



TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY

Town Board Work Session

August 12th, 2026

Town Hall

5 PM

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**Meeting called to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Discuss Extension on Moratorium on Battery Storage Systems and Large-Scale Wind Energy Conversion Systems
3. Approve Removal of Debris by Highway Department
4. Approve Roemer Wallens Mineaux LLP Contract
5. Approve Updated 2026 IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate
6. **Parks & Recreation:**
  - a. Approve Addition to Personnel
  - b. Approve Waiver of Fees for Forestry Project
7. Approve Tax Certiorari Consent Judgment
8. Approve Going Out to Bid for New Hill Road
9. **Building Department:**
  - a. Approve Temporary Office Coverage
  - b. Daily Fee Report Summary July 1 – 31, 2026
10. Public Comment [Three-Minute Time Limit Per Person]

**Adjournment**

**Next Town Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 6 PM**

**TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY**  
**TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION**  
**Wednesday, August 12th, 2026**  
**5:00 PM**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk Michelle Stephens  
Town Counsel Lillian Meade

Supervisor Jolicoeur opened the meeting at 5:05 pm with the Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for Billy Lee Crowder, who passed away over the weekend.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** 

Presented by Supervisor Jolicoeur

**RESOLUTION #R26-263**

**RESOLVED**, that the Putnam Valley Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to accept the Town Board meeting minutes from July 8th and 15th, 2026

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

**DISCUSS EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM ON BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEMS AND  
LARGE-SCALE WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS**

The Town Board discussed the Town's existing moratorium and the need to address battery energy storage systems, large-scale wind energy conversion systems, large-scale solar installations, and the emerging issue of data centers.

The Board discussed recent developments in Yorktown involving a private company seeking to establish a facility despite local zoning restrictions. The matter resulted in litigation, with the court determining that the proposed facility fell within the scope of utility infrastructure. The Board discussed the possibility of an appeal and expressed concern that similar issues could arise in the Town.

Board members discussed the potential impact of data centers on the electrical grid, noting the substantial amount of electricity required to operate such facilities. Concerns were also raised about the significant water consumption of data centers and its potential impact on the Town's wells and water infrastructure.

The Board discussed the importance of taking action before an application is submitted and ensuring that the Town's zoning regulations, Comprehensive Plan, and other applicable regulations provide adequate protection.

The Board also discussed large-scale solar installations and the loss of agricultural and open space lands. Members expressed support for locating solar installations on existing parking lots and rooftops rather than on agricultural or undeveloped land.

It was noted that the existing moratorium has expired and cannot simply be extended.

The Board discussed working with Town Counsel to determine the appropriate legal and zoning measures necessary to address these uses.

**No formal action was taken at this time.** The Board agreed that further consultation with Town Counsel and review of the Town's zoning regulations and Comprehensive Plan were necessary.

**APPROVE REMOVAL OF DEBRIS BY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Presented by Supervisor Jolicoeur

**RESOLUTION #R26-264**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approves the Town of Putnam Valley Highway Department, after consultation with specific private property owners, to remove debris from Canopus Brook, Peekskill Hollow Brook, and all estuaries thereto. The hydraulics and hydrology of Canopus Creek will be reviewed in conjunction with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, with subsequent necessary work undertaken and completed, exclusively for the health and safety of all Town of Putnam Valley residents and road-users. This work is being performed on an emergency basis as a result of flood damage caused to infrastructure and property during the storm of July 28<sup>th</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup>, following which the Town of Putnam Valley declared a State of Emergency.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

he Board discussed the significant rainfall and flooding associated with the July 28–29, 2026 storm. The storm resulted in substantial flooding and damage to roads, properties, streams, and other infrastructure and led to the declaration of a state of emergency. The Board discussed a proposed resolution authorizing the Highway Department, following consultation with affected private property owners, to remove debris and blockages from waterways and drainage areas where necessary for the health and safety of Town residents and road users.

The Board also discussed coordination with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), including review of the hydraulics and hydrology of Penobscot Creek and other affected waterways.

Highway Department representatives reported that they had already inspected several areas and identified additional blockages. Residents living along waterways were encouraged to contact the Highway Department if they observed fallen trees, debris, or other blockages.

The Board discussed several specific locations, including Horton Hollow, Cimarron Bridge, Tinker Hill, and other areas where trees, rocks, footbridges, culverts, and debris may be affecting the flow of water.

The Board emphasized that the Town is not undertaking general dredging of waterways but is addressing specific blockages and drainage issues that may be contributing to flooding. The Board also discussed the importance of coordinating work with DEC and obtaining appropriate permits where necessary.

#### **APPROVE ROEMER WALLENS MINEAUX LLP CONTRACT**

Presented by Councilman Russo

#### **RESOLUTION #R26-265**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into a contract with Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP for the continued engagement of their services as labor relations attorneys.

Seconded by Councilman Brooks, unanimously carried

#### **APPROVE UPDATED 2026 IRS MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE.**

Presented by Councilwoman Howard

#### **RESOLUTION #R26-266**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approves the IRS Standard Mileage Reimbursement rate at 76 cents (\$0.76) per mile, which was updated effective July 1, 2026.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

**APPROVE ADDITION TO PERSONNEL**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R26-267**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board approve the following additions/changes to personnel;

1. Michael Koenig, Day Camp Substitute Bus Driver @ \$30.00 hr.

Seconded by Councilman Russo, unanimously carried.

**APPROVE WAIVER OF FEES FOR FORESTRY PROJECT**

Presented by Councilman Luongo

**RESOLUTION #R26-268**

**RESOLVED**, that the Parks and Recreation Department and the Park and Recreation Commission request authorization for the Town Board to waive all Building, Planning, and Zoning fees in relation to the Recreation Department forestry project.

Seconded by Councilwoman Howard, unanimously carried

The Board discussed Town Code §1-13(B), which permits the Town Board, by resolution, to waive applicable fees for governmental entities under certain circumstances. The forestry management project is being undertaken by the Town and is being coordinated with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

**APPROVE TAX CERTIORARI CONSENT JUDGMENT**

Presented by Councilman Brooks

**RESOLUTION #R26-269**

The Board noted that the Assessor inspected the property and determined that there was an issue with the assessment, resulting in the agreement to reduce the assessed value.

At a Special Term of the Supreme Court of  
the State of New York, held for the County  
of **Putnam** at the County Courthouse, in  
Carmel, New York on the \_\_\_\_ July, 2026

PRESENT:

Hon. **VICTOR G. GROSSMAN**,

Justice.

In the Matter of the Application of

**PRIRA HOLDINGS LLC**,

Petitioner,

-against-

**ASSESSOR OF TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY**,

Respondent.

**INDEX NO.:** 501357/2025

**CONSENT ORDER &  
JUDGMENT**

The above named Petitioners having duly brought this Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") Article 7 proceeding to review the 2025/26 tax assessments made against their respective premises located in the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam, State of New York, as more fully described in the petition made and filed herein, and issue having been duly joined herein, and Petitioners having appeared by the Law Office of Rogendy Toussaint, Esq., PLLC, Rogendy Toussaint, Esq., and Respondent, the Assessor of the Town of Putnam Valley, having appeared by Daniels, Porco and Lusardi, LLP, Lillian Mead, Esq., and the parties having entered into and consented to this Stipulation & Order of Settlement;

**NOW**, on motion of Rogendy Toussaint, Esq., attorney for Petitioner, it is hereby:

1. **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED**, that the 2025 assessment of the Settled Parcel in the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam, State of New York on the assessment roll of the Town of Putnam Valley for the tax year 2025/26 shall be changed as follows:

| <u>Property</u>        | <u>Original<br/>Assessed Value</u> | <u>Corrected<br/>Assessed Value</u> | <u>Reduction in<br/>Assessed Value</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| (SBL No.: ) 91.27-1-15 | \$507,800                          | \$460,000                           | \$47,800                               |

; and it is further,

2. **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED**, that the Town of Putnam Valley (the "Town") and/or the County of Putnam (the "County") shall, where applicable, refund any excess Town, Town Highway, other Town taxes and special district charges paid on account of the reductions set forth above to the 2025 assessment of the Settled Parcel for 2025 assessment roll used to generate the 2025/26 Town, Town Highway, water, sewer and all special district taxes on the Settled Parcel; and it is further

3. **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED**, that the County shall, where applicable, refund any excess County, County Highway, water, sewer and all special district taxes paid on account of the reduction set forth above to the 2025 assessment of the Settled Parcel on account of the 2025 assessment roll used to generate the 2025/26 County, County Highway, water, sewer and all special district taxes on the Settled Parcel; and it is further

4. **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED**, that the Putnam Valley Central School District (the "School District") shall, where applicable, refund any excess School District taxes (including the library taxes) paid on account of the reductions set forth above to the 2025 assessment of the Settled Parcel on account of the 2025 assessment rolls used to generate the 2025/26 School District taxes (including the library taxes) on the Settled Parcel; and it is further;

5. **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED**, that the refunds, set forth above, shall be paid to the Law Office of Rogendy Toussaint, Esq., PLLC, attorney for the aforementioned Petitioner, without interest or costs, provided any such refunds are made within ninety (90) days of the service of this Stipulation & Order of Settlement with notice of entry thereof; and it is further

6. **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED**, that the attorneys signing this Stipulation & Order of Settlement have the authority to do so and have taken the necessary action to do so, and that said parties have duly agreed to this settlement and have duly authorized the persons signing this Stipulation and Order of Settlement to do so; and it is further

7. **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED**, that this Stipulation & Order of Settlement constitutes the full settlement of each of the tax review proceedings herein, and there are no costs, allowances or attorney's fees awarded to, by or against any of the parties, and that upon compliance with

the terms of this Stipulation & Order of Settlement, the above-entitled proceedings be and the same are settled and discontinued with prejudice.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026  
Carmel, New York

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| STIPULATION                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| The Attorneys for the respective Parties do hereby consent to this Stipulation & Order of Settlement. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Dated: <u>July 21<sup>st</sup></u> , 2026                                                             | LAW OFFICE OF ROGENDY TOUSSAINT, ESQ., PLLC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                       | <br>Rogendy Toussaint, Esq.<br>Attorney for Petitioner<br>33 Walt Whitman Road, Suite 200B<br>Huntington Station, New York 11746<br>(631) 673-6738<br>rogendy@aventine.ai                                                  |
| Dated: _____, 2026                                                                                    | DANIELS, PORCO & LUSARDI LLP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                       | <br>Lillian Mead, Esq.<br>1 Memorial Avenue<br>Pawling, New York 12564<br>Office Phone: 845-225-8404<br>Direct Line: 845-206-4054<br>Fax: 845-746-2358<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:llm@dplawyers.com">llm@dplawyers.com</a> |

Seconded by Councilman Russo, unanimously carried

**APPROVE GOING OUT TO BID FOR NEW HILL RD**

Presented by Supervisor Jolicoeur

**RESOLUTION #R26-270**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approves the Town Engineer, J. Robert Folchetti & Associates, to solicit bids for the New Hill Road bridge replacement project, which is required as a result of storm damage from July 2023. We have received a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Permit for this project, and funding will be appropriated by FEMA.

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried

The Board expressed its support for moving forward with the project, noting the importance of the bridge to residents in the area. The Town has received the required

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation permit for the project.  
Funding will be appropriated by the Town.

**APPROVE TEMPORARY OFFICE COVERAGE**

Presented by Councilman Russo

**RESOLUTION #R26-271**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approves Sharon Irving on a part-time basis for office coverage from August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 through August 28, 2026. Her salary will be drawn from the Building Department's line during this time.

Seconded by Councilman Brooks, unanimously carried.

**APPROVE DAILY FEE REPORT JULY 1-31, 2026**

Presented by Councilman Russo

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**RESOLUTION #R26-272**

List of Building Fee Types

|                   |                                      |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| CW                | Commence Work Permits                |
| DEM/R             | Demolition/Residential               |
| FENCE             | Fence/Wall Permits                   |
| GENERATOR PERMIT  | Generator Installation Permits       |
| GEO THERMAL WELL  | Geo Thermal Well Permits             |
| HVAC              | Heating, Vent. Air Condition Permits |
| MG                | Minor Grading Permit                 |
| MI                | Miscellaneous Building Permits       |
| OPERATING PERMIT  | Commercial Operating Permits         |
| PERM              | General Building Permits             |
| PI                | Plumbing Permit                      |
| RE                | Renewal Building Permits             |
| REINSPECTION FEE  | Reinspection Fee                     |
| RHCS              | Rock Hammer Permit                   |
| RU                | Special Use Renewal – Accessory Apt. |
| SEARC             | Municipal Search                     |
| SP                | Penalty – Bldg. w/o Permit           |
| STR APPLICATION   | Short Term Rental Application        |
| TENT              | Tent Permit                          |
| TREE              | Tree Permit                          |
| WOOD STOVE PERMIT | Wood Stove Installation Permit       |
| WT/S              | Wetland Screening Fee                |

**Town of Putnam Valley**  
M5 Standard Fee Report Paid Only  
From 07/01/2026 To 07/31/2026

| Count by Type                   |       |             |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Item Type                       | Count | Total       |
| Above Ground Pool               | 2     | \$150.00    |
| ADDITIONALIZATION               | 36    | \$12,140.00 |
| AW                              | 2     | \$125.00    |
| DECK                            | 4     | \$1,371.00  |
| DECK - Railing / Stairs Replace | 1     | \$75.00     |
| DRAIN                           | 2     | \$175.00    |
| ELECTR APPL/RY ELSE             | 34    | \$600.00    |
| ELECTRIC APPL/RY                | 20    | \$400.00    |
| FENCE/WALL                      | 3     | \$125.00    |
| FIRE INSPECTION                 | 1     | \$100.00    |
| GAS/PROPANE                     | 10    | \$600.00    |
| GENERATOR PERMIT                | 2     | \$100.00    |
| HWAC                            | 11    | \$1,425.00  |
| IN GROUND POOL                  | 1     | \$625.00    |
| INS                             | 2     | \$100.00    |
| IR                              | 2     | \$85.00     |
| OIL TANK                        | 1     | \$625.00    |
| OPERATING PERMIT                | 2     | \$100.00    |
| PERMIT FEE                      | 30    | \$1,100.00  |
| PURGE                           | 1     | \$6,480.00  |
| PL                              | 11    | \$1,100.00  |
| REPAIR                          | 1     | \$1,075.00  |
| RACS                            | 1     | \$100.00    |
| RZ                              | 1     | \$1,250.00  |
| SEASON                          | 20    | \$4,000.00  |
| SF                              | 1     | \$200.00    |
| SOLAR PANELS                    | 4     | \$2,344.00  |
| CTR Application                 | 4     | \$1,600.00  |
| TRIS                            | 2     | \$100.00    |
| WTR                             | 1     | \$75.00     |
| WTS                             | 4     | \$500.00    |
|                                 | 118   | \$46,237.00 |

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

During public comment, a resident asked about the Town's level of confidence regarding FEMA funding and reimbursement for storm-related projects.

The Board explained that Town representatives remain in regular contact with FEMA and the Town's engineers regarding reimbursement applications. Several projects remain in the process of receiving funding, and the Town has already received some reimbursements.

The Board discussed several storm-related projects and noted that additional reimbursement and funding matters remain pending.

The Board announced upcoming community events, including a recycling/drop-off event, a concert, Family Day, and an event scheduled for September 19, 2026.

The Board also discussed an inquiry regarding a possible property tax exemption for surviving spouses. The Board agreed that the matter should be reviewed further, including consultation regarding the applicable requirements and administrative procedures.

Supervisor Jolicoeur made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 5:28 pm to discuss personnel and legal issues.

Seconded by Councilman Brooks, unanimously carried.

Supervisor Jolicoeur made a motion to re-open the meeting at 6:30 pm. No motions were passed, and no decisions were made

Supervisor Jolicoeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm

Seconded by Councilman Luongo, unanimously carried.

**Next Town Board Meeting:** Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 6 PM

**Supporting documents can be found using this link**

[08-12-2026-Town-Board-WORK-SESSION-with-supporting-documents.pdf](#)

**A video of the meeting can be found using this link**

[Town Board Work Session: August 12, 2026](#)

Respectfully submitted,

**Michelle Stephens**

Michelle Stephens

Town Clerk

4/8/2026