

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, May 12th, 2011

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. Councilwoman Shirley Randall 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); Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Town Clerk); Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent); Bob Rudt, Cee Mckenzie, Bob Coulter, Bert Windle, Russ Jockel and Gary Smith.

Resolution #22

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2011 MEETING

On motion of Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilman Harris the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Resolution #23

ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2011

On motion of Councilwoman Randall, seconded by Councilwoman Burke the resolution was ADOPTED. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Resolution #24

ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2011

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

Resolution #25

PAY AUDITED BILLS

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

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #5 in the following amounts;

General Account	#124 - 154	\$22,365.29
Highway Account	# 73 - 84	\$19,191.71
Black Point Sewer District #1	# 5 - 7	\$11,993.46
Royal Anchorage Sewer District	# 2	\$ 2,700.00

CORRESPONDANCE

Lake George Asian Clam Rapid Response Task Force

Supervisor LaPointe explains that he has been corresponding with Walt Lender, Executive Director of the Lake George Association, about the invasion of Asian Clams, which were discovered in the southern end of Lake George in the fall of 2010. He explains that there is a \$415,000.00 eradication plan underway to protect Lake George from the Asian Clams. The Response Task Force has received commitments of funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 each from Towns around the lake. They are hoping that the Town of Putnam will consider a \$5,000.00 investment toward protecting Lake George. Supervisor LaPointe informs the Board that the Warren County Board of Supervisors are investing \$30,000.00 with the expectation that the remaining towns and counties bordering the lake would also support the project. Supervisor LaPointe is asking the Board if they would consider pledging an amount to the project to protect the integrity of Lake George. Councilman Hart pointed out that there has been limited success on getting rid of milfoil and he can see this project like a revolving fund with no end to it. Bert Windle also feels that the money would be better spent on prevention. A lengthy discussion followed and it was decided that Supervisor LaPointe will see if Mr. Lender can attend next months meeting.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

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Bob Coulter of Gull Bay informs the Board that he has a formal complaint form that the assessor needs to present to the Equalization Board. The form needs to be signed by Supervisor LaPointe and Supervisor Banks from Dresden. Mr. Coulter is also asking the Highway Department to fix the guard rails on Gull Bay Road, which have been down for a while. Highway Superintendent Treadway will see that they are repaired.

Cee McKenzie

Cee reports that a Town of Putnam sign is down. Supervisor LaPointe pointed out that the wind blew it down and it will be back up in a week.

Bert Windle

Mr. Windle discussed his reasons why the Code Enforcement Officer should attend the Planning Board meetings. Supervisor LaPointe will discuss the matter with Mr. Ball.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Treadway reports that because of the rain, they haven't been able to do any ditching on Ferry Lane. The crew has been doing some painting. Supervisor LaPointe explains that the beach should be done before Memorial Day.

PLANNING BOARD

Robert Rudt of the Planning Board reports the following.

1: Line Adjustment

A line adjustment was done between the Micholawzi and Spellman property.

2: 3 Lot Sub-division of the former Sears property

A soil analysis will be done on the Sears Farm sub-division.

3: Denno Property

A Public Hearing is required for the Denno property.

4: Glenburnie East Sub-division

This is a 9 lot sub-division. One is on highway and the rest is swamp. The Site Plan Review was accepted and they will be going ahead with the engineering.

5: Adirondack Camp

The Camp is erecting a 14 x 28 cabin with screens.

6: White Sub-division

Mr. Rudt reports that another attorney is now involved in the sub-division process. This attorney is saying that the Whites do not have a right-of-way.

Mr. Rudt also informs the board that on a scale of 1 to 10, the cooperation between the Planning Board and the Code Enforcement Officer is zero and greatly needs to improve.

OLD BUSINESS

Park Progress

Supervisor LaPointe reports that a meeting is planned with the APA for May 26th at 11:00AM. The meeting will be held at the proposed park property. The Supervisor also reports that he has spoken to Senator Little's office and he is assured that all the grant money is still in place.

NEW BUSINESS

LGA Request

Supervisor LaPointe will ask Walt Lender to attend the next Board meeting.

White Goods Pick-Up

Supervisor LaPointe asked Highway Superintendent Treadway if he would set up a date for the White Goods Pick-up.

Washington County Board of Election Facilitation Agreement

Supervisor LaPointe read aloud, the request and resolution that the WCBOE requires in order to provide for the conduct of elections.

Resolution #26

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FACILITATION AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Elections requires various assistance from the towns in Washington County to provide for conduct of elections;

WHEREAS, the Town of Putnam, acting by and through its Town Clerk, is willing and able to provide the following services to the WCBOE for elections conducted during the 2011 calendar year.

RESOLVED, that the Clerks will;

- Contact Inspectors to determine availability
- Inform Inspectors of their work schedule
- Contact WCBOE for help in filling shortages
- Contact WCBOE of their inspector's roster in writing at least 10 days before the election.

RESOLVED, that there will be an inspector appointed to be responsible for the sites Green Security Bag.

- Picking up the Green Security Bag at WCBOE office the day before the election
- Keeping it secure overnight
- Bring bag to pole site.

Lake Communities of Putnam

(Subject: Property Taxes)

Mr. Windle, President of the LCP, points out that in an economy that has not improved, that their property taxes "still present a problem with our members." He reports that "the State Comptroller stated that New York has the most confusing property tax rules and regulations in the entire United States." He reports that Governor Cuomo is pushing for a property tax cap. He noted that the State is finally recognizing what we have been trying to tell them for years, that

they need to take some action. He would “like to start early with regards to the Town and County budgets, and let it be known that the membership of the LCP would like to see that we maintain a flat line budget for this year.” He would like to send a message through Supervisor LaPointe to the County, that we want a flat line with no increase.

With regards to the trailer issue, he states that “if someone brings a trailer in for the summer and pulls it away in September, they don’t pay taxes.” He feels that they have the same enjoyment that he has on the lake without paying taxes.

Ferry Road progress

Councilman Hart pointed out that Highway Superintendent Treadway had reported that the crew didn’t do any work on Ferry Road and feels it should be known that the “railroad guys” have not done their part. Supervisor LaPointe points out the Superintendent Treadway has called the guy but he has not been able to reach him. Supervisor LaPointe will get together with Superintendent Treadway and they will contact George Berard to discuss this problem with him.

Resolution #27

SUPERVISORS ANNUAL REPORT

On motion of Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Burke, the following resolution was ADOPTED; ayes 4, Nays 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board agrees to accept the Supervisor’s Annual Report for 2010.

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart to Adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted, _____ Patricia Wilson, Town Clerk

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Greg Harris _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Cathie Burke _____ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman