

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, January 14th, 2010

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. Supervisor John LaPointe 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
Councilwoman Cathie Burke

Absent: Councilman Greg Harris
Councilwoman Shirley Randall

Others present: Patricia Wilson (Town clerk); Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent); Bob Rudt, Cee McKenzie, Bob Coulter, Gary Smith, and Peter Leyh.

Resolution #34

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2009 MEETING

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

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

Resolution #35

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

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

Resolution #36

ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2009

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

Resolution #37

ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2009

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

Resolution #38

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 #1 in the following amounts;

General Account	# 1 - 15	\$4,846.48
Highway Account	# 1 - 13	\$14,498.65

CORRESPONDANCE

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Peter Leyh of Gull Bay reports that the Lake George Association, along with the Army Corp of Engineers were approved to move forward with a stormwater planning project. He states that "the project should be completed by the end of next year." "They will be up here within a month or two." Mr. Leyh suggested that Supervisor LaPointe "call Walter Lender to let him know how happy we are about this news." (See attached for further details)

Gary Smith of Charter Brook Lane asked the Supervisor if he had spoken to the Sheriff and if so, what he found out. Supervisor LaPointe told Gary that the Sheriff has the jurisdiction to enforce the noise law. Gary asked what he could do when he has called the Sheriff twice and they tell him that there is nothing that can be done. Supervisor LaPointe suggested that Gary call him, the Sheriff (Roger LeClare) or the Under Sheriff.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Treadway reports that last week was a big week with 20+ hours of overtime because of the snow storm. The men have been cutting Liddle Harris Road back, which is providing firewood for the wood boiler. Councilman Hart asked if the Town would cut some trees on the south side of the Gull Bay Road, going up the hill by Ken Smith's. It would open it up so that ice can't form in that area.

PLANNING BOARD

Robert Rudt (Planning Board Member) reports that there were no hearings last night. There was one case which Charles Harding presented. Originally he asked to put a roof on, then a wall went up. The Board put a Stop Work order on the project. The Code Enforcement Officer Bill Ball had told Mr. Harding to go ahead. Mr. Harding was asked about what he was trying to do. He told the Board that he was trying to make enough room to put in a bedroom. Mr. Rudt explained that the camp was built in 1911 and now they would have to look at the septic. A motion was made to allow Mr. Harding to continue to build but "he is not going to be able to get a CO until the septic is up to current standards."

Mr. Rudt informed the Board that Burt Windle sent a letter noting that a trailer is still parked on Sagamore Road. "It was supposed to be removed at the end of hunting season." Mr. Ball was asked to send the owner a letter of violation and to review the situation of any and all trailers in town.

There will be a Planning Board Workshop session scheduled for January 25th at 6:30PM at the Town Hall.

Mr. Rudt informed the Board that they are in receipt of a letter with a comment from the Lake George Waterkeeper regarding the Eliopoulos sub-division in Gull Bay at the Gate House and the six lots. He explains that the letter was extremely detailed with specific gallons and square feet. "Really good data."

Lastly Mr. Rudt explains that there are two new pieces of red tape. The Town Attorney has recommended that in addition to a building permit there is another form that says there is a Site Plan Review certificate which would be required for just about anything we do. For example, shingling a roof, putting shutters on or painting a porch. Supervisor LaPointe has a copy of the form. He also explains that now if you do a sub-division and record it down at the County, you also have to file a form with the County that says the Planning Board is in agreement with the waste in regards to the septic and certify with the Department of Health that it is not in violation of their septic regulations. Mr. Coulter feels that it seems like we can't do anything without a permit, to maintain your home. "Aren't there any landowners rights anymore?" Councilman Hart explains that there are so many willing to do things by the book, but unfortunately there are some that don't think they have to follow the rules, so we have to take defenses against those people. He can see the need both ways, but it could be a protection for the homeowners in the long run. Mr. Rudt feels that if we just enforce the laws we have, we don't need to many more. "We have a lot of rules, lets just work on what we got."

OLD BUSINESS

Royal Anchorage and Black Point Sewer Districts

Supervisor LaPointe reports that both sewer districts are up and running and that there are a couple of structures going up in the Royal Anchorage area.

Union Contract

Supervisor LaPointe reports that the Union Contract has been signed with a major change. The payroll will be bi-weekly and the men will be receiving .75/yr for four years. A longevity clause was added so that anyone with fifteen years will receive \$1.00/hr. They will also be getting rid of the Election Day Holiday.

Putnam Park

Councilman Hart informs the Board that he stopped in to Betty Little's office to thank her for her help that she gave the town in purchasing the property for the Town Park. He told her that we were running into a little problem with the Park Agency and getting the land sub-divided and resolved so that we can make a purchase and we don't lose our money. "She will see where it is at." Supervisor LaPointe explained that he has put in for a hearing with the Administrator Law Judge to make a presentation to assure the judge that it is a public crossing. The Town Attorney has been corresponding with a DOT Lawyer and working on a petition to petition the law judge for a hearing so the town can purchase the property.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor LaPointe reports that the Association of Towns Meeting will be held in February on the 14th - 17th, 2010.

Supervisor LaPointe also mentioned that he has contacted Dr. James Mack to set up a Rabies Clinic for some time in March.

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 _____ ABSENT _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ ABSENT _____ Councilwoman

Cathie Burke _____ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman