

Regular Meeting
Of the
Putnam Town Board

February 13, 2025, 7PM ~ Putnam Town Hall ~ Zoom

7:00 Meeting called to order

Supervisor Darrell Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present:	Supervisor	Darrell Wilson
	Councilwoman	Carole Schneider
	Councilwoman	Kayla Bennett
	Councilman	Larry Shiell
	Councilman	Charles Bain

Others present: Wayne Busby (Planning Board Member, 11 Charter Brook Lane), Mark Karlson (Planning Board Member, 2388 Black Point Way), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Kay Greenough (Resident, 427 County Route 3), Dave Hayes (PVFD, 560 Gull Bay Road), Paula Wilson (Planning Board Clerk, 15 County Route 3)

Present via ZOOM: Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Clerk, P.O. Box 14), Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road), Karl Ohly (Resident, 428 County Route 3), Robert Winn (Town Attorney, 13 North Street, Granville, NY 12832), Cee McKenzie (Budget Officer, 526 Gull Bay Road)

Resolution #10

Accept the minutes of the January 16, 2025, Regular meeting

On motion of Councilwoman Carole Schneider, seconded by Councilman Charlie Bain; all in favor. Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #11

Accept the Financial reports for the month of January 2025

On motion of Councilwoman Kayla Bennett, seconded by Councilwoman Carole Schneider; all in favor. Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #12

Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of January 2025

On motion of Councilman Charlie Bain, seconded by Councilwoman Carole Schneider all in favor. Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #13

Accept the Town Justice Report for the month of January 2025

On motion of Councilwoman Kayla Bennett, seconded by Councilman Charlie Bain; all in favor. Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #14

Pay bills as audited

On motion of Councilman Larry Shiell, seconded by Councilwoman Kayla Bennett; all in favor.
Resolution unanimously adopted.

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

General Fund	# 13-45	\$14,308.51
Highway Fund	# 18-26	\$7,900.52
Black Point Sewer District #1	# 2	\$8,601.39

Correspondence

Karl Ohly- gave a verbal offer to assist the Town Historian, Eileen Greeley, in digitizing the Putnam history book she is working on.

Sole Assessor William McCarty- resignation.

Arek Gordon- letter of interest and resume for the position of Putnam’s Sole Assessor.

NYS Department of Transportation- Warrick Road speed limit authorization for 30MPH.

Courtesy of the Floor

May Drinkwine-Shiell asked about the painted wagon on Route 22, inquiring if anyone had contacted the landowner. Attorney Winn advised that he would send a letter to the property owner in the coming week, however the issue is different now that the sign is gone and the agricultural equipment itself has been painted.

Wayne Busby addressed the Board next asking what the status was of the Agree/Wagoner issue.

Supervisor Wilson advised that it was an issue between two private landowners at this time. Attorney Winn advised that the landowners were working the issue out between themselves, also he opined that it was not something the Town should be involved with. Supervisor Wilson and Attorney Winn also advised that the other agencies, Lake George Park Commission and Adirondack Park Agency have both signed off on the work completed.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway addressed the Board saying he has been working on getting quotes for a trash truck. The current truck has aged out being 20 years old. The frame of the truck may not pass inspection this year. On State contract a 20-yard truck with a compacting unit is quoted to cost \$207,685.03 which includes a plow at \$9,608. That quote is good for 30 days. It will take approximately a year to get the new truck once ordered. New York State requires a plow for the vehicle, or the new vehicle is required by the state to be electric which would increase costs exponentially and lower performance of the work vehicle. The new truck will be used to plow parking lots.

Resolution #15

Authorized Highway Superintendent to submit a letter of intent to purchase to the truck dealer

On motion of Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Carole Schneider.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Carole Schneider	Yes
Councilwoman Kayla Bennett	Yes
Councilman Larry Shiell	Yes
Councilman Charlie Bain	Yes
Supervisor Darrell Wilson	Yes

Resolution passed unanimously.

The Highway fund has enough money in the savings plan to pay for the truck without a loan providing no other large unplanned expenses occur.

Planning Board Report

Deputy Chair Mark Karlson began the Planning Board report with the agenda from the previous night's meeting which began with a public hearing for a Gull Bay property. There was one commenter, a neighbor of the Gull Bay property. The property owners are in communication with one another. The second plan before the board was a 300 square foot shed. A public hearing was scheduled for next month. The last project before the board was for a storage barn on 300 acres that was approved. Councilman Larry Shiell raised the issue of a recording of Mark Karlson leaving a message on Ray Rice's answering service. A heated discussion followed about a resolution made in October regarding the planning board members investigating or entering property prior to getting consent from the Town Board. The intent of the resolution as explained by Councilwoman Schneider, who motioned the resolution in October, was to avoid the planning board acting as an enforcement board rather than a planning board, and to get a grasp on communications between the Planning Board and the community, as there have been several complaints from residents over time alleging that the Planning Board has overstepped their authority. Attorney Winn felt the word "investigate" wasn't clear in the resolution and needed to be clarified. Supervisor Wilson said that the intent should be clear now and moving forward, with the clarification, should be considered by the board. Councilman Shiell suggested a joint meeting of the Town Board and Planning Board. Supervisor Wilson asked Councilman Shiell to come forward with an agenda before scheduling the meeting.

Fire Department report

Dave Hayes reported that the fire department had 8 call outs, with 5 being EMS calls, 1 fire call in Putnam, one false alarm, and one standby call for the dive team. The fire department reported they have \$15,800 from the budget.

Old Business

Sole Assessor- Arek Gordon has sent a letter of interest and his resume for the position of the Sole Assessor. Mr. Gordon has the credentials to perform the work and works for other towns in Washington County. A brief discussion took place.

Resolution #16

Arek Gordon- final interview & hire date 2/27/2025 for Putnam Sole Assessor

On motion of Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Bennett; all in favor. Resolution unanimously adopted.

A final interview with Arek will take place February 27 at 7PM

Resolution #17

Enter Executive Session for the purpose of personnel discussion

On motion of Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Kayla Bennett; all in favor. Resolution unanimously adopted.

NO ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution #18

Exit Executive Session

On motion of Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Kayla Bennett; all in favor. Resolution unanimously adopted

Resolution # 19 (9:00)

Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board

On motion of Councilman Charlie Bain, seconded by Councilwoman Kayla Bennett; all in favor.
Resolution unanimously adopted.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2025, at 7PM at the Putnam Town Hall and ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

Darrell Wilson _____ Supervisor

Carole Schneider _____ Councilwoman

Kayla Bennett _____ Councilwoman

Larry Shiehl _____ Councilman

Charles Bain Sr. _____ Councilman