

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, September 10th, 2015

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 Councilman Greg Harris 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

Others present:

Patricia Wilson (Town Clerk); Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Town Clerk); Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent), Bob Rudt, Cee McKenzie, Susan Johnson (Town Justice), Charlie Bain, Darlene Kerr, Bert Windle, Joe Zelanis, Nancy Wolf Fisher, Joe Fisher, Bill Brown, Lois and Larry Walsh, Leslie Bain, Joan Austin, Linda Barber and Doug Chase.

**Resolution #44**

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2015 TOWN BOARD MEETING

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

**Resolution #45**

ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2015

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

**Resolution #46**

ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2015

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

**Resolution #47**

PAY AUDITED BILLS

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

RESOLVED that bills be paid on Abstract #9 in the following amounts:

General Account	# 275 - 295	\$ 15,100.66
Highway Account	# 141 -154	\$ 14,776.06

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor LaPointe received a request from Nancy Fisher concerning the garbage ticket sales and disposal expenses and how it is operated. The Supervisor informed Nancy that in a two year span ;

1. The amount of sales in 2013 was 17,750 at \$1 per ticket. The amount was 18,464 that was sold in 2014.
2. The disposal cost in 2013 at the burning plant was \$8,059. 5686 ton of garbage went to the disposal plant.
3. The garbage program has been going since 1992. It is funded out of the highway budget. No additional employees are hired tom pick up the garbage or recyclables.

Nancy is asking how many hours the program serves? The Supervisor explains that the amount is 169 year round and the amount is an additional 300 in the summer.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR (with a 4 minute time limit)**

Leslie Bain

Leslie is asking if the Town Highway crew plans to come back to put more gravel over the culvert that crosses the road in front of her driveway? She is concerned that the snow plow will eventually hit it this winter. Highway superintendent Treadway will have the crew take care of it.

Bill Brown

Mr. Brown is here to "thank" the Board for helping them out with their budget. He is asking the Board to okay appropriations based on the final answer on Monday so they can start making orders for the gear that is needed.

Bert Windle

Mr. Windle is here to suggest to the Board some of the problems that he sees that can be resolved. A lengthy discussion continued about many of these problems. Bert is happy to see that the Town Board and the Fire Department are working together.

**Planning Board**

Bob Rudt reports that Ellen Leonforte is building a new house on Liddle Harris Road.

**HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway reports that the crew is planning on cutting brush and ditching. He also reports the "yellow lines" will be done by the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A lengthy discussion was held about whether the Board should re-visit the proposed purchase of Wilbur's Store. Councilman Hart feels that the Fire House would be the best option. The Fire Department is in complete agreement.

Susan Johnson

Susan is concerned about the <sup>fire</sup> tanks at the store. The Supervisor assured her that it has been taken care of. He points out that there was an environmental study done by Jarrett Engineering and every test came back clean. Susan feels that the public should know that it's done. A heated discussion continued with no decision made.

Nancy Fisher

Nancy recommends that the Board ask the current audience which option they would prefer to see the board progress on, Wilbur's or the Fire House?

**Resolution # 48**

Develop the Putnam Fire House

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

RESOLVED, that the Board does agree to progress and explore the possibilities to develop the Putnam Fire House.

Budget Meeting

The Board has agreed to a budget meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 4PM.

**New Business**

**Resolution # 49**

**NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Putnam does agree to appoint Samuel Smith to the Town of Putnam Assessment Review Board.

On motion of Councilwoman Burke, seconded by Councilman Hart to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:30PM.

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

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

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

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

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

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