

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, December 10th, 2009

At 7:00PM the regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board was opened and began by auditing the bills, Supervisors monthly report and the Town Clerks monthly report. Councilman Greg Harris opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present:

Present: Supervisor John LaPointe
Councilman Kevin Hart
Councilman Greg Harris
Councilwoman Cathie Burke
Councilwoman Shirley Randall

Others present: Patricia Wilson (Town clerk); Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent); Bob Rudt, Cee McKenzie, Gary Smith, Peter Leyh and Chris Navitsky (Lake George Waterkeeper)

Resolution #69

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2009 MEETING

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Greg Harris the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 3, Nays 0.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the November 2009 meeting be approved.

Resolution #70

ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2009

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart the resolution was ADOPTED. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Resolution #71

ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2009

On motion of Councilwoman Shirley Randall, seconded by Councilman Greg Harris, the resolution was ADOPTED. Ayes 3, Nays

Resolution #72

PAY AUDITED BILLS

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart, the following resolution was: **ADOPTED.** Ayes 4, Nays 0

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #12 in the following amounts;

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| General Account | # 274 - 304 | \$39,101.59 |
| Highway Account | # 191 - 215 | \$78,448.00 |
| Black Point Sewer District | # 22 - 24 | \$150,894.45 |
| Royal Anchorage | # 9 | \$ 87.50 |

CORRESPONDANCE

Supervisor LaPointe had a phone conversation with Nancy Williams (Executive Director of the Lake George Land Conservancy) about the beaver problem that exists on Warrick Road. She is concerned about the beaver and does not approve of the town trapping the beaver. Supervisor LaPointe explained to Ms. Williams that someone has been springing the traps that were set. Ms. Williams informed the Supervisor that she had sprung the traps. She thought that the traps were on the Lake George Land Conservancy property. Supervisor LaPointe informed her that the traps were in fact on the Town right-of-way and that she was breaking the law. Ms. Williams also wrote a letter to Betsy L~~ane~~^{ane} (DEC Region 5), asking for their assistance in setting up a meeting with the town to discuss different options that can be initiated together in order to protect the natural resources. Supervisor LaPointe also informed Ms. Williams that they are not trying to trap the beaver totally out of there. Supervisor LaPointe called Randy Roth from the LGA to discuss the problem with him.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Peter Leyh of Gull Bay reports that he and Galen Seerup (Planning Board Chairman) met with Ms. Williams, who went with them to the Jumping Rock. They discussed with her in depth about the littering, garbage and the beaver problem. An article that was put out by NRA was given to Ms. Williams. The article contained information about certain species of animals that have got out of hand. They believe that she would be willing to work with the Town about the beaver problem but she is looking for more research about it.

Chris Navitsky (Lake George Waterkeeper) understands how some people feel about the Conservancy, but you can't blame them for other people littering. Supervisor LaPointe stated that "they did represent that they would be good stewards of the property and keep it clean, but our concern is that they are not."

Gary Smith of Charter Brook Lane asked the Supervisor if there was any decision made about the noise ordinance. Supervisor LaPointe replied that he has been talking with the Sheriff, but the board doesn't feel that they want to pass an ordinance at this time. "There are state laws in place for noise control and he is working and talking to the sheriff about things that can be done."

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Treadway reports that while plowing in Black Point, they hit a cap and tore it off. The incident was reported to the engineer at the trailer. The expected completion date for the Black Point Sewer District is January 5th and in the spring they will be planting trees and doing other landscaping. Superintendent Treadway reports that the crew has been busy plowing, cutting wood and working on the ditches. He also informed the board that the grade-all broke down and would be an expensive repair. The Board agreed to have it repaired.

PLANNING BOARD

Robert Rudt (Planning Board Member) reports that the Planning Board meeting began with a Public Hearing on the Anderson 2 Lot Subdivision and that their site plan was approved.

Marjorie LaPointe has a camper trailer that she explains is being used for a dog house. The board agreed to let the trailer stay for four months but by February 10th, she would have to move it.

There is an internal issue that he explains, where a Site Plan Review had been presented to the Planning Board and the Code Enforcement Officer was out in the field and stops at the project and issues a permit. That process "short circuits the whole system." He feels that the Code Enforcement Officer should come to the meetings. He states that "we have a situation where a building permit was revoked by the Planning Board."

OLD BUSINESS

Putnam Park Grant Extension

Supervisor LaPointe reported that the Grant extension for the Park Grant money has been submitted.

Royal Anchorage and Black Point Sewer Districts

Supervisor LaPointe reports that both sewer districts are near completion and moving forward. Councilman Hart asked if there was a time frame set for the owners to hook up. Supervisor LaPointe explained that they should all be hooked up by this spring and certainly by summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor LaPointe is asking for a Year End Meeting to be held on December 28th at 5PM. The Board agreed.

An Organizational Meeting will be held on January 4th, 2010 at 5PM. The Board agreed to that as well. Both meetings are open to the public.

Supervisor LaPointe reminded the Board that the Association of Towns Meeting will be held in February on the 14th - 17th, 2010. Is anyone is planning on attending please notify the Supervisor as soon as possible.

Chris Navitsky (Lake George Waterkeeper)

Mr. Navitsky is asking Supervisor LaPointe and Superintendent Treadway if they were contacted by Dave Decker about receiving grants for salt sand applications. Superintendent Treadway explained that there was a meeting today but he couldn't make it. Chris will make sure that Superintendent Treadway is in the loop and be better informed.

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart to Adjourn the regular meeting at 7:40PM.

Respectfully submitted, _____ Patricia Wilson, Town Clerk

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Greg Harris _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Cathie Burke _____ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman