

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, July 8th, 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. 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
Councilwoman Cathie Burke
Councilman Greg Harris
Councilwoman Shirley Randall

Others present: Patricia Wilson (Town Clerk); Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent); Bob Rudt, Cee McKenzie, Chris Navitsky (Lake George Water Keeper), Ed Kingsley, Jim Walter, Al & Ellie Coulter, Bob Coulter, Edward Lamby, Peter Leyh, Jack Aiken and Katie Aiken.

Resolution #73

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2010 MEETING

On motion of Councilwoman Shirley Randall, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Resolution #74

ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2010

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Greg Harris the resolution was ADOPTED. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Resolution #75

ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2010

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Greg Harris, the resolution was ADOPTED. Ayes 4, Nays

Resolution #76

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 #7 in the following amounts;

General Account	# 150 - 167	\$24,300.50
Highway Account	# 110 - 135	\$12,252.58
Black Point Sewer District	# 10 - 11	\$16,561.44

whistles and have red shirts on.” Supervisor LaPointe informed Mr. Lamby that they all have whistles and were given red shirts a few days ago. He has also warned the life guards that if they don’t comply with the rules, they will be fired. The Supervisor encourages anyone who sees a problem to report it to Mary, who is in charge of the life guards or to call him.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Treadway reports that the roadside mowing is done and the next round will be August 15th. The hauling for the stock pile is almost done.

Superintendent Treadway explains that the trailer that the town uses for recycling and mowing is in rough shape. Superintendent Treadway has been pricing some trailers and they run around \$4,000.00. The board agreed that they would be in favor of replacing the old trailer.

Resolution #78

AUTHORIZE THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDANT TO PURCHASE A NEW RECYCLING TRAILER

On motion of Councilwoman Randall, seconded by Councilman Harris, the following resolution was ADOPTED. Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway be authorized to seek out and purchase a new recycling trailer for the Town of Putnam.

Councilman Hart discussed with the board the possibility of removing the signs that are on the corner of the Gull Bay Road and Route 22. The Town Board agrees that the signs create a traffic hazard and the business signs should go. Highway Superintendent Treadway will remove the signs and take them to the town shed where the owners can claim them.

PLANNING BOARD

Galen Seerup (Planning Board Chairman) reports that he has been working with Bill Ball (Code Enforcement Officer) and the Town Attorney, John Brietenbach, on a Site Plan Review Compliance Certificate (See attached). He explains that there are certain things maintenance wise, that you don’t need to come to the board for (i.e.: change siding, roofing materials and windows). He explains that they came up with this form so that every step will be followed and everyone knows what is going on. He informs the board that the board members have been contacted through email and they have made their comments and the comments have been reflected in the form. They are asking for the Town Board’s blessing. They also ask Supervisor LaPointe to have the forms printed in triplicate from.

Resolution #77

SITE PLAN REVIEW COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

On motion of Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Randall, the following resolution was ADOPTED. Ayes 5, Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Putnam Planning Board has agreed on a Site Plan Review Compliance certificate, and

WHEREAS, the certificate shall be printed in triplicate, 1 for the file, 2 to the Code Enforcement Officer and 3 to the applicant.

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam does wish to adopt the Site Plan Review Compliance Certificate.

OLD BUSINESS

Judicial Hearing

Supervisor LaPointe reports that the Judicial Hearing was held last Tuesday at the Ticonderoga Community Building. All the representatives from the DOT and the Railroad were present. Judge Loomis was present to hear the testimony which was all positive. No one spoke against the project. The judge will make his decision within three weeks.

Black Point Sewer District

Supervisor LaPointe reports that the Town of Putnam and the Town of Ticonderoga wish to standardize the Grind Pump Specifications.

Resolution #79

STANDARDIZE GRINDER PUMP SPECIFICATIONS

On motion of Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Harris, the following resolution was ADOPTED. Ayes 5, Nays 0

Supervisor LaPointe read the resolution into the minutes. (See attached) Roll call followed.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor LaPointe presents a form to the board members on *How County Tax Dollars Will Be Spent In The 2010 Budget*. The form shows a list of expenses in the 2010 Budget, the percentages and the tax dollars. Also, there is another form that shows the payroll history and projections (See attached). Supervisor LaPointe wished for everyone to look the forms over and familiarize themselves of where the County dollars go.

Town of Putnam Black Point Sewer Project – Change Order #3B

Supervisor LaPointe reports that there is a change order for A.P. Reale & Sons, Inc.. The contract price due to the change order will be increased by \$7,503.80

Resolution #80

Town of Putnam Black Point Sewer Project – Change Order #3B

On motion of Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Burke, the following resolution is ADOPTED. Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam does authorize payment on change order #3B which has been approved and accepted by the engineers (See attached).

Change Orders #4B for the Town of Putnam Black Point Sewer Project

Supervisor LaPointe explains that this change order is to increase the Service Allowance to cover additional work. This change order will be increased by \$35,859.72 . .

Resolution #81

TOWN OF PUTNAM BLACK POINT SEWER PROJECT CHANGE ORDER #4B

On motion of Councilwoman Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Randall, the following resolution was ADOPTED. Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the town of Putnam does authorize payment on Change Order #4B in the amount of \$35,859.72 which has been approved by the engineers (See attached).

Tax exemption for persons 65 years of age or over

Supervisor LaPointe reports that the County Finance Committee has approved increasing the county income levels for various incomes. The annual income goes from \$20,000.00 to \$28,400.00 . The percentage assessment valuation exempt from taxation starts at 50% down to 5%. Supervisor LaPointe asks the board how they wish him to vote. The vote was 3 to 1 in favor.

Councilman Hart asked about the sewer district and the disputed additional charges? Supervisor LaPointe stated that since we do not have the funds or any discretionary funds, and we have already gone to bonding and closed on the bonds at the end of May, we may have to go into

litigation. Ticonderoga has the funds and wants to pay it all. We could loan the money to the district, but we would have to bill it back to the residents if we were to take care of it that way. Further discussion followed with no decisions made at this time.

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart to Adjourn the regular meeting at 8:07PM.

Respectfully submitted, _____ Patricia Wilson, Town Clerk

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Greg Harris _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Cathie Burke _____ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman