

**Regular Meeting
of the
Putnam Town Board**

PUTNAM TOWN BOARD
MARCH 10, 2016
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.

7:00 Meeting called to order

Supervisor John LaPointe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call 7:02

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

Others present:

Susan Johnson (Town Justice, 17019 State Route 22), Cee McKenzie (526 Gull Bay Road), Bob Rudt (Planning Board, 526 Gull Bay Road), Charlie Bain Sr. (Bain Lane)

Resolution # 44

Accept the minutes of February 11, 2016 regular meeting

On motion by Councilwoman Cathie Burke, Seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall; Resolution adopted.

Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolution # 45

Accept Supervisor's monthly report for February 2016

On motion by Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; Resolution adopted.

Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolution #46

Accept Town Clerk's report for February 2016

On motion by Councilman Kevin Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall, Resolution adopted.

Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolution #47

Pay bills as audited

On motion by Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; Resolution adopted. Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolved the bills on abstract #3 to be paid in the following amounts:

General Account	#44-78	\$115,202.17
Highway Account	#31-44	\$ 10,005.52

Correspondence

None

Courtesy of the floor (4 minute time limit)

Susan Johnson (Putnam Volunteer Fire Department) reported they had a Public Service Committee meeting (PSC), included in the discussions at the meeting were Councilman Kevin Hart, Councilwoman Shirley Randall, Firepersons Sue Johnson, Dennis Johnson, Bill Brown, Doug Thatcher, also community member Cee McKenzie. The discussion included re-writing the contract with the town, specifically, removing a truck fund that was in the contract and the way 911 calls are made through Washington County Dispatch.

Sue Johnson also reported on Tuesday March 8, 2016 was the first meeting with the new Junior Department that now has eight members. Dennis Johnson is going to be the head of the youth group, Jr. Members. Bob Rudt inquired about the budgeting for the new members, Sue replied saying there was “no flexibility in the budget for outfitting Jr. Members”. The fire department is trying to gather items from other departments. The biggest issue is boots for the Jr. Members; boots run \$200+ per pair. They are trying to raise funds to budget for the boots. Bob Rudt also inquired what if anything did the Jr. Members get when they joined; Sue said they give out T-shirts, water bottles and things along those lines.

Jr. Member Riley O’Hara will be graduating from Fire Fighter 1 on April 9th, 2016 in Kingsbury. He will be a Class A certified SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus). Also discussed where possible ways to recognize the Jr. Members that showed dedication. Councilman Harris suggested paying for the mileage for the training travel. Sue Johnson also suggested in addition to that, the Town of Putnam giving the Jr. Member a plaque, or a stipend to recognize their efforts. Councilman Kevin Hart suggested investigating the possibility of the Town developing a Youth Jr. Fireman Scholarship fund, managed by the Town, for the purpose supporting the youth who are dedicated and complete training. Supervisor LaPointe responded saying he could budget more money to the youth commission fund and ear mark it for the Jr. Members. Bob Rudt added that Bert Windle had suggested something like this last year and had spoken with the LCP board about. Mr. Rudt also suggested this was something the Public Service Committee could work on.

The Putnam Volunteer Fire Department is exploring the possibility of putting together a social member group where the participants can be involved in fund raising activities without being held to standards of being to all of the drills and meetings in a month.

Mrs. Johnson also said there was a change in officers, Sue Tucker stepped down as Captain, and Dennis Johnson was elected to the vacant position of Captain.

The Putnam Volunteer Fire Department will have a “Spring Fling” on April 2nd, they will be serving spaghetti, they will begin advertising and looking for donations of baskets to raffle, as well as looking for people to help cook.

7:13 Floor Closed

Highway Department Report

Supervisor LaPointe gave the report in the absence of Gary Treadway, Highway Superintendent. The new truck arrived March 9th, 2016

Planning Board Report

Bob Rudt reported the planning had a public hearing and review of the project on Link Way. The project is waiting for the engineering of the septic; also The Lake George Park Commission has come back with a 15 item check list for the property.

Another item of business at the planning board meeting was the sale of the beaver pond (near Warrick Road), changing hands from Thomas Eliopoulos to the Lake George Land Conservancy. Mr. Eliopoulos wants to cut the beaver pond from other existing lots making it a segmented subdivision.

The last item of business was The Planning Board passed the agreement with Washington County titled "Exemption of Matters of Local Concern from County Planning Board Review". This agreement streamlines the referral of local projects to the County under GML 239 and m and exempts certain projects deemed to have no inter-municipal impact from referral to the County Planning Board. Galen Seerup will sign that as Chairman and return it to Washington County.

Old Business

Renovations to Town Hall

Supervisor LaPointe addressed the board about revisiting the renovations to the Town Hall. Supervisor LaPointe said he thought there might be monies available from outside sources for building renovations. Councilman Harris expressed some concern about the cost to the Town, but agreed that looking into funding would be prudent. Susan Johnson suggested seeking input from the community via the Towns web site, however after brief discussion it was determined that would be premature as the monies available haven't been investigated. Supervisor LaPointe said he would check into the grants available and what could be done with such grants.

Cummings Park Progress

Supervisor LaPointe was contacted by Mr. Brook of Canadian Pacific Railroad about the crossing at the park. Mr. Brook indicated he needed paper work from National Grid. Supervisor LaPointe contacted Ty Stine with National Grid to find the contracts from previous years for the railroad right of way. The contracts were obtained for Canadian Pacific. The next step is to get the permit to go under the tracks with the power lines. Councilman Hart raised the question about scheduling the wiring that goes down the tracks. Supervisor LaPointe responded saying the Town has already paid \$37,383.00 July 10, 2014 showing the contract with National Grid. Ty Stine will meet with Gary Treadway to discuss where the trench needs to be dug for the lines. The Town needs to provide the under track boring.

Rabies Clinic

The rabies clinic is set for Saturday, March 26, 2016, at 8A.M.

New Business

Darlene Kerr (Putnam Town Clerk) made a request of \$100.00 for petty cash for the clerk's office.

Resolution # 48

\$100.00 petty cash for clerk's office

On motion by Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall; Resolution adopted. Ayes 5, Nays 0

Darlene Kerr (Putnam Town Clerk) made a request to enter into contract with nCourt for an online payment system and credit card reader, with a onetime cost of \$200.00 for the credit card reader.

Resolution # 49

Enter into contract with nCourt for online payments and credit card reader

On motion by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Hart; Resolution adopted.

Ayes 5, Nays 0

Boat Launch: The boat launch will be opening May 1, 2016 hours to be determined. Mary Jane Dedrick will again supervise the staff at the launch.

Life Guards: Life guard interviews will be held with Mary Jane Dedrick, and Supervisor LaPointe. Supervisor LaPointe invited any Council member join them in interviews if desired. The number of life guards will be increased to four instead of three this year. Two guards from last year will be returning. Sue Johnson stated that Doug Thatcher is a certified First Aid/ CPR instructor, with a cost of \$10 for the card should the Town need an instructor.

Bridgepoint Communications Councilman Kevin Hart said he was contacted by Shana Macey from Bridgepoint Communications regarding their research into bringing fiber optic cables to the Town of Putnam. Supervisor LaPointe will contact Bridgepoint and invite them to the next board meeting.

7:50 Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board

Motion made by Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart;

Meeting closed at 7:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

John LaPointe _____ Supervisor

Greg Harris _____ Councilman

Shirley Randall _____ Councilwoman

Cathie Burke _____ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart _____ Councilman