

Regular Meeting
Of the
Putnam Town Board

June 8, 2023, 7PM ~ Putnam Town Hall ~ Zoom

7:00 Meeting called to order

Councilman Larry Shiell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present:	Supervisor	Darrell Wilson
	Councilman	Christopher Mallon
	Councilman	Larry Shiell
	Councilwoman	Carole Schneider
	Councilman	Charles Bain

Others present: Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Clerk, P.O. Box 14), Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent, Treadway Lane), Cee McKenzie (BAR Chair, Budget Officer, 526 Gull Bay Rd), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Kayla Bennett (Resident, 526 Liddle-Harris Road), Kay Greenough (Resident, 427 County Route 3).

Present via ZOOM: Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road)

Resolution # 50

Accept the minutes of the May 11, 2023, Regular meeting

On motion of Councilman Chris Mallon, seconded by Councilman Charlie Bain; all in favor.
Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #51

Accept the Financial reports for the month of May 2023

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

Resolution # 52

Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of May 2023

On motion of Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Chris Mallon all in favor.
Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution # 53

Accept the Town Justice Report for the month of May 2023

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

Resolution #54

Pay bills as audited

On motion of Councilman Larry Shiell, seconded by Councilman Chris Mallon; all in favor.
Resolution unanimously adopted.

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

General Fund	# 115-142	\$6,547.34
Highway Fund	# 45-54	\$115,434.24

Correspondence

Councilman Eugene Cook of the Town of Huntington: Voter Identification Resolution

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported that the Hutton Square paving is finished. The crew is working on roadside mowing. Sagamore Road maintenance is slated to begin this year. HS Treadway also advised that white goods pick up will be July 12th & 13th. Residents with white goods should call the Town Clerk's office to be put on the pickup list. HS Treadway gave an update on his communications with CHPE representatives working in Putnam.

Planning Board Report

The Planning Board monthly meeting has not taken place yet this month.

Fire Department report (7:17)

No report this month.

Board of Assessment Review 2023

BAR Chair Cee McKenzie gave the Board the 2023 Grievance Day report (See Attached)

Budget Officer Report

Budget Officer Cee McKenzie reviewed the current budget and the balance status as of today's date. The Town is on track with the 2023 budget numbers. The 2024 budget and timeline were discussed. The Budget Officer will have the current budget numbers for the first 6 months of the year at the next meeting.

Old Business

Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications/Spectrum-

A public hearing will be held prior to the next meeting on the Franchise Agreement. The public can obtain a copy of the agreement from the Town Clerk prior to the public hearing.

Cemetery Regulations- The Board discussed the cemetery regulation document being developed.

Councilman Shiell will provide specs for the setting of headstones in the cemetery at July's meeting.

Three Year Dog Licenses- The Town Clerk requested that residents have the option of buying a three-year dog license if they have a three-year rabies certificate.

Resolution #56

Approve up to 3 years on dog licenses with proof of rabies vaccination

On motion of Councilman Chris Mallon, seconded by Councilman Charlie Bain; all in favor.
Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #57 (8:15)

Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

Darrell Wilson _____ Supervisor

Christopher Mallon _____ Councilman

Carole Schneider _____ Councilwoman

Larry Shiehl _____ Councilman

Charles Bain Sr. _____ Councilman

June 8, 2023

Town Council
Town of Putnam
Putnam Station, NY 12861

RE: 2023 Putnam Grievance Day Summary

The 2023 Board of Assessment Review met on Tuesday, May 23rd for the review of grievances. There were three grievances and no Assessor stipulations received.

While the Board granted reductions of \$82,550 to Total Assessed Value, the original grievances requested a reduction of \$1,195,591. The actual reductions represent 0.0281% of the Total Taxable Town Value of \$294,042,549 as reported on the 2023 Tentative Assessment Roll.


Cecilia L. McKenzie

Chair 2023 Board of Assessment Review

Attachment (2023 BAR Grievance Summary)

cc BAR Files

Town of Putnam - 2022 Board of Assessment Review - Grievance Summary

	Name	Tax ID	Description	Tentative Assessment Roll 2023 Land Value	Tentative Assessment Roll 2023 Total Assessed Value	Claimed Assessment	Revised Land Value	BAR Determination Total Assessed Value	
1	Mason Family Trust	12.-4.18	260	\$ 349,000	\$ 582,550	\$ 477,250	\$ 349,000	\$ 500,000	
2	Gray, Peter	14.8-1-6	260	\$ 465,600	\$ 614,900	not stated	\$ 465,600	\$ 614,900	
3	SLIC Network Solutions, Inc.	646.000-0000-701.360-1881	836	\$ -	\$ 475,391	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 475,391	
				\$ 814,600	\$ 1,672,841	\$ 477,250	\$ 814,600	\$ 1,590,291	
						\$ 1,195,591	\$ -	\$ (82,550)	Grievance Changes
							\$ -	\$ -	Stipulation Changes
							\$ -	\$ (82,550)	Total Reductions via BAR
							0.0281%	\$ 294,042,549	Grand Total Assessed Tentative 2022

Eugene Cook
Councilman



Town Hall
100 Main Street
Huntington, NY

Phone: 631-351-3174

May 10, 2023

Honorable Darlene Kerr, Town Clerk
Town of Putnam
14 Putnam Center Road
Putnam Station, NY 12861

RE: Town of Huntington Voter's Identification Resolution

Dear Honorable Town Clerk Kerr,

I hope that this finds you well. On May 9, 2023 the Huntington Town Board passed the attached resolution urging the New York State Legislature and Governor Hochul to draft and enact legislation regarding a voter's identification process. Please distribute this cover letter and attached resolution to the Town of Putnam Board Members.

The reason I sponsored this resolution, is that I was approached by various constituents of varying political affiliation about their concerns regarding the accuracy of voter rolls maintained by the of Board of Elections. In an economy where the Board of Elections may not have the funding or the staffing to regularly purge the voters rolls of individuals who may have relocated or have passed away, I believe that New York State needs to address the matter in a way that builds the public's confidence and ensures a fair election process. By urging our state representatives to work in a bipartisan manner to create a voter's identification process, this will allow for a fair and consistent procedure to keep voter rolls current and uphold the principles of democracy that the United States was built on.

I thank you for your time and cooperation with this matter, it's greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at 631 351 3174 to discuss this matter further.

Warmest regards in the spirit of cooperation,



Councilman Eugene Cook
Town of Huntington

Eugene Cook
Councilman

Joan Cergol
Councilwoman

Edmund J. Smyth
Supervisor

Dr. Dave Bennardo
Councilman

Salvatore Ferro
Councilman

2023-203

RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO DRAFT AND ENACT LEGISLATION REGARDING A VOTER'S IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

Resolution for Town Board Meeting Dated: May 9, 2023

The following resolution was offered by: **COUNCILMAN COOK**

and seconded by: **COUNCILMAN BENNARDO**

WHEREAS, this country was formed on the principles of democracy and our forefathers fought for our right to elect our representation; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the states in the U.S. require a voter's identification to increase the public's confidence and ensure a fair election process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections may not get notification of a voter registering in another location or of a death of a registered voter; and

WHEREAS, in an economy where the Board of Elections may not have sufficient funding or staffing to purge voters rolls of individuals who no longer live in each election district or county, as required; and

WHEREAS, in a day and age where the ability to work does not necessarily need to be where you live, this allows for more individuals to be transient in nature and the addition of voter's identification will assist in keeping all voter rolls current; and

WHEREAS, in the State of New York the requirement is to compare the signature on file, this doesn't necessarily help maintain current voter registration, as name and address changes are not necessarily communicated in the current process, also this would assist in the purging of the roles of individuals who are no longer active voters in that county; and

WHEREAS, the subject of the resolution is not an action as defined by 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.2 (b), and therefore no further SEQRA review is required.

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE TOWN BOARD

HEREBY REQUESTS the New York State Legislature and Governor Hochul to draft and enact legislation to allow for a voter's identification process to assist with maintaining voter's registration rolls; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Hochul, Andrea Stewart-Cousins, President Pro Tempore and Majority Leader, Carl E. Heastie, Speaker of the Assembly and the Huntington Delegation to the New York State Legislature: Assemblyman Steve Stern, Assemblyman Keith Brown, and Senator Mario Mattera.

2023-203

to the New York State Legislature: Assemblyman Steve Stern, Assemblyman Keith Brown,
and Senator Mario Mattera.

VOTE: AYES: 3 NOES: 2 ABSTENTIONS: 0

Supervisor Edmund J. Smyth	NO
Councilman Dr. Dave Bennardo	AYE
Councilwoman Joan A. Cergol	NO
Councilman Eugene Cook	AYE
Councilman Salvatore Ferro	AYE

THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED DULY ADOPTED