

2026 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board

October 9, 2025, 7PM ~ Putnam Town Hall ~ Zoom

7:00 Public Hearing called to order

Supervisor Wilson called for comments thrice, there were none.

Public Hearing closed at 7:01pm

7:01 Regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board called to order

Councilman Charlie Bain led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Others present: Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Clerk), Cee McKenzie (Budget Officer, 526 Gull Bay Road), Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent, Treadway Lane), Mark Carlson (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), Robert Coulter (Resident, 457 Gull Bay Road), Sandra Coulter (Resident, 457 Gull Bay Road), Cynthia Floor (Resident, 293 Lake Road), EJ Conzolas (NY/VT Media)

Present via ZOOM: Corey Granger (Highway Dept., 139 Craig Road), Robert Winn (Town Attorney, 13 North Street, Granville NY 12832)

Resolution #95

Accept the minutes of September 11, 2025, Regular meeting

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

Resolution #96

Accept the Financial reports for the month of September 2025

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

Resolution #97

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

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

Resolution #98

Accept the Town Justice Report for the month of September 2025

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

Resolution #99

Pay bills as audited

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

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

General Fund	# 241-267	\$27,215.76
Highway Fund	# 99-109	\$15,739.10
Royal Anchorage Sewer District	#2-4	\$13,169.15
Black Point Sewer District	#7	\$21,628.14

Correspondence

None

Courtesy of the Floor

Resident Cynthia Floor addressed the Board first asking for an update on the paving of Lake Road and County Route 3. Supervisor Wilson asked Ms. Floor for the Highway Report, she agreed.

Matt Rozell addressed the Board saying he was from Rupp Lane. He said his road was declared a seasonal road some years ago and has only been plowed a few times since. Supervisor Wilson thanked him for his comment, and it will be addressed.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported the paving will be nine more days on Route 22, then to County Route 3, then to Lake Road. Everything should be paved by the end of the month. HS Treadway also reported that the bridge on Mill Bay will be one lane soon and through the winter months. The bridge is expected to be replaced by Washington County next spring. The main paving project for 2025 is Black Point Road, a three-day project expected to begin the coming Monday. HS Treadway advised that there was a surplus rollover in state funding for highways he would like to use that funding to do Firehouse Lane, and Darling Hill. The projects will go over this year's budget, but the overage will be reimbursed to the Town in the spring by the state highway programs. 2025's budget is \$150,000 (one hundred fifty thousand). This year it will run somewhere near \$215,000 (two hundred and fifteen thousand), but we have \$284,000 (two hundred eighty-four thousand) in funds available for reimbursement. After a brief discussion it was decided to include the possibility of adding Sunset Lane to the paving schedule.

Resolution #100

Authorize Highway Superintendent to exceed the 2025 Paving Budget in anticipation of reimbursement in 2026

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

Roll Call:

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

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolution #101

Amend Resolution # 100 to include Sunset Lane

On motion of Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Schneider.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Carole Schnedier	Yes
Councilman Larry Shiell	Yes
Councilman Charlie Bain	Yes
Supervisor Darrell Wilson	Yes

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Planning Board Report

Mark Karlson gave the Planning Board report in absence of Chairman Bill Brown and has also been acting as the Planning Board Clerk since their clerk resigned. Mr. Karlson reported they had six projects on the agenda. Three of the projects will have a public hearing in November. One project is in Royal Anchorage and will involve blasting. The second public hearing is for a demolish/rebuild on a small lot on Lake George Way. The third public hearing for a 5-acre parcel on Warrick Road. A shed was approved, a new house on Route 3 was approved, another proposed house was conditionally approved on Peterson Road, the landowner will need additional supporting documentation before final approval. Another project in Gull Bay wants to use two separate parcels to build a septic system. This would involve burying lines inside the town easement between the two properties for approximately 100' (one hundred feet) before returning to private property. All other agencies have approved the plan. The question is, does the town have the right to allow a property owner to run a line in the easement? Town attorney Robert Winn advised that Highway Law Section 148 authorizes highway superintendents to issue permits to a property owner for the utilization of the shoulder of the town road. The Superintendent can place conditions on the permit, and the permit must be approved by the town board. Mr. Winn has prepared a permit for HS Treadway to sign. A Resolution for consideration by the board was also prepared. Town Board approval will be needed for each permit for future projects. It is anticipated that this issue will arise again with the new septic inspection program on Lake George.

Resolution #102

Authorizing Easement Permit for septic line installation Town of Putnam NY. Whereas Bruce Buckland owner of the property located on 645 and 640 Gull Bay Rd. in the Town of Putnam has requested permission to install septic piping within the right of way of Gull Bay Rd. as shown on engineering plans prepared by RU Pullman Engineers PPLC dated November 20th 2024, and Whereas the New York Highway Law section 149 authorizes the Town Superintendent of Highways with the consent of the Town Board grant permission for the lane and maintenance of such facilities within the town highway right of way and, whereas the Town Board has reviewed the request and finds that the installation will not interfere with the public's use of Gull Bay Road and that adequate protections are in place. Now therefore be resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam hereby consents to the grant of permission by the Town Highway Superintendent to Bruce Buckland for the installation and maintenance of septic piping beneath Gull Bay Rd. subject to the conditions stated in the permit agreement attached here too and we have further resolved that the Town Supervisor and Town Clerk are authorized to execute such documents as necessary to effectuate this resolution.

On motion of Councilman Larry Shiell, seconded by Councilman Charlie Bain.

Roll Call:

Councilman Carole Schneider	Yes
Councilman Larry Shiell	Yes
Councilman Charlie Bain	Yes
Supervisor Darrell Wilson	Yes

All in favor, Resolution unanimously adopted.

Fire Department report

Dave Hayes presented the third quarter report. (See Attached)

Budget Officer Report

Budget Officer Cee McKenzie advised that one line on the Revenue for Youth Recreational Services will be increased by \$1000 in 2026. There are no other changes to the Preliminary Budget. The 2026 Preliminary Budget is \$29,400 (twenty-nine thousand and four hundred dollars) under the cap. The Budget Officer recommended that the Board consider two streams of revenue that are currently unutilized. The first is a fee for commercial companies who use the Gull Bay boat launch, the second is a registration fee for short term rentals in Putnam. Supervisor Wilson discussed developing a local law for this purpose. The Town Attorney Rob Winn advised he would research what other towns have done and will report back to the Board in November.

Supervisor Wilson turned the discussion back to the Preliminary Budget.

Resolution #103

Adopt the Preliminary Budget with a \$1,000 increase to revenues on the Youth Recreational Services line

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

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Carole Schneider	No
Councilman Larry Shiell	Yes
Councilman Charlie Bain	Yes
Supervisor Darrell Wilson	Yes

Resolution adopted by a majority vote.

Resolution #104

Accept the Preliminary Budget as the 2026 Adopted Budget

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

Roll Call:

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

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Old Business

Supervisor Wilson opened a discussion about the Planning Board Clerk who resigned but has continued to support the Planning Board. Since the Clerk's resignation was accepted by the Board, it is now necessary to approve additional payments to the resigned PB Clerk by the Board, so that the Accounts Clerk may legally pay the PB Clerk.

Resolution #104

Pay additional months to the resigned Planning Board Clerk for additional work completed after the resignation was accepted by the Town Board.

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

New Business

None

Resolution #21 (9:02pm)

Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

Darrell Wilson _____ Supervisor

Carole Schneider _____ Councilwoman

Larry Shiell _____ Councilman

Charles Bain Sr. _____ Councilman