

**Spectrum Franchise Public Hearing  
&  
Regular Meeting  
Of the  
Putnam Town Board**

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

**7:00 Public hearing called to order**

Supervisor Wilson requested comments from the public three times. There was none.

**Public hearing closed at 7:01**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Wilson

**Roll Call**

<b>Members present:</b>	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, 36 Treadway Lane), Cee McKenzie (BAR Chair, Budget Officer, 526 Gull Bay Rd), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), Kay Greenough (Resident, 427 County Route 3), Bill Brown ( Planning Board Chair, 17 Charter Brook Lane), Wayne Busby (Planning Board Member, 11 Charter Brook Lane), Paula Wilson (Planning Board Clerk, 15 County Route 3), Leslie Bain (Resident, 371 Peterson Road), Mark Karlson (Planning Board Member, 2388 Black Point Way), Guest: Robert Winn (Attorney).

**Present via ZOOM:** Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road), Karl Ohly (Resident, 428 County Route 3).

**Resolution # 73**

**Accept the minutes of the August 10th, 2023, Regular meeting**

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

**Resolution #74**

**Accept the Financial reports for the month of August 2023**

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

**Resolution # 75**

**Accept the Town Clerk’s report for the month of August 2023**

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

**Resolution # 76**

**Accept the Town Justice Report for the month of August 2023**

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

**Resolution #77**

**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	# 201-228	\$12,170.97
Highway Fund	# 81-95	\$13,264.15
Black Point Sewer District	#6	\$62,462.13

**Correspondence**

National Grid Smart Meter Program  
Department of Health Beach Inspection Report  
Proposed Cumming’s Park Sign

**Courtesy of the floor**

Attorney Robert Winn spoke as a guest. Attorney Winn presented a proposal for legal services to the Town after the current attorney retires. Experience includes former District Attorney for Washington County, Town Attorney for the Town of Fort Edward and experience in litigation. Mr. Winn is a member of both the State and Federal Bars. Mr. Winn indicated he would accept the current salary allotted in the budget for a Town Attorney.

Leslie Bain addressed the Supervisor asking why Washington County had not issued a decision like Warren County saying they would not accept bus loads of migrants. Supervisor Wilson advised that he didn’t know, however he felt that Washington County didn’t have the capacity to house and is currently suffering a housing and shelter shortage without a migrant influx. Ms. Bain asserted that Washington County should put out a statement on accepting groups of immigrants similar to that of Warren County. Wayne Busby addressed the Board about assessments. He suggested that some assessments in town are not what they should be. Mr. Busby felt that more accurate assessments are needed, and some people are not paying what they should be paying. Mr. Busby suggested it was time to do a reval. in Putnam.

**Highway Report**

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported that the Roadside mowing has been completed on Town and County Roads. The crew has been working on Sagamore Road, preparing ditches and culverts for a new pave of the road. Supervisor Wilson advised about the status of Lake Road and the CHPE project. Best Road has become beaten and broken with the detours and heavy equipment of the CHPE project. Lake Road has become a construction zone. Residents on Lake Road have voiced concerns about the severe interruption, and the now extremely poor conditions of Lake Road. There are concerns about the winter months and being able to safely come and go from their homes. HS Treadway and Supervisor Wilson will meet with project representatives again. A brief discussion about the pros and cons of renting

heavy equipment took place. Councilman Bain complimented the job well done with roadside mowing saying it looks really nice.

### **Planning Board Report**

Chairman Bill Brown reported that the Planning approved their first two solar projects at the meeting the evening before. Both projects were residential. Chairman Brown advised the Board of an un-permitted project on Black Point Road. It is believed the project could infringe on setbacks. The last project was for Chairman Brown's new home. His previous home was lost to fire.

### **Fire Department Report (7:17)**

None

### **Old Business**

Budget Officer Cee McKenzie updated the Board on the Tentative Budget. A Public Hearing for the 2024 Budget will take place at the October meeting.

A brief discussion about the cost of a revaluation of the Town. Supervisor Wilson suggested a revaluation would cost between \$35,000-and \$70,000.

The Board reviewed two proposed policies for the Employee handbook.

### **Resolution #78**

#### **Adopt a policy of Ethics and Ethical Conduct & Policy against Discrimination and Harassment**

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

Resolution unanimously adopted.

### **New Business**

A discussion about re-appointing Cee McKenzie to the Board of Assessment Review took place.

### **Resolution #79**

#### **Re-appoint Cee McKenzie to the Board of Assessment Review**

On motion of Councilman Mallon, seconded by Councilwoman Carole Schneider; all in favor.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Dog Control Officer: Supervisor Wilson advised that Nancy Quell has agreed to take the DCO position in the Town of Putnam. Ms. Quell's business Safe-Home and Rehabilitation will act as the Town's kennel as well.

### **Resolution #80**

#### **Appoint Nancy Quell as Dog Control Officer**

On motion of Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Councilman Shiell, all in favor.

Unanimously adopted.

Councilwoman asked Supervisor Wilson to give updates and reports on what's happening at the County level. Supervisor Wilson agreed to give reports on County business. A discussion about insurance premiums on the Highway Department building, and the possibility that the County share a portion of the costs.

### **Resolution #81 (8:15 PM)**

#### **Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board**

On motion of Supervisor Wilson, meeting adjourned at 8:15PM

**2024 Budget Public hearing immediately followed by the Regular Meeting of the Putnam Town Board: October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 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 Shiell \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman

Charles Bain Sr. \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman