

TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY

Town Board Meeting

April 15th, 2026

Town Hall

6 PM

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**AGENDA**

**Meeting called to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

1. Presentation to Jacob Lasch, Putnam County Youth Award Recipient
2. Community Reports
3. Presentation by Putnam County Department of Health
4. Legislative Reports
5. Supervisor's Comments
6. **Facilities:**
  - a. Approve Access Plus/Ring Squared Service Agreement
  - b. Approve Cyber Insurance Renewal
7. **Parks and Recreation:**
  - a. Approve April 2026 Refunds
  - b. Approve April 2026 Changes to Personnel
8. Approve Mapping of Trails at Putnam Valley Day Camp Facility
9. Discuss Stone Walls and Chambers
10. Approve Waiver of Permit Fee Request from Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps.
11. **Finance:**
  - a. Audit of Monthly Bills
  - b. Budget Transfer and Amendments
12. Approve Opposition to New York State Electric Bus Mandate
13. Public Comment [Three-Minute Time Limit Per Person]

**Adjournment**

**Next Town Board Meeting: Work Session, Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 5 PM**

**TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilman Luongo

**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 for those suffering.

 **Recognition Segment**

- **Jacob Lash** received a *Putnam County Youth Award*.
- Recognized for:
  - Extensive volunteer work with the local fire department
  - Involvement with the sheriff's department
  - Personal dedication (time and money)
- Remarks emphasized his commitment and community service.

Cole from the Ambulance Corp gave the following report:

**COMMUNITY REPORTS**

 **Emergency Services Report (March)**

- **49 total calls**
  - 3 motor vehicle accidents
  - 11 mutual aid calls (helping other districts)
- **Blood Drive Success**
  - 59 pints collected → potentially saving ~177 lives
- **Upcoming Event**
  - Open House: **May 2, 12–4 PM**
  - Features:

- Helicopter landing (LifeNet, weather permitting)
- Equipment tours
- Safety demonstrations (e.g., seatbelt simulator)
- Community partner tables

Mark Weiss from **Tompkins Corners Cultural Center** gave the following report:

### **Community & Cultural Events**

- Local venue celebrated its **11th anniversary**
- Upcoming:
  - Too Blue - Bluegrass concert **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm**
  - Mystery author talk **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>00</sup>pm**
  - Children's Earth Week events **April 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am**
  - **Photography exhibit Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm**
  - Annual Pete Seeger Festival, **May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2-5 pm**
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- You can visit them on the web for more information
- [Tompkins Corners Cultural Center - Upcoming Events](#)

Allison Hague and Julie Reuben of the **CCE & Climate Smart Force** gave the following report:

### **Environmental Commission Updates**

- Working on:
  - Natural Resources Inventory
  - Open Space Inventory
- Submitted environmental concerns regarding a development project
- Focus on conservation and land-use awareness

### **Earth Day / Sustainability Events (April)**

An extensive schedule including:

- Composting workshops
- Trail cleanups and hikes
- Bike repair and recycling events
- Gardening and pollinator programs
- Recycling education sessions

- Bird walks and environmental film

# Earth Week Celebration

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>WEDNESDAY,<br/>APRIL 15</b> | <b>5:30-7:30 PM</b>                                | <b>*FROM MATS TO MUD: FAMILY YOGA + FERN PLANTING<br/>@ THE SPRUCE INN</b>                                                                            |
| <b>SATURDAY,<br/>APRIL 18</b>  | <b>8:00-9:00 AM<br/>12:00-1:00 PM<br/>1:00-3PM</b> | <b>*SUST. MATERIALS MGMT COMPOST FACILITY TOUR<br/>TESTING THE WATERS: CARING FOR LAKE OSCAWANA<br/>FEED CHICKENS YOUR FOOD SCRAPS @CUCUMBER HILL</b> |
| <b>SUNDAY,<br/>APRIL 19</b>    | <b>9AM-12PM<br/>9AM-12PM<br/>1:00-4:00PM</b>       | <b>TOY/GAME + ARTS AND CRAFTS SWAP W/LPYC<br/>*ROARING BROOK TRAIL SHELTER HIKE W/PWMB/ FOFHH<br/>BICYCLE REPAIR/DONATION/EXCHANGE @PV LIBRARY</b>    |
| <b>MONDAY,<br/>APRIL 20</b>    | <b>7:00-8:00PM</b>                                 | <b>SORT IT OUT: DEMYSTIFYING LOCAL RECYCLING<br/>RULES @ PV GRANGE</b>                                                                                |
| <b>TUESDAY,<br/>APRIL 21</b>   | <b>7:00-8:00 PM</b>                                | <b>*ENERGY AFFORDABILITY PROGRAMS WITH<br/>SUSTAINABLE PUTNAM (VIRTUAL)</b>                                                                           |
| <b>WEDNESDAY,<br/>APRIL 22</b> | <b>4:30-5:30PM</b>                                 | <b>*KIDS' GARDEN CLUB: POLLINATOR PLANTS<br/>@ PV LIBRARY</b>                                                                                         |
| <b>THURSDAY,<br/>APRIL 23</b>  | <b>6:30-7:30PM</b>                                 | <b>*PVCSD RACE TO ZERO FOSSIL FUELS<br/>@ PV LIBRARY</b>                                                                                              |
| <b>FRIDAY,<br/>APRIL 24</b>    | <b>10AM-12PM</b>                                   | <b>*GRANITE MOUNTAIN PRESERVE HIKE AND TREE ID<br/>WITH HUDSON HIGHLANDS LAND TRUST</b>                                                               |
| <b>SATURDAY,<br/>APRIL 25</b>  | <b>9:00- 11:00AM<br/>10AM-12PM</b>                 | <b>LAKE PEEKSKILL CLEANUP WITH LPCA<br/>FAMILY FRIENDLY HIKE @ PELTON POND WITH<br/>REWILDING SCHOOL</b>                                              |
| <b>SUNDAY,<br/>APRIL 26</b>    | <b>10:00- 11:00AM<br/>11AM- 12PM</b>               | <b>COFFEE AND BAGELS @ TCCC<br/>"ONE EARTH SO GREEN AND ROUND" PUPPET SHOW<br/>BY LYDIA ADAMS DAVIS @ TCCC</b>                                        |
| <b>*REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b>  |                                                    | <b>f @ FOLLOW FOR MORE INFORMATION @CCEFPV</b>                                                                                                        |

Library Director Amina Chaudhri gave the following report:

April 15, 2026

Putnam Valley Library  
Director's Report  
Amina Chaudhri

Good evening, our Youth Services Crew continues to have a wonderful spring. The children are kept busy with Lego Club, Cooking Class, Chess for Kids, Music and Movement, Reading Support, Gardening Club and many storytimes, including a bilingual option.

For adults we are offering an AARP Defensive Driving Class, Tuesday Afternoon Matinees, Yoga, Sound Bath, Knitting, Mahjong, Chess and many assorted book clubs. Do you like author talks? There is also a Mystery Author panel coming up in a couple of weeks.

For Earth Day, we will have a bike repair event. Basic repairs will be provided onsite at no cost. We also have a Sewing Machine 101 course coming up. Did you know that you could display your artwork for a month at our Library and also have an artist reception? Some programs do require advanced registration, so please check our website or stop in.

Last week we had a very fun Trivia night - with over 40 participants attending. Later this month, The Friends of the Library will offer a fun-filled Road Rally including a scavenger hunt throughout Putnam Valley and concluding with a delicious picnic lunch.

We have our Board of Trustees meeting on April 20th, and our library budget vote will take place on May 19th. We will have some budget information sessions on April 25th at 1 p.m., April 28th at 6 p.m., May 6 at 6 p.m. and May 16th at 1 p.m.

Additionally, the Putnam Valley Library also offers a \*free\* dry goods pantry, wholesome frozen meals, Meals on Main Street truck visits, tech help, garden seeds, 3D Printing, computer, fax and printer usage, museum passes, EZ Pass Purchases, a wide variety of digital materials and our Library of Things!

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

Thank you for your time!

For more information, you can visit them on the web: [Putnam Valley Library | Putnam Valley Library](http://PutnamValleyLibrary.com)

Crystal Hernandez from the PV School District gave the following update:

### **School District Updates**

- **Budget vote:** May 19 (6 AM–9 PM)
- Student vote returning (e.g., field day choices)
- High school musical: *Into the Woods*
- Science research symposium: April 26
- Visit from the NY State Education Commissioner scheduled

Superintendent Shawn Keeler from the Highway Department gave the following  Highway Department Report:

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.

Our tree crew took down several dead trees along roads.

We continue to repair dirt roads

We finalized our list of roads we plan on Blacktopping in 2026 we will be milling and Blacktopping

Kramers Pd, Sassinoro Dr, Brair Hill Dr, Brair Ct, Brair Ridge Ln, Lovers Ln PHR Side, Peekskill Hollow Tpke, Barger Hill, Silleck Blvd, White Hill Rd, Wicopee Ct, Short St, and Brookside Ave.

Brookfalls Rd culvert moving forward

We have been hammering and splitting ledge rock on Kramer's Pd, widening the shoulders in several areas as well as removing a large tree stump which was very close to the road, and lastly, we are cutting shoulders there as well.

We did a drainage repair in the dead end of Gilbert Lane, adding 100 ft of 6 in perforated pipe and large gravel to fix a drainage issue.

We replaced several faded street signs, and several road signs have been updated to larger new signs.

Our Basins repair crew has been repairing basins. They will be out daily as we have several in need of repair. They repaired 5 YTD

The Vac-ALL crew will be getting started in the next 2 weeks

Within the next few weeks, we will be closing Cimarron rd at the bridge, no date has been set at this time, but I believe it will be beginning or Middle of May we will know

more once we meet with the contractor, we are trying to keep this closure as short as possible, 6 to 8 weeks at most I will do my best to keep everyone informed as decisions are made.

The phones at 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. Be sure to go to the Town of Putnam Valley Highway Department Facebook page and like it to stay on top of all the doings of the Highway Dept.

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

253 Days till Christmas

Councilwoman Howard shared the following report for Park & Rec

**PV PARKS & RECREATION**  
**JOIN OUR TEAM FOR SUMMER 2026**

**LIFEGUARD  
CERTIFICATION  
AND  
WATERFRONT  
SKILLS**

*WITH CPR/FIRST AID, AED, BBP FOR  
THE PROFESSIONAL RESCUER*

**FRI, APRIL 24 FROM 4-8PM**  
**SUN, APRIL 26 9AM-6PM**  
**SUN, MAY 3 9AM-6PM**

**DISCOUNTED PRICE**

- SIGN UP AT PVPR
- MUST ATTEND ALL DAYS
- PLUS 9 HRS OF ONLINE WORK BEFORE APRIL 24

**REGISTER NOW**

845-526-3292  
TORLANDO@PUTNAMVALLEY.GOV FOR MORE INFO.

Councilman Brooks gave the following report for the Fire Department

| <b>Manpower Analysis by Incident</b>               |                       | Date Range: From 03/01/2026 to 03/31/2026 |                         |                           |                             |                          |                        |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Putnam Valley Fire Department</b>               |                       |                                           |                         |                           |                             |                          |                        |
| <b>Incident Type</b>                               | <b>Incident Count</b> | <b>Number Attended</b>                    | <b>Average Attended</b> | <b>Total Length (hrs)</b> | <b>Average Length (hrs)</b> | <b>Average Man Hours</b> | <b>Total Man Hours</b> |
| Vegetation / Grass Fire                            | 1                     | 18                                        | 18.00                   | 0.68                      | 0.68                        | 12.24                    | 12.24                  |
| Room and Contents Fire                             | 1                     | 14                                        | 14.00                   | 0.33                      | 0.33                        | 4.62                     | 4.62                   |
| Electrical Power Line Down / Arching / Malfunction | 2                     | 17                                        | 8.50                    | 2.05                      | 1.02                        | 8.55                     | 17.10                  |
| Smoke Investigation                                | 1                     | 15                                        | 15.00                   | 0.88                      | 0.88                        | 13.20                    | 13.20                  |
| Unknown Problem                                    | 2                     | 20                                        | 10.00                   | 1.28                      | 0.64                        | 6.58                     | 13.16                  |
| Choking                                            | 1                     | 35                                        | 35.00                   | 0.53                      | 0.53                        | 18.55                    | 18.55                  |
| Motor Vehicle Collision                            | 6                     | 80                                        | 13.33                   | 4.22                      | 0.70                        | 10.51                    | 63.08                  |
| Controlled Burning (Authorized)                    | 1                     | 15                                        | 15.00                   | 0.27                      | 0.27                        | 4.05                     | 4.05                   |
| Investigate Hazardous Release (Nothing Found)      | 1                     | 41                                        | 41.00                   | 0.27                      | 0.27                        | 11.07                    | 11.07                  |
| No Incident Found Upon Arrival / Location Error    | 1                     | 16                                        | 16.00                   | 0.50                      | 0.50                        | 8.00                     | 8.00                   |
| Smoke From Nonhostile Source (Smoke Scare)         | 1                     | 11                                        | 11.00                   | 0.22                      | 0.22                        | 2.42                     | 2.42                   |
| CO Alarm                                           | 1                     | 16                                        | 16.00                   | 0.12                      | 0.12                        | 1.92                     | 1.92                   |
| Fire / Smoke Alarm                                 | 10                    | 152                                       | 15.20                   | 2.80                      | 0.28                        | 4.26                     | 42.57                  |
| Lift Assist                                        | 3                     | 31                                        | 10.33                   | 1.51                      | 0.50                        | 4.53                     | 13.58                  |
| Damaged Hydrant                                    | 1                     | 6                                         | 6.00                    | 0.97                      | 0.97                        | 5.82                     | 5.82                   |
| Move-up                                            | 8                     | 81                                        | 10.13                   | 33.24                     | 4.15                        | 60.24                    | 481.93                 |
| Motor Vehicle Collision Extrication / Entrapment   | 1                     | 9                                         | 9.00                    | 1.43                      | 1.43                        | 12.87                    | 12.87                  |
| Person in Water (Standing Water/Lake)              | 1                     | 15                                        | 15.00                   | 0.30                      | 0.30                        | 4.50                     | 4.50                   |
| <b>Blank, No Incident Type(s) Entered</b>          | <b>0</b>              | <b>0</b>                                  | <b>0.00</b>             | <b>0.00</b>               | <b>0.00</b>                 | <b>0.00</b>              | <b>0.00</b>            |
| <b>Total and Averages for all Incident Types</b>   | <b>43</b>             | <b>592</b>                                | <b>13.77</b>            | <b>51.60</b>              | <b>1.20</b>                 | <b>16.99</b>             | <b>730.68</b>          |

**PRESENTATION BY PUTNAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Supervisor Jolicoeur welcomed our special guest speaker, Shanna Siegel from the Putnam County Health Department, who gave a presentation

 **Goal:** Share key findings from the **Community Health Assessment (CHA)**

- o Gather **community input** to shape the **Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)**

**Approach:**

- o Simplify large datasets into high-level priorities
- o Use:
  - In-person voting cards (top 5 priorities)
  - QR code survey (detailed feedback + ideas)

 **How Priorities Were Identified**

Health issues were selected based on:

- Worsening trends over time in Putnam County
- Worse outcomes compared to:
  - o New York State (excluding NYC)
  - o Mid-Hudson region

- Documented disparities (race, ethnicity, demographics)

## Key Focus Areas

### 1. Economic Stability (Social Determinant of Health)

- Rising:
  - Poverty indicators
  - Economically disadvantaged students
  - Rent burden (>30% income on housing)
- Takeaway:
  - Even in a relatively affluent county, **economic strain is increasing**

### 2. Food Access & Healthy Eating

- Trends:
  - Increased food insecurity since 2021
  - Many adults eat **<1 fruit/vegetable daily**
  - Rising overweight/obesity rates
- Implication:
  - Access + behavior both contribute to long-term health risks

### 3. Healthcare Access

- Issues:
  - Insurance gaps (especially among Hispanic/Latino populations)
  - Cost barriers even for insured individuals
  - Long wait times for:
    - Primary care
    - Behavioral health
    - Specialists
- Additional pressure:
  - Recent insurance disruptions affecting coverage locally

### 4. Mental Health & Suicide Prevention

- Findings:
  - Higher proportion of adults report **poor mental health (≥14 days/month)**
  - Suicide rates have increased in recent years (with fluctuations)
- Note:
  - Substance use is closely linked, even if not highlighted here

## 5. 🍷 Alcohol & 🚬 Tobacco Use

- Increasing:
  - Adult binge drinking
  - Cigarette smoking rates
- Youth concern:
  - ~13.4% of students reported riding with a drinking driver (past 30 days)
- Implication:
  - Intergenerational and behavioral risk patterns

## 6. 👩 Maternal & Child Health Disparities

- Disparities by race/ethnicity:
  - Less access to early prenatal care
  - Higher rates of:
    - Premature birth
    - Low birth weight
- Importance:
  - Early-life health strongly impacts lifelong outcomes

## 7. 🧑 Preventive Child Health Services

- Concerning declines:
  - **HPV vaccination rates** dropped sharply
  - **Lead screening (ages 1–2)** also declined
- Risks:
  - HPV → preventable cancers
  - Lead exposure → developmental delays

## 🐜 Ongoing Priority (Not Covered in Detail)

- Tick-borne diseases (e.g., Lyme disease)
  - Still a major local concern
  - Active education and prevention efforts continue

### **Big Picture Takeaways**

- Many issues are **upstream drivers** (economics, access, environment), not just diseases
- Putnam County:
  - Appears “healthy” overall
  - But shows **worsening trends and hidden disparities**
- The strategy:
  - Use community input + data
  - Focus on **feasible, high-impact interventions**

### **What They Need from the Community**

Residents are asked to:

- Identify the **top 5 priority areas**
- Provide:
  - Feedback
  - Ideas for interventions (via survey)

### **Bottom Line**

This is a **data-driven planning effort** to decide:

“Where can we realistically make the biggest improvement in community health?”

### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Bill Gouldman, County Legislator, gave the following report:

**Putnam Valley Town Board Meeting – 4/15/2026**

Thank You Madam Supervisor, and I hope everyone is enjoying the Spring weather.

**\*\*Starting on June 1 and will go through December 31, 2027, consumers buying Gasoline in Putnam County will be receiving a tax break on their purchases. This cap applies only to the county's portion of the sales tax, which is 4%, which is 4 cents per gallon with a cap of \$3.00. I am thankful that the Legislature unanimously passed my tax resolution.**

The reduction will not start until June 1 because according to the NYS Department of Taxation, local jurisdictions can only change local sales tax rates quarterly on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1.

**\*\*At the Unclaimed Funds Event I coordinated with the NYS Controllers Office on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the German American Social Club. Out of the many people who came by 12 individuals found unclaimed funds in their name, and a few had several accounts.**

**\*\*All of us have seen a lot of garbage on the side of the road, it is being thrown out of car windows and illegally dumped.**

We should all understand the total cost of littering.

- It pollutes the environment.
- It affects and can kill wildlife.
- It also affects the aesthetic look of our community.

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So please don't litter.

Every year I put together a Town Clean Up. If you are interested in putting together a team to clean up a specific area, please call my office at 845-808-1020. I will need the date that you would like to make, the location and the number of people who will be participating. We will coordinate the date and time with you.

I will make sure you get the proper tools to do the job.

We will supply bags, safety vests, gloves and the necessary equipment to pick up the garbage. Traditionally the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and other small groups reach out to do small areas in our town.

In the past it was such a success with many groups participating. Let's continue to work together for the betterment of our community.

**\*\* Putnam County will be having a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day for Putnam County residents on Saturday, May 2nd from 8:30am – 12:30pm.**

Location: Canopus Beach parking lot at Fahnestock Park, Route 301 in Kent. Preregistration is required. Please visit the Putnam County website at [www.putnamcounty.com](http://www.putnamcounty.com) to register. For more information call 845-808-1390 ext 43231

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**\*\*Building on the success of last year's Putnam County Youth Business Market. This year's event will take place on June 14. If you know of a young entrepreneur who would be interested in participating, please pass this on. Youth vendors interested in participating must register in advance. For more information and to sign up, visit the Putnam County website or give my office a call.**

**\*\*I would like to thank the residents who have reached out to me regarding issues they need help with. Over the past few months several residents have contacted me about a variety of issues, and I have been able to help many.**

**\*\*I am interested in your concerns. If you see something or have a county issue or problem my door is always open, just give my office a call at 845-808-1020. If I can correct the issue, I will.  
Thank You**

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

**Acknowledgements**

- Appreciation expressed to town staff and board members
- Recognition of collaboration across departments

**Communication Efforts**

- Monthly newsletter and website updates
- Increased transparency and public engagement

**Comprehensive Plan Update**

- Application submitted for a **Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant**
- Plan to update the town's comprehensive plan in-house
- Emphasis on community-driven vision and preservation priorities

**Process Improvements**

- Ongoing work to improve efficiency and accessibility in:
  - Building department
  - Planning and zoning processes

### **Digitization**

- Building department files digitized
- Additional grant submitted to digitize planning and sewer records

### **Community Engagement**

- Public meeting with Building Inspector Rich Quaglietta scheduled:
  - May 2nd, 10:00–11:00 AM at Town Hall

### **Additional Initiatives**

- Native plant (elderberry) planting project
- Continued coordination among the lake and environmental committees

### **Upcoming Community Events**

- **Bulk Drop-Off**
  - April 18, 8:30–11:30 AM (Highway Department)
- **Document Shredding Event**
  - April 19, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Town Hall)
- **Community Picnic in the Park**
  - June 13, 2:00–5:00 PM

### **APPROVE ACCESS PLUS/RING SQUARED SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Presented by Councilwoman Howard

#### **RESOLUTION #R26-183**

**RESOLVED**, that the Putnam Valley Town Board ratify the Town Supervisor's signature on the renewal of the Service Agreement by Access Plus for the town's telephone services. This is a 36-month agreement at a cost of \$1,224 .00 per month, which reflects an increase of \$5.60 per month.

Seconded by Councilman Russo, unanimously carried

### **APPROVE CYBER INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Presented by Councilman Howard

**RESOLUTION #R26-184**

**RESOLVED**, that the Putnam Valley Town Board ratify the Town Supervisor's signature on the renewal of the Town's Cyber Insurance Policy for the period April 25, 2026, to April 25, 2027. Cost will be \$4,757.00/year, which reflects an increase of \$397.00/year.

Seconded by Councilman Russo, unanimously carried

**APPROVE PARKS & RECREATION APRIL 2026 REFUNDS**

Presented by Councilman Russo

**RESOLUTION #R26-185**

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Betty Escobedo<br>42 Floradan<br>Putnam Valley, NY 10579                 | \$200.00<br>LPCC<br>Rental fee refund/cancelled date          |
| Denise Illescas<br>17 Marsh Hill Road<br>Putnam Valley, NY 10579         | \$500.00<br>LPCC<br>Deposit refund                            |
| Daisy Sari<br>1202 Maple Avenue<br>Peekskill, NY 10566                   | \$500.00<br>LPCC<br>Deposit refund                            |
| Laurie Anderson<br>74 Argyle Street<br>Lake Peekskill, NY 10537          | \$500.00<br>LPCC<br>Deposit refund                            |
| Chyrise Raysor Moorhead<br>53 Johnson Street<br>Lake Peekskill, NY 10537 | \$500.00<br>LPCC<br>Deposit refund                            |
| Caroline Getting<br>3 Mountain Drive<br>Garrison, NY 10524               | \$180.00<br>Day Camp<br>Dropped camp weeks after paid in full |
| Fernando Mathias<br>15 Farmview Road<br>Wappinger Falls, NY 12590        | \$436.80<br>Day Camp<br>Dad overpaid for day camp.            |

Seconded by Councilman Brooks, unanimously carried.

**APPROVE APRIL 2026 CHANGES TO PERSONNEL**

Presented by Councilman Russo

**RESOLUTION #R26-186**

**RESOLVED** that the following additions/changes to personnel.

1. Jacob Lasch, PV Children's Center Childcare Asst. I, @ \$18.00 hr.

Seconded by Councilwoman Howard, unanimously carried.

**APPROVE MAPPING OF TRAILS AT PUTNAM VALLEY DAY CAMP FACILITY**

Presented by Councilman Brooks

**RESOLUTION #R26-187**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approve Sam Lee mapping the trails at the Putnam Valley Day Camp Facility on a voluntary basis, with no compensation from the Town for doing so. Sam possesses an MS in Biology (Ecology & Evolutionary Biology) degree from Hofstra University, and has had a Wetlands Delineator certificate from Rutgers' Cook College in the past. He also worked at the Wildlife Conservation Society for 8 years, where he oversaw the herpetofauna collection at the Bronx Zoo and conducted field conservation projects in Georgia, Tanzania, and Panama. I am confident that there would be very little ecological impact under his supervision.

Seconded by Councilwoman Howard, unanimously carried.

**DISCUSS STONE WALLS AND CHAMBERS**

A detailed discussion was held regarding the preservation of historic **stone walls and stone chambers** throughout the town and the surrounding region.

**Key Points Raised**

- Structures are widespread across Putnam, Dutchess, and northern Westchester counties
- Estimated age ranges:
  - At least 200–300 years old
  - Potentially over 1,000 years for certain stone chambers
- Historical references indicate some structures predate early colonial settlement

### **Significance**

- Considered important cultural and historical artifacts
- Some structures demonstrate advanced construction techniques
- Potential uses remain debated (e.g., agricultural, ceremonial, or other purposes)

### **Preservation Concerns**

- Existing local law provides some protection
- Identified gaps allow removal through variances
- Concern over loss or destruction, particularly on private property

### **Recommendations**

- Review and potentially amend current legislation
- Strengthen protections and oversight
- Increase public awareness of historical significance

### **Additional Discussion**

- Difficulty in scientifically dating structures due to contamination and disturbance
- Recognition that many structures were originally built in open farmland areas
- General agreement among board members on the importance of preservation

### **Next Steps**

- Matter to be reviewed further with legal counsel
- Continued discussion and evaluation of potential policy updates

**APPROVE WAIVER OF PERMIT FEE REQUEST FROM PUTNAM VALLEY  
VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE**



**Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps**  
218 Oscawana Lake Road, PO Box 141, Putnam Valley, NY 10579-0141  
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April 13, 2026

Supervisor Alison Jolicoeur  
Town of Putnam Valley  
265 Oscawana Lake Road  
Putnam Valley, NY 10579


Re: Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps  
218 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley  
72.20-1-7.11

Dear Supervisor Jolicoeur:

This letter serves as a request to waive the permit fee for work to be done at the above referenced address. Work includes the following:

Demolition of 8x12 shed next to the lower level parking lot.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,  
  
SHERYL LUONGO, President

Incorporated 1961 – NYS Department of Health Certified

Town counsel reported that:

- The Town is **not permitted to make a gift** of public funds
- No applicable legal exception was identified for the request under consideration

- Determination based on established legal authority

The Board acknowledged the limitation despite recognizing the community benefit of the request.

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA TO ADD APPROVAL OF FINAL TAX ROLL REPORT WORK ORDER**

Presented by Supervisor Jolicoeur

**RESOLUTION #R26-188**

**RESOLVED**, that the Putnam Valley Town Board approve a work order for the installation of additional reporting functionality within the current SCA tax software system. This report is required to meet county reporting requirements.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Seconded by Councilman Russo, unanimously carried.

**AUDIT OF MONTHLY BILLS**

Presented by Supervisor Jolicoeur

**RESOLUTION #R26-189**

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

| <b>VOUCHER NUMBERS</b> | <b>AMOUNTS (\$)</b> |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 54432-54696            | 130,141.21          |
| 54549-54734            | 109,335.21          |
| 54439-54732            | 609,060.40          |

Seconded by Councilman Russo, unanimously carried.

**APPROVE OPPOSITION TO NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC BUS MANDATE**

Presented by Councilman Russo



## Town of Putnam Valley

### RESOLUTION

#### APPROVAL/OPPPOSITION TO NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUS MANDATE

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley is aware of New York State's zero-emission school bus mandate requiring school districts to begin purchasing zero-emission buses by 2027 and to fully transition away from traditional buses by 2035; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Putnam Valley and surrounding communities do not currently have the requisite infrastructure, including sufficient charging stations and electrical capacity, necessary to support such a mandate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hudson Valley region, including Putnam Valley, experiences cold and inclement winter conditions that may negatively impact the performance, reliability, and longevity of electric vehicle batteries, particularly for buses stored outdoors and exposed to the elements; and

**WHEREAS**, this New York State mandate directly impacts school transportation systems relied upon daily for the safe transport of children; and

**WHEREAS**, in the event of battery failure or insufficient charge during school transportation hours, students could face delays or unsafe conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State has enacted this mandate without providing adequate or guaranteed funding to establish the infrastructure necessary for safe and effective implementation, including but not limited to widespread charging stations, upgraded electrical systems, heated storage facilities, and contingency measures for battery failure;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley hereby expresses its opposition to the New York State zero-emission school bus mandate as currently drafted. Correspondence shall be sent urging New York State to reconsider, amend, or delay implementation until such time as infrastructure, funding, and reliability concerns are adequately addressed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York and members of the New York State Legislature within fourteen (14) days of passage or as soon thereafter as practical under the signature of all Town Board Members who voted in favor of this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A proposal was introduced to adopt a Town resolution urging reconsideration or delay of New York State's electric school bus mandate (beginning 2027).

### Key Concerns Raised

- High upfront cost per bus (~\$450,000 vs. ~\$200,000 diesel)
- Infrastructure costs for charging stations
- Performance concerns in extreme temperatures
- Operational limitations (range, charging time)

- Financial burden on taxpayers

### **Public Comment Highlights**

- Some speakers supported delaying implementation pending further study.
- Others cited environmental, health, and long-term cost benefits.
- Concerns raised about the lack of local jurisdiction over school district matters.
- Calls for more data, cost analysis, and expert input before taking a position.

### **Board Discussion**

- Acknowledged limited jurisdiction over school transportation policy.
- Emphasis on the need for accurate data before adopting formal positions.
- Consideration of alternative approaches (letters vs. formal resolution).

**Motion to table the resolution** pending further information.

**Seconded by Councilman Brooks, unanimously carried.**

### **Public Comment – Additional Topics**

#### **A. Town Property (Former Camp Site)**

- Inquiry regarding public access to trails.
- Supervisor noted interest in future public access but acknowledged logistical challenges.
- Trail mapping is currently underway as a preliminary step.

#### **B. Historical Presentation**

- Presentation regarding the return of a Civil War-era sword belonging to Lt. George D. Hyatt.
- Artifact to be displayed at the Lincoln Depot Museum.

#### **C. Library Updates**

- Announcement of scholarship opportunities for high school seniors.
- Upcoming budget information sessions and meetings.
- Reported significant cost savings to residents through library services (~\$755,000 annually).
- Proposal for improved community coordination via a shared calendar or committee.

Supervisor Jolicoeur made a motion to table the referenced agenda item (#10).

Seconded by Councilman Brooks, unanimously carried

Supervisor Jolicoeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm

Seconded by Councilman Brooks, unanimously carried.

**Next Town Board Meeting: Work Session, Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 5 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Stephens

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Town Clerk

April 16<sup>h</sup>, 2026