

**Regular Meeting**  
**Of the**  
**Putnam Town Board**

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7PM ~ Putnam Town Hall ~ Zoom

**7:00 Meeting called to order**

Councilman Christopher Mallon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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, Treadway Lane), David Hayes (PVFD President, Resident, 560 Gull Bay Road), Doug Thatcher (PVFD Chief, Resident 351 County Route 2). **Present via ZOOM:** Cee McKenzie (BAR Chair, 526 Gull Bay Road), Bob Rudt (Planning Board, 526 Gull Bay Road), May Drinkwine-Shiell (Resident, 439 County Route 3), John Breitenbach (Town Attorney, 23 Father Jogues Place, Ticonderoga, NY 12883), Nancy Wolf-Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road) Joe Fisher (Resident, 5183 Sagamore Road)

**Resolution # 18**

**Accept the minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting**

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

**Resolution #19**

**Accept the Budget Officer's report for the month of February 2021**

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

**Resolution #20**

**Accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of February 2021**

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

**Resolution # 21**

**Accept the Town Justice Report for the month of February 2021**

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

**Resolution # 22**

**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	# 38-67	\$191,529.92
Highway Fund	# 22-30	\$2,777.23
Black Point Sewer District	# 1-2	\$29,717.86
Rooyal Anchorage Sewer District	# 1-2	\$3,924.75

**Correspondence** (7:04)

Supervisor Wilson acknowledged correspondence from Joe Usaj. Mr. Usaj is concerned about increased boat traffic in Gull Bay. Mr. Usaj would like buoys placed at alternate locations in the bay to control the increased traffic flow. Supervisor Wilson advised Mr. Usaj that the Town of Putnam had no authority to move buoys and directed him to Hague and Warren County. Supervisor Wilson indicated to Mr. Usaj the Town would support efforts to enhance safety in Gull Bay.

**Courtesy of the floor** (7:09)

Nancy Wolf-Fisher addressed the Board first. Mrs. Wolf-Fisher asked Supervisor Wilson if a meeting with the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) has been scheduled. Supervisor Wilson replied that an email was sent in reply to the DEC correspondence, but no meeting has been scheduled to date.

**Highway report** (7:10)

Highway Superintendent (HS) Gary Treadway reported that the crew has been healthy, and the equipment is running well. HS Treadway advised he is still collecting quotes for a tractor for roadside mowing. HS Treadway indicated that a new tractor probably would not be purchased until closer to fall. HS Treadway continued that he and the crew have been working removing tress on Town property in Gull Bay that have become hazardous to the public. HS Treadway advised that Harlan Granger will be retiring in April of 2021. An ad will be published to the public in the March 26<sup>th</sup> issue of the SUN. Interviews will be conducted in April. Councilman Shiell asked if there is any news on the C.H.I.P.S. (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program) reimbursements. HS Treadway replied that the Town will be reimbursed for a portion of the 20% retained by the state in 2020. Supervisor Wilson joined the discussion saying he was not sure how much of the 20% would be recovered, but it is expected that a portion of that will be reimbursed, possibly 15% and that reimbursement would come with the 2021 CHIPS money. Currently it is expected that there will be no reduction in C.H.I.P.S. funding in 2021.

**Planning Board report** (7:15)

Bob Rudt reported a project by James and Kathleen Coffman who are being represented by Richard Trudeau of Trudeau Engineering was on the agenda. Mr. and Mrs. Coffman plan to demolish a three-bedroom home and garage and replace it with a new three bedroom home. The present septic will be replaced with a Fusion NSF 40 system ultra-violet treatment tank. There were concerns about the planned septic. The possibility of placing the septic across the road on the Coffman's property was discussed. The Coffmans were not present to discuss possible changes. Chairman Seerup signed two LRCC1's. One for Bonnie and Sid Barnhart and another for Chris Edwards. A discussion about the Fernwood Way Subdivision. A possible buyer raised questions about the legality of the subdivision. Chairman Seerup stated it falls under 280A and is a private road. If three residents that live on the road petition the Town to make it a town road, the Town can choose to accept the road only if it is brought up to Town specs.

***Fire Department report (7:25)***

Supervisor Wilson thanked FD President David Hayes for the expense report he provided to the Board prior to the meeting. A brief discussion about expected quarterly reports took place. President Hayes provided a copy of a newsletter the FD plans on distributing to the residents of Putnam.

Supervisor Wilson read the resolution to extend the Town's tax exempt status to the Fire Department.

RESOLUTION Approving Issuance of a Tax Exempt Note by the Putnam Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Inc. A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Putnam, Washington County, New York, was convened in public session at the Town's offices located at 14 Putnam Center Road, Putnam Station, New York 12861, on March 11th, 2021, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock p.m., local time. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Darrell Wilson, and upon roll being called, the following were: PRESENT: Darrell Wilson, Supervisor Charles Bain, Sr., Councilman Christopher Mallon, Councilman Carole Schneider, Councilwoman Larry Shiell, Councilman ABSENT: None The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to wit: RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE OF A TAX EXEMPT NOTE BY THE Putnam Volunteer Fire Company, No. 1, Inc. TO THE BANK OF GREENE COUNTY IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$400,000.00) DOLLARS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF A FIRE ENGINE TRUCK. WHEREAS, the Putnam Volunteer Fire Company, No.1, Inc. (the "Fire Company"), a New York not-for-profit corporation, provides firefighting services within the jurisdiction of the Town of Putnam, New York, for the portion of the Town of Putnam described in the service agreement dated January 1, 2021, between the Town of Putnam (the "Town") and the Putnam Volunteer Fire Company, No. 1, Inc.; and WHEREAS, the Putnam Volunteer Fire Company, No. 1, Inc. is seeking to obtain a loan from The Bank of Greene County by the issuance of one or more notes on a tax exempt basis in an aggregate amount not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00) Dollars (the "Note") to finance the acquisition of a fire engine truck for the Putnam Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Inc., to be issued as an obligation the interest on which will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 150(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code, interest on the Note will not be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes unless the issuance of the Note by the Putnam Volunteer Fire Company No.1, Inc. shall be approved by the Town Board after the President or Vice President of the Putnam Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Inc. has conducted a public hearing thereon following reasonable public notice; and WHEREAS, that on March 5th, 2021, the President of the Putnam Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Inc. held a public hearing to consider the approval of the Note, after public notice given in accordance with the Code, and a transcript or summary report has been made available to each member of the Town Board prior to this meeting; and WHEREAS, the members of the Putnam Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Inc. provide firefighting services within the Fire Protection District with the Town pursuant to a written contract for services entered into pursuant to Section 18 of the Town Law; and the Fire Protection District served by the Fire Company is not serviced by any other fire company or department; and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD AS FOLLOWS: For the sole purpose of qualifying the interest payable on the Note for exclusion from gross income pursuant to the provisions of Section 150(e) of the Code, the Town Board hereby approves the issuance of the Note by the Putnam Volunteer Fire Company No.1, Inc. in a principal amount estimated not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00) Dollars, provided that the Note shall be an obligation of the Putnam Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Inc. and not of the Town. THE NOTE SHALL NOT BE A DEBT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK OR THE TOWN OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, AND NEITHER THE STATE OF NEW YORK NOR THE TOWN OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK SHALL BE LIABLE THEREON. This Resolution shall take effect immediately. The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows: Darrell Wilson VOTING: aye nay Charles Bain, Sr. VOTING: aye nay Christopher Mallon VOTING: aye nay Carole Schneider VOTING: aye nay Larry Shiell VOTING: aye nay The Resolution was thereupon declared duly

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**Resolution #23**

**Issue a tax exempt note to the Putnam Volunteer Fire Company #1, INC.**

On motion of Councilman Chris Mallon, seconded by Councilman Larry Shiell,

**Roll Call:**

Chris Mallon	Yes
Larry Shiell	Yes
Carole Schneider	Yes
Charlie Bain	Yes
Darrell Wilson	Yes

Resolution unanimously adopted.

**Old business** (7:33)

Supervisor Wilson address the Board saying that the Town Justice resignation needed to be accepted by the Board by resolution.

**Resolution #24**

**Accept Justice Edward F. Krawiecki's resignation**

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

Dog control law – Supervisor Wilson asked if everyone on the Board had a copy of the draft and the timeline. Town Attorney John Breitenbach offered feedback on the draft with a few changes. Mr. Breitenbach advised under section 8 (b) the standard of violation be specified as either penal or civil. Under the Agriculture and Market Law the Board can choose which, civil or penal, both have the same penalties. Mr. Breitenbach also felt that the last sentence instructing the court should be removed. The Board agreed the violation should be a stated as a civil rather than penal in the proposed law. Mr. Breitenbach and the Town Clerk will work on the changes before the draft is released for public review. A public hearing will be held prior to April's Board meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Emergency Plan – Supervisor Wilson opened a discussion on the proposed Emergency Plan. Councilman Mallon expressed he believed the plan was “boiler plate” and felt it should be accepted as is.

**Resolution #25**

**Adopt the Public Employer Health Emergency Plan**

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

**Cummings Park road naming discussion**

Supervisor Wilson opened the discussion by asking the Board about desired names for the road leading into Cummings Park from County Route 2 and the inner roads one leading to the water the other leading to the pavilion. The roads were named as follows. Councilman Larry Shiell raised the question about the park having a proper 911 address and signage at the park for emergency personnel if needed. A discussion about different possibilities for signs and fences took place.

**Resolution #26**

**Name the access road from County Route 2 to the tracks at Cummings Park “LaPointe Lane”**

On motion of Councilwoman Carole Schneider, seconded by Councilman Larry Shiell.

**Resolution #27**

**Name the road from the tracks to the water “Councilman Way” and the road to the pavilion “Greg Harris Way”**

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

Solar timeline – Supervisor Wilson confirmed the Board members have copies of the solar law draft and the timeline for review and discussion of the proposed law at upcoming meetings. A discussion distinguishing residential solar from commercial solar took place.

Councilwoman Schneider asked Supervisor Wilson about the host package with CHPE (Champlain Hudson Power Express). Supervisor Wilson indicated he did not have a copy of the final letter as it is a proposal submitted to the power company by Washington County IDA (Industrial Development Authority). Negotiations are ongoing at present and details are not available for the Board currently.

**Resolution #28**

**Enter Executive Session**

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

**Enter Executive Session (8:15)**

A discussion about personnel took place. No action was taken.

**Resolution # 29**

**Leave Executive session**

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

**Resolution #30**

**Adjourn the regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board**

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

**Regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board adjourned at 8:33 PM**

Next regular meeting: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr  
Putnam Town Clerk

Darrell Wilson	_____	Supervisor
Christopher Mallon	_____	Councilman
Larry Shiehl	_____	Councilman
Carole Schneider	_____	Councilwoman
Charles Bain Sr.	_____	Councilman