

**Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, June 11th, 2015**

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:

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

Others present: Patricia Wilson (Town Clerk); Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Town Clerk); Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent); Robert Rudt, Cee McKenzie, Sue Johnson (Town Justice), Dennis Johnson, Wayne Busby, Bert6 Windle, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Coulter, Joe Zelanis, John Campbell and Nancy Wolf Fisher.

**Resolution #24**

**ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2015 MEETING**

The motion was made to accept the minutes with a spelling correction on a name. The name was listed as Steve Hatskin and should have been properly spelled as Steve Haskin. Motion made by Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Randall, the following resolution to accept the minutes with the above noted correction, was ADOPTED; Ayes 4, Nays 0.

**Resolution #25**

**ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2015**

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

**Resolution #26**

**ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2015**

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

**Resolution #27**

**PAY AUDITED BILLS**

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

Resolved that the bills be paid on Abstract #6 in the following amounts;

General Account	#165	-	207	\$13,659.32
Highway Account	#85	-	101	\$135,223.83
C/P Cummings Park	# 5			\$ 303.679.75

**CORRESPONDANCE**

*Government Efficiency Plan*

Supervisor LaPointe reports that he had received a resolution which was filed on the Efficiency Plan, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May. The Supervisor read the complete update into the minutes. (See attached) The Supervisor points out that the plan was a positive report and that "we achieved what we wanted to do."

The Supervisor also received the Assessment Review results for the 2015 year from Cee McKenzie. (See attached)

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

*Mr. Zelanis* is requesting the financial information for the Royal Anchorage Sewer District. Mr. Zelanis gave the Supervisor a list of list of financial information that he would like answers for. (See attached) Councilman Hart feels that anyone connected to the district should receive a copy. The Supervisor will compile everything he knows about and send the information to Mr. Zelanis within the time allowed.

*Wayne Busby* asked what the latest information was on the Town taking over the County roads. The Supervisor answered that no action has been taken.

*Dennis Johnson* is here representing the Putnam Fire Department. He points out that the payment is past due. He is asking if there is anyway they can go for a yearly payment. The Supervisor agrees that it can be done. Dennis reports that there will be an association meeting von July 6<sup>th</sup> to be held at the firehouse. There will be a free breakfast and everyone is invited.

**Resolution # 28**

**ANNUAL PAYMENT**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam, enter into an agreement with the Putnam Fire Company to receive the remainder left on the contract for this year and adjust next year with an annual contract.

*Dennis Johnson* reports that they have created a twenty-two minute presentation on budgets, to present to the Board, so they can start working this early. He would like to put this on the agenda for next months Town Board meeting.

*Nancy Wolf Fisher* is asking where the trash goes after the town has collected it? The Supervisor told her that it goes to the burning plant in Hudson Falls and the recycling goes to the transfer station just across the South Bay Bridge.

*Bert Windle* spoke to the Board at length about the Assessment Review Board and some of the most recent appointees. Mr. Windle believes that Mr. Kissko does not belong on the Board and that he will personally ask him for his resignation. Councilman Hart points out that everyone who has served on the BAR has a vested interest in this Town financially. "They have to make a good sound decision because it will affect everybody in the Town." *Cee McKenzie* states "that as Chairman of the BAR, I have to say that each and every grievance that comes before the Board was treated on it' own merits." *Cee* further stated that "there are extremely healthy discussions during our executive session, by every member of the Board." She did not find "any one person to be either way to far one way or the other, with all merits being discussed and voted on appropriately."

*Bob Rudt* wants to correct Councilman Hart who said "just because somebody pays a million and a half dollars for something that isn't worth it, and then comes in to argue his assessment, he has no basis for the BAR to assess him at that rate." It would constitute a new assessment for a special re-val. The Supervisor states that "Welcome stranger and that's against the law." Mr. Rudt states "that it should be based on comparable property. It's called Equity Fairness."

**HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendant Treadway reports that the White Goods pick up date will be July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Town residents may contact the Highway Superintendant or the Town Clerks office to make arrangements for pick up. The lines on the Gull Bay Road will be done sometime in August at a cost of \$400/mile.

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Robert Rudt reports there will be a Public Hearing on a Site Plan Review for Peter Delarado in Royal Anchorage. He would like to build a three story home, with the first level being a garage. This needed special approval from the APA, which he has received.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Town Park**

The DEC will close the crossing but will not abandon it. The crossing will be closed to the public and the Town will agree to pursue the park plan. A 25 year contract to leave it closed will be renewed six times in 5 year increments.

### **Resolution # 29**

#### **ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE DEC FOR RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURE**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam does agree to sign a contract with the DEC, to agree to pursue the Town Park plan. The contract will include a twenty five year agreement to leave the crossing closed. This agreement can be renewed six times in five year increments.

### **Town Hall Building**

Supervisor LaPointe feels we should purchase the building that was formerly the Putnam Store. The Board could then decide what priorities would be needed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution # 31**

**APPROVE ANNUAL REPORT AS PRESENTED**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam does hereby approve the Annual Report as presented.

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart to Adjourn the regular meeting at 9:25PM.

Respectfully submitted, \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Wilson, Town Clerk

John LaPointe \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor

Greg Harris \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman

Shirley Randall \_\_\_\_\_ Councilwoman

Cathie Burke \_\_\_\_\_ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman