also presented to Ms. Luongo in recognition of her outstanding service to the Town.

Ms. Luongo addressed the Board and those present, thanking the Town Board, Town staff, and residents for their support over her 24-year career. She spoke about the meaningful relationships she developed with residents and coworkers, expressed gratitude for the recognition and gifts, and stated that while retirement is bittersweet, it is the appropriate time for her. She concluded by thanking everyone and noting that she looks forward to continuing to see members of the community.

Following the Town's presentation, Kevin Byrbe of the **County Executive's Office** addressed the Board and presented Ms. Luongo with a **County proclamation**, recognizing her decades of public service, volunteerism, and dedication to the residents of Putnam Valley and the county.

The Town Board thanked Ms. Luongo for her service and wished her health and happiness in her retirement.

## **COMMUNITY REPORTS**

### **School District Update**

A representative of the School District provided an update on recent activities and achievements. It was reported that following recent recognitions, there are one hundred two (102) student-athletes participating in varsity athletics. All varsity programs were recognized as **Scholar Athlete Teams**, requiring that at least seventy-five percent (75%) of each team maintain an academic average of ninety (90) or above. Every varsity team achieved this designation.

The District reported the following athletic accomplishments: one (1) State Champion, one (1) Regional Champion, two (2) Section Champions, one (1) League Champion, three (3) State Championships overall, and one (1) Con Edison Scholar Athlete. The representative emphasized that coaches continue to focus not only on athletic performance, but also on mentoring students in life skills and supporting them through challenges outside of athletics.

An update was provided on approved renovations to school facilities, noting that projects are currently awaiting State approval. It is hoped that construction can begin as soon as possible to minimize escalation costs associated with delays.

At the middle school level, the **No Name Calling / Full Namely Program** is being implemented, focusing on making good choices and being mindful of language. Music concerts have been held at all school buildings, with the elementary school concert scheduled for that evening, highlighting exceptional student talent and enthusiasm.

The district has begun the budget development process for the upcoming school year. It was noted that future Board of Education meetings will include presentations on various topics such as athletics and curriculum, and the public is encouraged to attend. Additional information is also available through Superintendent listening hours and other District communications.

Lastly, it was announced that a second-grade student, **Hailey Ordette**, successfully applied to name a Town snowplow. Her submission was selected, and the snowplow is now officially named **“White Tiger.”**

The Town Board thanked the School District for the update and commended the students and staff for their accomplishments.

## **TOMPKINS CORNER CULTURAL CENTER**

**Mark Weiss** provided an update on upcoming events. It was noted that while the Center typically slows operations during January and February, preparations are underway for a busy spring season.

Upcoming events were highlighted:

- **Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 2026** – Young artists’ Night
- **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, **Cecilia- Top Notch Quebecois Trio**
- **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30 pm – Performance by Bruce Foley and Jim Nolan of *Cherish the Ladies*, returning after a sold-out event the prior year.

The representative encouraged residents to review posted signage and upcoming announcements for additional events and activities.

**Commission for the Conservation of the Environment (CCE) / Climate Smart Communities Update**

Alison Hague addressed the Town Board on behalf of the Commission for the Conservation of the Environment (CCE) and the Climate Smart Communities Task Force. She expressed appreciation to outgoing members Wendy Wetzell and Mikey Sy for their long-standing service, as their terms expired in December. One new member has been nominated to fill a vacancy, and two (2) student seats remain available.

Top priorities for 2026 include pursuing adoption of the Town's Natural Resources Inventory, applying for an Open Space Inventory Grant, strengthening collaboration with other Town boards and committees, and continued coordination with the Climate Smart Communities Task Force.

Ms. Hague explained that Climate Smart Communities is a New York State program designed to assist local governments in reducing greenhouse gas emissions while saving taxpayer dollars, with additional benefits including improved water quality and flood mitigation. Residents interested in receiving the CCE newsletter or applying for membership were advised to contact the Commission.

**Putnam Valley Library  
Director's Report  
Amina Chaudhri**

Presented by Joseph Ferraro

I apologize that I am unable to attend this January 2026 meeting due to a scheduling conflict with our Mystery Book Club!

We are more than two months into our much-needed Community Room remodel. Things are looking great with the installation of new wiring, new flooring, spray foam insulation, and a fresh coat of paint.

For the children, our youth services crew continues to keep very busy. They offer storytimes, book clubs, children's chess instruction, Therapy Dog visits, and fun crafts.

The Putnam Valley Library is celebrating REV250 with a series of programs for both adults and children to help commemorate 250 years since the American Revolution and America's signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Additionally, for the adult crowd, we have wonderful book clubs, films, Mahjongg and Chess.

Putnam Valley Library also offers a \*free\* outdoor dry goods pantry, wholesome frozen meals, Meals on Main Street, tech help, garden seeds (seasonal), 3D Printing, computer, fax and printer usage, \*free\* museum passes, EZ Pass Purchases, digital materials. Don't forget about our Library of Things - need to borrow a paper shredder, leaf blower, tire inflator or auto code reader?

Please learn more about us or our upcoming programs at [putnamvalleylibrary.org](http://putnamvalleylibrary.org)

Thank you for your time!

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SHAWN KEELER**

Good evening, ladies and Gentlemen  
I'd like to take a moment to thank the men and women of the Highway Department for their continued hard work and dedication over the past 4 years.

Also, would like to thank the guys for working through the rather cold and SNOWY start to the beginning of the year. I am glad to report, though it will be cold, that there will be no more snow, but don't hold me to it.

Speaking of the snow, just a few reminders: there is no parking on streets anytime in the winter, especially during snow emergencies. It is tough enough to be plowing snow at night without adding your vehicle parked on the roadway; also, we can't clean the roads correctly. If you are out and about while its snowing and you get stuck, please don't abandon your vehicle. Please call the highway, and we will get someone there to assist you. Furthermore, when clearing your driveways, weather, whether it's you or a snow removal company its illegal to plow or shovel snow into the roadways. Lastly, we know it's a pain when you clear your driveway, and then we come by and plow it back in if you clean a few feet before your driveway, this will lessen the amount of snow in your driveway.

So, the question came up again about brining the roads before storms, and I'd like to touch on it a little further. Currently, our brine system, which is roughly 26 years old and outdated, is out of service and in need of major repairs, costing roughly \$15,000. So when I was elected, I had looked into replacing it.

Unfortunately, not only was the price close to \$225,000 but also all the new models need an ample amount of water intake, something that would cost the town an additional \$750,000 for additional wells being drilled and buildings to house the equipment. Then comes the effectiveness back when the system was installed the highway department would be called in after a few inches of snow had fallen now with the way of the world most if not all Highway departments respond in once it starts to snow, some are even brought in before it starts and await the snow that being said the roads are being salted within an hour of the snow falling so is there even a need to spend close \$225,000 to get a system and then another it cost us about \$7500 each time we brine, with the last storm we would had to brined on Friday about 48 hrs before the storm which would have lessened the little bit of effectiveness it might have. Let's go onto the effects on your cars and our catch basins we all know that salt destroys our cars so as we brine you drive over it and it get on the underneath of your car not good when the snow starts the fall the brine turns back to liquid and runs off the roads into our basins destroying the cement and structure of the basin further more possibly running off and harm our vegetation along the roads. In 2025 we noticed a drastic change in the number of basins that needed to be repaired due to effects of salt brine, which is a cost savings to the town brining, every month I attend the Westchester Putnam counties highway superintendent's meetings and we discuss many topics and all of what I have discussed comes up and most other highway depts feel the same way and have stop brining and they already have the equipment to do it. If anyone has questions or concerns on brining, I ask you to reach out to me, and we can discuss further. I'm available 24/7 365.

The phones at the highway are 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

330 Days till Christmas

### **Fire Department Report- Chief Rizzi**

So, quickly—in December we had:

- 1 vehicle fire
- 16 personal injury automobile accidents
- 2 wires down
- 3 automatic alarms
- 2 standbys for mutual aid
- 3 carbon monoxide detector calls
- 1 propane leak
- 9 EMS assists
- 4 other calls

For a monthly total of **41 calls** and **302 man-hours**.

Year-to-date, that brings us to **479 alarms**, answered by approximately **5,000 volunteer hours**, compared to the county total of **5,217**.

What I like to do—and what we've been doing this year—is emphasize that the department is more than just responding to calls. It's easy to see us when we're responding, but we also handle work details, equipment maintenance, and training drills. We make sure our members are at the top of their game so we can stay safe and keep the community safe.

That being said, we had **152 non-response activities**, accounting for **6,981 hours**. That concludes the report. Thank you.

### **Ambulance Corps Report-Cole Caulefield**

Good evening. For those of you who don't know me, my name is **Cole Caulefield**, and I'm a lieutenant with the Ambulance Corps.

For **2025**, we finished the year with **750 calls**, responded to by our members, accounting for about **9,300 rostered hours**. Rostered hours reflect time dedicated to active calls and do not include the additional time members spend responding on short notice.

We're proud of the service we provide every day. In 2025, we had **six or seven life saves**, involving community members who were successfully resuscitated. These will be submitted to the county for recognition during **EMSV** this year.

So far in **January**, we're already at **64 calls**. Call volume is up, and acuity—the seriousness of the calls—has increased compared to past years.

During the recent storm, members remained in-house. I want to thank **Sean and his crew**. The storm was severe and road conditions were poor, but for every call, we had a plow either ahead of us or behind us clearing the way. Some driveways would have been impossible to access otherwise, so a huge thank-you to the town.

We were on standby for **72 hours** and covered every call that came in—over **10 calls**, even during the worst of the storm.

With winter conditions in mind, we ask residents to:

- Check that **mailboxes and house numbers** are clearly visible
- Keep driveways and walkways **shoveled and maintained**

When driving conditions are poor, being able to quickly identify a residence can make the difference between you and timely medical care. Keeping up with snow removal also reduces injuries.

Thank you, everyone. See you next week.

### **Parks and Recreation Report-presented by Councilwoman Howard**

The department is currently working on two projects:

1. A **forest management plan** for both town park locations. Goals include:
  - Sustainable forest product management
  - Recreational and educational opportunities
  - Maintenance of forest trails
  - Protection and preservation of forest land
  - Environmental benefits such as clean air, clean water, and carbon storage
2. Making the current town park trail system **ADA accessible**, including a more defined trail system with rest areas and scenic overlooks at **Peekskill Hollow Creek**.

We are working on a grant through **the Municipal Parks and Recreation department**.

Aside from normal off-season maintenance and upgrades, we are scheduling facilities and planning for **2026 camps**. Summer sports camps and programming are in development and will be posted on the website as details are finalized.

- **Summer Day Camp registration** opens the **last week of March**
- Programs are updated regularly on the **TVPR website**
- Our largest program, **basketball**, is currently in progress
- Employment opportunities are also listed on the website

We are always looking for:

- Childcare staff
- Camp counselors
- Bus drivers
- Lifeguards

That concludes the report. Thank you.

### **PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL ZONING LAWS**

Supervisor Jolicoeur opened the Public Hearing

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

### **RESOLUTION #R26-108**

People should be familiar with the proposed amendment to the town code that we discussed in November. I met with the Neighborhood Business Committee last night, and we reviewed public feedback. Now, I'd like to open it up for discussion and public input.

The members of the committee have volunteered a lot of time over the past few years, putting thought into this proposal. Unfortunately, there wasn't much public input during the meetings, but as we approached the end of 2025, many comments came forward—and rightly so. There are clarifications that need to be made in some areas.

I'd like to continue taking public comment, correct whatever needs correction, and hear what everyone has to say. We want to support small businesses in residential areas throughout Putnam Valley while ensuring proper oversight. Some updates are necessary, but the goal is to move forward responsibly.

### **Committee / Board Discussion:**

Some properties already had commercial zoning removed years ago. The proposal, in some cases, is just restoring previous allowances—not reinventing the wheel.

Our goal is to make development feasible while respecting prior planning decisions. Public input is very important because these changes will affect the town's landscape.

Some board members emphasized that while the proposal is intended to help businesses, it cannot guarantee success. Many properties are privately owned, and business success depends on the cooperation of property owners. The focus should be both supporting existing businesses and recruiting new ones.

One approach discussed is reviewing the **comprehensive plan**—last updated in 2007—before moving forward. Some areas, such as Oregon Corners, were deemed unsuitable for commercial use. Reviewing the rationale and involving a planning consultant may help ensure the zoning aligns with long-term goals.

#### **Public Comment / Input:**

##### **Resident / Speaker 1:**

While some areas need attention, we should be cautious about how the changes affect individual properties and environmental constraints. Public feedback is critical. Zoning should consider watershed protection, environmental quality, and long-term impacts.

##### **Resident / Speaker 2:**

Disagreement on items in the proposal does not imply disrespect. We should start discussions openly, considering both sides. The **Environmental Assessment Form (EAF)** is a key part of this process, and it needs to be properly completed. Planning boards, village zoning boards, and the Environmental Commission should be consulted for advisory input.

The current EAF is incomplete in several areas:

- Some boards were not included in the review
- Certain parcels are listed incorrectly (e.g., Parcel 7315-115 should be 7313-115)
- Some large parcels (like 74-2-34, “Rose Hills”) require partial zoning distinctions; the proposal currently moves all 63 acres to commercial, which could conflict with existing cemetery plans.

Proper environmental review is crucial to avoid potential legal challenges (Article 78) and to ensure the zoning changes do not negatively impact property owners or the environment.

**Resident / Speaker 3:**

Past public comments were not fully addressed. Moving forward without addressing those concerns is not justified. Overreliance on the planning board and insufficient performance standards could allow incompatible commercial development in residential areas. Zoning must be robust to welcome businesses while protecting neighborhoods.

**Resident / Speaker 4:**

Top-down approaches can be problematic. Environmental issues, watershed protection, and long-term impacts on lakes and ecosystems must be considered. Zoning changes must align with modern environmental standards and regulations.

**Discussion & Resolution:**

Board members suggested:

- Closing the current public hearing
- Withdrawing the proposed zoning amendment from consideration
- Revisiting the process with additional input from planning, environmental, and other advisory boards
- Possibly forming a master plan steering committee
- Ensuring the **Environmental Assessment Form** and potential **Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS)** are properly completed

The consensus was to withdraw the current proposal, close the public hearing, and start a renewed review process that incorporates community input, environmental oversight, and proper planning.

Supervisor Jolicoeur made a motion to withdraw the current proposal and close the public hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Russo, unanimously carried

Supervisor Jolicoeur thanked everyone for their meaningful input. The process will continue with environmental, planning, and public considerations in mind.

**PUBLIC HEARING: PUTNAM VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2026 CONTRACT**

Supervisor Jolicoeur opened the Public Hearing

Seconded by Councilman Russo, unanimously carried

## RESOLUTION #R26-109

### Fire Department Contract:

- **Topic:** Renewal of volunteer fire department contract.
- **Financial Terms:** Same as originally presented; minor procedural items needed to be finalized.
- **Public Comment:**
  - A resident praised the volunteer fire department, noting its historical significance and essential role in community safety.
  - Highlighted benefits include rapid emergency response, public safety, and potential insurance reductions.
- **Outcome:** Contract finalized, no financial or service changes.

Supervisor Jolicoeur made a motion to accept the contract and authorize the Supervisor to sign.

Seconded by Councilwoman Howard, unanimously carried.

Councilman Luongo recused himself.

### SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Supervisor Jolicoeur thanked everyone for all their help and let them know she appreciates their help.

### LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Presented by Councilman Russo,

Legislator Bill Gouldman could not be here tonight because he has a Legislative meeting, so he asked Councilman Russo to read his report.

\*\*Bill hopes everyone is enjoying the winter season. It is cold outside. If you need shelter or a place to sleep in the evening. Reach out to his office, he can help.

\*\*Bill would like to thank the Highway Department for the good work they did with this past snowstorm.

\*\* With the Tax Season here, be aware that Phone Scams are all around us. You hear time and time again how individuals fall victim to this and it's a shame.

\*\* Putnam County is currently accepting applications for the 2026 Summer Internship Program. This program gives students an opportunity to get real world

experience and also gives them a chance to learn the role of county government in our community. The application deadline is January 30th, 2026. If you know someone who would be interested in this, go to the Putnam County Website. This is a great program, take advantage of it.

\*\* Spring is around the corner. It's a good idea to start planning for your spring planting.

The Putnam County Tree & Shrub Seedling Sale will begin

February 17 through March 27

Cornell Cooperative and Soil and Water Conservation have teamed up to offer a wonderful selection of trees and shrubs. Stay tuned for more details.

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation also has dozens of NY-grown trees and shrub species available for low prices now through May 13. Call 518-587-1120 or reach out to Legislator Gouldman, and he will get you the website information.

\*\*If you are a Caregiver, join the Putnam County Caregiver Support Group. Be part of a group that understands the joys and challenges of caregiving. Come share experiences, advice, and support with other Caregivers.

Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am

Friendship Center in Philipstown

6 Butterfield Road

Cold Spring

Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am

Koehler Memorial Senior Center

180 Route 6

Mahopac

\*\*If you own 5 or more acres and are interested in enhancing your woods through planting trees, thinning to create regeneration and a young forest, removing invasive plants, installing deer fencing, or a similar project, you may be eligible for a grant ranging from \$10,000 to \$1 million through the NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation, reach out to Bill, and he will give you the information.

\*\* For the 2026 legislative year Bill has been selected as the Deputy Chair of the Legislature and has been appointed the Chairperson of the Physical Services Committee and will be a member of the

--Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee

\*\* If you have an idea that would improve how County Government works, please let him know.

Legislator Gouldman would like to thank the residents who have contacted him about issues they need help with. If he can correct the problem, he will. So please, if you have an issue, His door is open, just give his office a call at 845-808-1020. Thank you.

### Community Engagement & Photography

- Residents are invited to submit photos from community events or nature photography.
- Submissions can be sent to [ajolicoeur@putnamvalley.gov](mailto:ajolicoeur@putnamvalley.gov)
- These photos may be shared publicly by the town.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presented by Councilman Brooks

#### **RESOLUTION #R26-110**

**RESOLVED**, that the Putnam Valley Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to accept the Town Board meeting minutes from November 12<sup>th</sup> & November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried,

### PARKS AND RECREATION: APPROVE JANUARY 2026 REFUNDS

Presented by Councilman Luongo

#### **RESOLUTION # R26-111**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the January 2026 refunds

Dana Weisholz  
14 Lakeview Drive  
Lake Peekskill, NY 10537

\$500.00  
LPCC  
Partial deposit refund

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| Maria Rodriguez         | \$500.00       |
| 8 Floradan Road         | LPCC           |
| Putnam Valley, NY 10579 | Deposit refund |

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| Edgar Martinez          | \$500.00       |
| 4 South Street          | LPCC           |
| Putnam Valley, NY 10579 | Deposit refund |

Seconded by Councilman Russo, unanimously carried

**APPROVE JANUARY 2026 PERSONNEL CHANGES**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R26-112**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the January 2026 Personnel Changes.

1. Andrew Salustri, Day Camp office hours @ \$23.00 hr. (NTE 100 hours)
2. Eliana Broccolo, PVCC Childcare Assistant 1, @ \$18.00 hr.

Seconded by Councilwoman Howard, unanimously carried

**APPROVE NEW LABORER HIRE IN HIGHWAY**

Presented by Councilwoman Howard

**RESOLUTION #R26-113**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the appointment of Matthew Goldberg, of 66 Maple Row, Crompond, NY 10517, to the position of full-time laborer at the probationary rate of \$34.56 effective February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. He replaces Brian Scharff, who was promoted to Truck Driver on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

**APPROVE SNOW PLOW RIDER FOR 2026 WINTER SEASON**

Presented by Councilwoman Howard

**RESOLUTION #R26-114**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the appointment of the following laborer/snow plow riders for the 2026 snow season at the rate of \$18.00 per hour with no benefits. Snow plow riders may be used during this period as laborers if the need arises.

Christopher Krapish

Eric Nania

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

**RE-APPOINT LAKE OSCAWANA MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LOMAC)**

Presented by Councilman Russo,

**RESOLUTION #R26-115**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board re-appoint Jeffrey Coren as a member of LOMAC for the term 1/12/2026 through 12/31/28

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

**APPROVE 2026 EVERBLUE LAKES CONTRACT**

Presented by Councilman Brooks

**RESOLUTION #R26-116**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to accept and sign the attached 2026 Contract for Services from EverBlue Lakes for lake management services in Lake Peekskill.

This contract serves solely to confirm pricing and the terms under which EverBlue Lakes may provide services during the 2026 season. Execution of this agreement does not obligate the Town of Putnam Valley to purchase any services. It simply establishes agreed-upon pricing and conditions. Any services will be ordered only at the discretion of the Town, and EverBlue Lakes will provide such services subject to adequate notice, labor availability, and material lead times as outlined in the agreement.

Services available for purchase under the contract include:

- **Ultrasonic Algae Technology Plan**

- 2026 Lease - Solaraft Double Unit **\$6,450**
- 2026 Lease - Solaraft Single Unit **\$5,975**
- 2026 Lease - Grid-Powered unit **\$2,790**
  
- **Peroxide Algaecide Treatment for Beach Areas**
  - Product Cost per Treatment: **\$2,250**
  - Product Application: **\$650**
  - NYS DEC Permit Process: **\$900**
  
- **Aeration System Services**
  - Compressor Rebuild: **\$6,000- \$7,200**
  - Aeration System Maintenance: **\$12,750**
  
- **Water Quality Monitoring**
  - Annual Cost: **\$6,375**
  
- **Additional Optional Services**
  - Bottom Hardness Scanning **\$2,500**
  - Bathymetric mapping **\$2,500**

The Lake Peekskill Improvement District will select from the above services as needed, with total expenditures not to exceed **\$35,000**, and the district will cover all associated costs.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

**AUTHORIZE TO GO TO BID FOR DISTRICT GRASS CUTTING 2026**

Presented by Councilman Brooks

**RESOLUTION #R26-117**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board's authorization to issue a public bid for grass-cutting services on District properties for the 2026 season.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

**APPROVE APPLICATION FOR MUNICIPAL PARKS AND RECREATION GRANTS PROGRAM**

Presented by Councilwoman Howard

**RESOLUTION #R26-118**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the submission of an application for the Municipal Parks and Recreation Grants Program, which would be applied for, if successful, to construct a multigenerational hiking trail that offers ADA-compliant features.

Seconded by Councilman Brooks

**APPROVE APPLICATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM**

Presented by Councilman Russo

**RESOLUTION #R26-119**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve the submission of an application for the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, which would be applied, if successful, to explore the feasibility of constructing a water/sewer supply system for the Putnam Valley business hamlet and surrounding residential community in a proposed partnership with the Town of Carmel.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

**UPDATE ON CONTRACTS SUBJECT TO ATTORNEY REVIEW FROM JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> WORK SESSION**

**Contract Review Update**

**1. General Overview**

- All contracts that were subject to attorney review have been reviewed.
- Most contracts are in order; only a few items need attention.

**2. Specific Issues Noted**

- **Versatile Contract:** Only concerns were:
  - Insurance requirements for workers' compensation and liability.
  - A simple indemnity clause.
- **Other Contracts:**

- Fireworks contract: Termination for convenience added where appropriate.
- Alarm contract: One-sided in favor of the water company, but recommended to sign anyway; negotiation is unlikely.

**3. Ambulance Contract**

- Waiting for feedback from the company.
- Suggestion: authorize the supervisor to sign the contract in its current form.
- Minor changes are limited to financial terms.
- Early February payment due, so approval timing is critical.
- If no major comments arise, the contract can move forward at their board meeting
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**4. Board Action**

Councilman Russo made a motion to authorize the supervisor to sign the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps contract as currently drafted.

**RESOLUTION #R26-120**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corp contract as currently drafted.

Seconded by Councilwoman Howard, unanimously carried

- Councilman Luongo recused himself.
- Other previously reviewed contracts already authorized; no further action needed.

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**5. Closing Notes**

- Fresh eyes on the contracts appreciated.

**AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS**

Supervisor Jolicoeur made a motion to accept the monthly bills

**RESOLUTION #R26-121**

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

| <b>VOUCHER NUMBER</b> | <b>AMOUNTS</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 53870-54110           | 43443.52       |
| 53921-54035           | 82276.45       |
| 53819-54048           | 106426.99      |

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Environmental & Lake Management Discussion**

- Community member raised concerns about **Lake Peekskill's** environmental conditions:
  - Unsafe for swimming, drinking water contamination from failing septic systems.
  - Disproportionate impact on working-class families and families of color (environmental justice concern).
- Discussion on the need for a **comprehensive lake management plan** across all town lakes, rather than individual lake-specific plans.
- Proposal: create an **informal commission or collaborative meetings** of different lake committees for shared oversight.
- Recommendation to add a **public comment period at the beginning of meetings** for agenda items to increase transparency and community input.

**. Resident Education & Safety Notes**

- Reminder about **snow and ice hazards** at home driveways and neighborhood streets.
- Emphasis on defensive driving and personal responsibility for early-season ice.

Supervisor Jolicoeur made a motion to close the meeting at 8:00 pm

Seconded by Councilwoman Howard, unanimously carried.

**Next Town Board Meeting: Work Session, Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 5 PM**

**Public Hearings:**

3. Local Law Amending Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption, Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 5 PM
4. Local Law Amending Veterans Property Tax Exemption, Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 5 PM

All supporting documents can be found using this link

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Respectfully  
Submitted,

*Michelle Stephens*  
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February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026