

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam October 8th 2015

The meeting opened and began by auditing the bills, Supervisor's monthly report and the Town Clerk's monthly report. The meeting started with with Supervisor LaPointe 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), Shirley Beeman, Peggy Ives, Darlene Kerr, Cee McKenzie, Bob Rudt, Nancy LaVallie, Eileen Greeley, Bert Windle, Al&Ellie Coueter, Bill Brown, David Manchester, Peter Leyh, A Sheeley and Leslie Bain.

Resolution # 50

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2015 TOWN BOARD MEETING

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

Resolution #51

ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall the following Resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolution #52

ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

On motion made by Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilwomam Cathy Burke the following Resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolution #53

PAY AUDITED BILLS

On motion made by Councilman Kevin Hart, seconded by Councilman Greg Harris the following Resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLVED that bills be paid on Abstract # 10 in the following amounts:

General Account	# 296 – 332	\$ 21,300.96
Highway Account	# 155 – 174	\$ 9,707.82

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor LaPointe read letter from Hild. Will go into executive session after meeting to discuss this matter.

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

Bert Windle

Bert read letter from Eugene Frost; see attached. Bert wanted Budget on the web site. Should be out early so people could see it. Supervisor LaPointe said public hearing next meeting.

Bert said we will have new Town Clerk in January. He wanted to know what her duties were, and why she gets extra for collecting taxes and supervisor gets more for Budget Officer also Highway Superintendent for public works officer. Supervisor LaPointe said it is in the budget and how much they get. Bert felt the town could do more for Fire Company. Supervisor LaPointe said the town was giving them a loan to get new heating system, gear and pagers. He also wanted to know if there was some way the town could give them the money and they didn't have to pay it back. He also mentioned Putnam School. Afraid we might lose our school because of the low number of children at the school. See if we could tuition our kids to Ticonderoga and still keep the school building.

Peter Leyh

Peter thanked Gary for the yellow line down the Gull Bay road. Peter also said there is a possibility of some sort of contamination going into the bay from the stream. He said Randy Rath was waiting for rain to get some samples to see what was going on. Chris Navitsky is also looking into it. Peter would like John to get touch with Dave Decker about this situation. Peter would also like the new Town Clerk to put out a news letter each month. Peter would like a hearing about his situation with the BAR. Also looking for the town to pay his \$1000.00 lawyer's fee. John asked when he wanted it. He said he would give John a call.

PLANNING BOARD

No meeting until next week.

HIGHWAY

Gary said they were hauling to stock pile about a week left. Still mowing, cutting brush and working on roads, getting equipment ready for the "first snow". Cleaned up north side meadow knoll cemetery it will make for 40 new sites. Gary talked about the use of salt brine. Wants to see how other towns make out. Kevin asked about new truck. Gary said it was still getting made. Should get it the first of the year. Bob Rudt wanted to know about the boat launch, Open on week-ends until October 31st then closed for the season.

FIRE COMPANY

Bill Brown said put flag up at cemetery. Gear and pagers are ordered. Heating system, Mt Petroleum had lowest bid, will start installing new system soon. All trucks back in service blew seal on one truck at last fire. Fire Safety Week Kids from school came to fire house.

OLD BUSINESS

Not buying Wilbers store. Maybe remodel back of Town Hall. Need to pay \$1000.00 to owner of store. Park Dave Conners from Gillibrand office to set up a meeting with DEC and the RR about the crossing.

Eileen Greeley, Town Historian, had set a display in the Town Hall she had in Salem on the Civil War.

John said the board had to go into executive session to resolve the claim that the Hilds had against The town. Bert Windle asked if there were any others and John said only the camp.

Councilwoman made motion to go into executive session to discuss tax litigations.

Came out of executive session at 8:30. Resolved to settle the claim with Mr. & Mrs. Hild.

On motion of Councilwoman Burke, seconded by Councilman Harris to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted _____ Mary Jane Dedrick
Deputy Town Clerk

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Greg Harris _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Cathie Burke _____ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman

Subj: **Budget meeting & Town Hall**
Date: 10/8/2015 12:17:29 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
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To Supervisor John La Point and the Putnam Town Board

I have asked Mr Windle to direct a couple of questions I have re the Budget and the Proposed Town Hall

John La Point told me in early July he was going to set up a public hearing on the status and options available for the proposed new town hall. I believe the date was to be in August as there were many taxpayers who wanted to weigh in on the subject

I would request this meeting be scheduled at a time and place convenient to all residents of the town including summer residents as this promised meeting did not materialize

On The Budget; in the interest of Transparency I would request a budget that places a name next to any town employee, who receives compensation for any job or duty they perform for the Town. Including any committees they might serve on receiving compensation be it one, two, or more positions.

Your budgets are difficult to comprehend and in the interest of open government this needs to be made transparent

A FOIL request should not be necessary for this public information

Thank you,
Gene

E H Frost

Thursday, October 08, 2015 AOL: wnd330