

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, August 14th, 2014

The meeting was opened and began by auditing the bills, the Supervisor's monthly report and the Town Clerk's monthly report. The meeting was started with Councilwoman Cathie Burke leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present:

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

Absent: Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway

Others present:

Patricia Wilson (Town Clerk); Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Town Clerk);
Bob Rudt, Cee McKenzie, Sandy Granger, Grace and Joe Dillon, and Peter Leyh.

Resolution #81

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 2014 TOWN BOARD MEETING

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

Resolution #82

ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2014

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

Resolution #83

ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2014

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

Resolution #84

PAY AUDITED BILLS

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

RESOLVED that bills be paid on Abstract #8 in the following amounts:

General Account	# 205 - 247	\$ 43,880.02
Highway Account	# 128 - 155	\$ 15,317.92

CORRESPONDENCE

Richard Stormer, President of the Putnam Fire Department, presented the Board with a copy of a Certificate of Incorporation for the Putnam Volunteer Fire Company No.1. After looking at the document it was decided not to do anything about the document until the Town Attorney has a chance to look at it. Supervisor LaPointe will submit it to the Town Attorney for his review.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

PLANNING BOARD

Robert Rudt reports the following information from the Planning Board.

- 1: The Hudson Falls Realty Co. was on the agenda for the meeting last night but they were a no show.
- 2: Adirondack Camp wants to build an extension on their building to accommodate more people. They now serve 320 people at one setting.
- 3: A sub-division for Bob Geh.
- 4: Peter Leyh wants to build a shed in Evergreen Shore.
- 5: Galen Seerup wants to build a woodshed.

HIGHWAY

Supervisor LaPointe reports that Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway will not be at the meeting tonight. Supervisor LaPointe reports that everything is moving along.

Robert Rudt informed the Board that there will be a rehearsal dinner starting tonight and a wedding on Saturday at Peter Smith's home. Supervisor LaPointe was made aware of

the wedding at the Smith house.

Councilman Hart asked Mr. Rudt if the Hudson Falls Realty Co. had submitted any information to the Planning Board about their intentions of where they were going to put the access roads? Councilman Hart does not like the idea of the Company by-passing the Planning Board. The Supervisor will call Bill Mikas tomorrow. The Supervisor then reported that there has been several sightings of rattlesnakes. He has had a conversation with Bill Mikas and the DEC about this problem. The DEC sent a representative up, who suggested that summer logging was not a good idea.

OLD BUSINESS

Cummings Park Progress

Supervisor LaPointe reports that himself and Councilman Harris had a conversation with a representative from Gillibrand's office. Councilman Harris said that the railroad doesn't want the crossing to go in until there is an agreement between them and the town and Irving Cummings. A portion of the agreement was read by Supervisor LaPointe.

Ordered by the Judge

1. That a proposed Town road in the Town of Putnam, Washington County, connecting County Route 2 with the Cummings Memorial Park on the shore of Lake Champlain, cross over the tracks of the CP rail System, at-grade, at Mile Post 95.90.
2. That the said at-grade crossing at Mile Post 95.90 be equipped with automatic flashers and gates.
3. That until such automatic flashers and gates are installed and operable, the Town of Putnam install and maintain lockable gates on both sides of the crossing to prevent access to the tracks. (See attached)

All information has been sent to Dave Connors at Gillibrand's office. Supervisor LaPointe and Mr. Connors are hoping to arrange a meeting between the three parties. The town of Putnam, Senator Gillibrand and the railroad. The Town is willing to meet in her Albany office.

Boat Launch

The Supervisor reports that the boat launch project is going well. The Supervisor thanked Mary Jane Dedrick for a job well done. There will be extended hours in place for this Friday night until midnight, with the reason being that there will be fireworks in Hague.

Article 7 - Adirondack Camp

A discussion began with Supervisor LaPointe explaining that originally the Adirondack Camp's reval was 3.3 million. Then the Review Board lowered the reval to 2.7 million. The town hired an independent appraiser who appraised it at 3.7 million. The Supervisor feels that the appraiser did a good job using the income approach.

Head Start Program

Supervisor LaPointe explains that there will be an open enrollment for a Head Start Program on August 27th at the Town Hall. Councilman Harris suggested that the notice should be put in the local paper. The Board agreed. This is a County program and there will be a representative at the Town Hall from 1PM to 3PM to answer any questions.

NEW BUSINESS

2015 Budget

A Budget Workshop will be held on September 8th at 4PM at the Putnam Town Hall.

Putnam Post Office Change In Daily Hours

Supervisor LaPointe reported that the new hours for the Putnam Post will be 8AM until 12 noon, Monday through Friday and Saturday, 8AM to 12 noon. Deliveries will remain the same. Out going mail should be put in the outside drop box after the noon hour.

Joe Dillon

Mr. Dillon talks to the Board about a logging road off from the Sagamore Road. From this road, Joes talks about the fantastic view of Lake George, all the way down to the narrows. Mr. Dillon wondered if there was a kind benefactor who would develop the road? Supervisor LaPointe will contact Nancy Williams to see if they had an answer. Nancy is the Executive Director of the Nature Conservancy, who owns the property.

On motion of Councilwoman Burke, seconded by Councilman Hart to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted _____ Patricia Wilson,
Town Clerk.

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Greg Harris _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Cathie Burke _____ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman