

Regular Meeting Of the Putnam Town Board

PUTNAM TOWN BOARD
MARCH 14, 2019
7P.M. PUTNAM TOWN HALL

The meeting opened with the auditing of bills, the Supervisor's monthly report and the Town Clerk's monthly report, and an audit of 2018 Court records.

7:00 Meeting called to order

Councilman Greg Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present:	Supervisor	John LaPointe
	Councilman	Darrell Wilson
	Councilman	Kevin Hart
	Councilwoman	Shirley Randall
	Councilman	Greg Harris

Others present: Mary Jane Detrick (Deputy Town Clerk, P.O. Box 14), Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent, Treadway Lane), Cee McKenzie (BAR Chair, 526 Gull Bay Road), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Charlie Bain (Boat launch attendant, 17 Bain Lane), Sherry Kuhl (Resident, 7 Darling Hill Lane), Leslie L. Bain (Resident, 371 Peterson Road), Galen Seerup (Planning Board Chair, 17360 State Route 22)

Resolution#13

Accept Town Court records as audited

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 14

Accept the minutes of the February 14, 2019 meeting

On motion of Councilman Darrell Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 15

Accept the Supervisor's report for the month of February 2019

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilman Darrell Wilson; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 16

Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of February, 2019

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilman Darrell Wilson; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #17

Pay bill as audited

On motion of Councilman Darrell Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolved, the bills on the following are paid as audited.

General Fund	# 54-85	\$5,849.41
Highway Fund	# 26-40	\$10,292.50
Black Point Sewer District	# 5	\$13,757.95

Correspondence (7:02)

NONE

Courtesy of the floor

NONE

Highway Superintendent report (7:03)

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported that the equipment performed well in the past month with only minor adjustments made in house. Approximately half of the stock pile of sand remains. HS Treadway reported more sand and salt was used this winter due to the amount of ice this year. He continued that the roads will be posted for the six ton weight limit in the coming week as the spring thaw begins; he has spoken with loggers working in the area making them aware the weight limit would be imposed in the coming week. With the few warmer days we had, the crew cut dead trees on Gull Bay and Sagamore Road. As the snow banks retreat the crew will be working on cutting brush back. HS Treadway stated in the end of March or beginning of April, weather providing, the road sweeping will begin. Town Supervisor LaPointe added that he checked the overtime the crew has earned over the winter, at this point in time it totals around \$16,000. Supervisor LaPointe also stated that \$38,000 was budgeted. HS Treadway continued that the brine solution has around one thousand gallons remaining of the six thousand gallons he began with. He thought there was enough to finish the winter, with no need to re-order until fall.

Planning Board report (7:06)

Planning Board Chair Galen Seerup reported Bonnie and Sid Barnhart attended the Planning Board meeting who want to open a stand on their property to sell various raw food products. The Barnhart's plans were approved. Diane Granger also went before the Planning Board, Mrs. Granger wants to build and accessory building to store kayaks and boats; this was approved by the board as well. The Devlin's returned to continue with plans to build a home in Indian Point. The Devlin's made a few changes; one is moving the proposed building closer to the lake. PBC Seerup also reported he had met with the Town Assessor Mr. McCarty, the town Attorney John Breitenbach, Supervisor LaPointe to review the Glenburnie parcels in question at last month's meeting. He stated he felt it was an informative meeting. The assessor has since provided the Planning Board with maps that show the original 1907 subdivision overlaid with the tax map. Mr. Seerup felt this will be helpful to the Planning Board in the future. The Assessor also agreed to notify the Planning Board when properties are combined for tax purposes. PBC also reported that the Planning Board reviewed the draft of the new Site Plan Review. The Planning

Board will conduct workshops to discuss areas they'd like to see developed in the plan. The Planning Board will then present their work to the Town Board.

Old business (7:10)

2019 lifeguards: Supervisor LaPointe reported that an ad was run for lifeguards. Recreation Supervisor Mary Jane Dedrick added that three of the last year's lifeguards will be returning, one isn't sure yet if he's returning and she received one letter of interest.

2019 Rabies Clinic: Supervisor LaPointe advised the annual rabies clinic will be taking place on Saturday March 16th at 8 A.M-9 A.M. at the town hall.

New business (7:12)

Supervisor LaPointe presented the board with a request for the LGA (Lake George Association) for support in their efforts to secure a grant used to offset the costs of boat launch attendant's wages in their boat inspection program. In the past the grant has reimbursed the town seventy five percent of the wages with grant money.

Resolution #18

Support the LGA in the form of a letter to assist in their efforts to secure a grant for their boat launch program.

On motion of Councilman Darrell Wilson, seconded by Councilman Greg Harris; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Supervisor LaPointe presented the board with a Hazard Mitigation Plan put forth by Washington County. The plan assists FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) in reimbursing the town for losses that might occur after a disaster. Supervisor LaPointe read the resolution aloud. (See attached)

Resolution #19

Adopt the Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan

On motion of Councilman Kevin Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted. Roll call: 5 ayes 0 nays

Supervisor LaPointe continued saying he'd been approached by the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent about the possibility of increasing the terms of office from 2 years to 4 years for the Supervisor, Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk. Supervisor LaPointe comically commented that he's not going to run again so no one will be stuck with him for four years, which drew laughter from those in attendance, he went on to say that the Town Justice and the Town Board already have 4 year terms. Councilman Harris commented it made sense as elected people barely get in the job and then have to run again. All three will be separate resolutions; the resolutions will be passed as a local law then will be put on the ballot in November as a referendum for voters to vote on. A majority of voters is needed for it to pass. If it passes in November then it will be filed with the State as local laws 1, 2 and 3. (See attached)

Supervisor LaPointe reported he has been advised by Washington County that the Republican Caucus date has been moved from August to May 4th. Putnam's Republican Caucus will be May 4th at 10 A.M. at the Putnam Town Hall. Anyone that wishes to run in the Republican Caucus will need to send a letter of interest to the town's Republican Chair (John LaPointe) by April 26th by 5pm. Letters of intent must be post marked on or before April 26th or if delivered in person to Mr. LaPointe's home by 5pm of the same date, or if delivering to the Town Clerk's office by 1pm on the same date. There are no nominations accepted from the floor at the caucus.

No notification has come from the Democrat Chair regarding their caucus date and time as of this meeting.

Supervisor LaPointe moved on to the next item of new business, the re-appointment of Jim Hock to the Planning Board. Mr. Hock had finished out a term vacated by a previous member of the Planning Board. The Planning Board terms are 6 years.

Resolution #20

Re-appoint Jim Hock to the Putnam Planning Board

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilman Darrell Wilson; all in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Councilman Hart asked Supervisor LaPointe if there has been any new communications with company planning the Champlain Express power project. Supervisor LaPointe replied that no new communications has taken place since his last communication a few months ago.

Councilman Wilson asked Supervisor LaPointe if there have been any updates from Spectrum about the high-speed internet connection to homes. Supervisor LaPointe replied there has been no communications.

Resolution #21 (7:25)

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board

On motion of Councilman Darrell Wilson, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; all in favor, Resolution adopted.

Regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Next regular meeting: April 11, at 7 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor
Darrell Wilson _____ Councilman
Kevin Hart _____ Councilman
Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman
Greg Harris _____ Councilman

TOWN OF PUTNAM, WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEW YORK

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 of THE YEAR 2019

**A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE TERM OF OFFICE
OF TOWN SUPERVISOR FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS.**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Putnam as follows:

Section 1. TITLE: This local law shall be known as the “Local Law to Change the Term of Office of Town Supervisor from Two (2) Years to Four (4) Years” in the Town of Putnam, Washington County, New York.

Section 2. PURPOSE: The purpose of this local law is to extend the term of the office for the Town Supervisor from two (2) years to four (4) years. The Town Board believes an extended term would bring greater continuity to the office and believes the extended term is in the public’s best interest.

Section 3. STATUTORY AUTHORITY: This local law is adopted pursuant to Section 10(1)(ii)(a) and Section 23(2)(e) of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

Section 4. APPLICATION OF FOUR YEAR TERM OF OFFICE: This local law shall extend the term of office of the elected Town Supervisor from two years to four years. Such four-year term shall commence as of the first day of January following the first biennial town election after the effective date of this local law and shall apply to the person elected to such office at the biennial town election held on November 5, 2019 and those elected thereafter.

Section 3. MANDATORY REFERENDUM: This local law is adopted subject to a mandatory referendum and shall be submitted for approval of the qualified electors of the Town of Putnam at the general election to be held November 5, 2019. A proposition in the following form shall be included on the ballot at such general election, and the increased term of office shall not take effect unless such proposition is approved by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the Town of Putnam voting thereon: “Shall Local Law No. ____1____ of the year 2019, entitled a Local Law Increasing the Term of Office of the Town Supervisor from Two to Four Years be approved?”

Section 4. SUPERSESSION: This local law shall supersede Town Law §24 relating to the terms of office of Town Supervisor of the Town of Putnam.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law, if approved as set forth above by the qualified electors, shall become effective immediately upon being filed in the Office of Secretary of State.

Dated: Putnam, Washington County, New York April ____

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM, WASHINGTON COUNTY,
NEW YORK.

TOWN OF PUTNAM, WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEW YORK

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 of THE YEAR 2019

**A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE TERM OF OFFICE
OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS.**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Putnam as follows:

Section 1. TITLE: This local law shall be known as the “Local Law to Change the Term of Office of Highway Superintendent from Two (2) Years to Four (4) Years” in the Town of Putnam, Washington County, New York.

Section 2. PURPOSE: The purpose of this local law is to extend the term of the office for the Town Highway Superintendent from two (2) years to four (4) years. The Town Board believes an extended term would bring greater continuity to the office and believes the extended term is in the public’s best interest.

Section 3. STATUTORY AUTHORITY: This local law is adopted pursuant to Section 10(1)(ii)(a) and Section 23(2)(e) of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

Section 4. APPLICATION OF FOUR YEAR TERM OF OFFICE: This local law shall extend the term of office of the elected Highway Superintendent from two years to four years. Such four-year term shall commence as of the first day of January following the first biennial town election after the effective date of this local law and shall apply to the person elected to such office at the biennial town election held on November 5, 2019 and those elected thereafter.

Section 3. MANDATORY REFERENDUM: This local law is adopted subject to a mandatory referendum and shall be submitted for approval of the qualified electors of the Town of Putnam at the general election to be held November 5, 2019. A proposition in the following form shall be included on the ballot at such general election, and the increased term of office shall not take effect unless such proposition is approved by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the Town of Putnam voting thereon: “Shall Local Law No. ____ 2 ____ of the year 2019, entitled a Local Law Increasing the Term of Office of the Highway Superintendent from Two to Four Years be approved?”

Section 4. SUPERSESSION: This local law shall supersede Town Law §24 relating to the terms of office of Highway Superintendent of the Town of Putnam.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law, if approved as set forth above by the qualified electors, shall become effective immediately upon being filed in the Office of Secretary of State.

Dated: Putnam, Washington County, New York April _____

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM, WASHINGTON COUNTY,
NEW YORK

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LOCAL LAW NO. 3 of THE YEAR 2019

**A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE TERM OF OFFICE
OF TOWN CLERK FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS.**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Putnam as follows:

Section 1. TITLE: This local law shall be known as the “Local Law to Change the Term of Office of Town Clerk from Two (2) Years to Four (4) Years” in the Town of Putnam, Washington County, New York.

Section 2. PURPOSE: The purpose of this local law is to extend the term of the office for the Town Clerk from two (2) years to four (4) years. The Town Board believes an extended term would bring greater continuity to the office and believes the extended term is in the public’s best interest.

Section 3. STATUTORY AUTHORITY: This local law is adopted pursuant to Section 10(1)(ii)(a) and Section 23(2)(e) of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

Section 4. APPLICATION OF FOUR YEAR TERM OF OFFICE: This local law shall extend the term of office of the elected Town Clerk from two years to four years. Such four-year term shall commence as of the first day of January following the first biennial town election after the effective date of this local law and shall apply to the person elected to such office at the biennial town election held on November 5, 2019 and those elected thereafter.

Section 3. MANDATORY REFERENDUM: This local law is adopted subject to a mandatory referendum and shall be submitted for approval of the qualified electors of the Town of Putnam at the general election to be held November 5, 2019. A proposition in the following form shall be included on the ballot at such general election, and the increased term of office shall not take effect unless such proposition is approved by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the Town of Putnam voting thereon: “Shall Local Law No. 3 of the year 2019, entitled a Local Law Increasing the Term of Office of the Town Clerk from Two to Four Years be approved?”

Section 4. SUPERSESSION: This local law shall supersede Town Law §24 relating to the terms of office of Town Clerk of the Town of Putnam.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law, if approved as set forth above by the qualified electors, shall become effective immediately upon being filed in the Office of Secretary of State.

Dated: Town of Putnam, Washington County, New York April _____

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM, WASHINGTON COUNTY,
NEW YORK.

RESOLUTION

TOWN OF PUTNAM
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PUTNAM, NEW YORK

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the TOWN OF PUTNAM, with the assistance from Washington County and Tetra-Tech, has gathered information and prepared the Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the TOWN OF PUTNAM is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the TOWN OF PUTNAM have reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board that the TOWN OF PUTNAM adopts the Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2019 at the meeting of the Town Board.

(Supervisor / Mayor)

(Clerk)