

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, November 13th, 2014

The meeting was opened and began by auditing the bills, the Supervisor's monthly report and the Town Clerk's monthly report. The meeting was started with Supervisor John LaPointe leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present:

Present: Supervisor John LaPointe
Councilman Greg Harris
Councilman Kevin Hart
Councilwoman Cathie Burke
Councilwoman Shirley Randall

Others present:

Patricia Wilson (Town Clerk); Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Town Clerk); Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent); Bob Rudt, Cee McKenzie, Darlene Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Peter Leyh and others.

Public Hearing - 2015 Tentative Town Budget

The Public Hearing began with Supervisor LaPointe pointing out some of the highlights. The Town will be encumbering \$100,000.00 toward the purchase of a 2016 truck from the highway Fund. There is a .0014 % in the taxes. Health Care Insurance is up 2 %. Mr. Rudt asked where the money was coming from for the Boat Launch and was told, from the contingency fund. No further questions were asked and no answers were given. The Public Hearing closed at 7:14PM.

Return to the Regular Town Board Meeting

Resolution #96

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2014 TOWN BOARD MEETING
On motion of Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Burke the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolution #97

ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2014
On motion of Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Burke the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolution #98

ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2014

On motion of Councilwoman Burke, seconded by Councilman Harris the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolution #99

PAY AUDITED BILS

On motion of Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Burke the following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

RESOLVED that bills be paid on Abstract #11 in the following amounts:

General Account	# 302 - 330	\$ 31,796.76
Highway Account	# 194 - 212	\$ 5,955.16
Cummings Park	# 12	\$ 803.25
Royal Anchorage	# 5	\$ 12,603.14

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Peter Leyh

Peter informs the Board that by volunteering for the Lake George Park Commission, he is learning a lot of information that he can come back and share with the Town Board and he does not like being questioned when he gives an answer. Supervisor LaPointe feels that the Board has the right to question anything that is said. Peter also asked if the Board has considered his suggestion about changing the 5 minute time limit during the courtesy of the floor? The answer was that the time limit will remain in effect. Peter also asked if there has been any research done on finding a different place for meetings? Councilman Hart discussed the places that he has considered and looked at.

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson informed the Board that Dick Stormer has resigned from the Fire Company. Councilman Hart asked Mr. Johnson if he was aware of what the Fire Budget is in the new budget (\$75,000.00). Councilwoman Randall suggested that it should be considered that someone be hired to clean the place after events.

PLANNING BOARD

None

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway reports that the crew has finished cutting the brush on the Liddle Harris Road. They have enough wood for one month. They will wait until spring to paint the lines on the Gull Bay Road and they are currently working on the plow equipment for the plow season.

OLD BUSINESS

Cummings Park Progress

Supervisor LaPointe reports that the representative from the railroad is making the town responsible for closing. Senator Little is checking with the State to see if the crossing, which is one mile south of the Cummings Crossing, can be closed so that the Cummings Crossing can be opened. The Pavilion is almost completed. Supervisor LaPointe is hoping to resolve the problem soon.

Boat Launch

The Supervisor reports that they are going to put power under the parking lot in Gull Bay.

NEW BUSINESS

Mega Municipal Electrical Gas Alliance

The Association of the Counties has contacted a group called Mega. They will be able to get reduced power rates for the municipalities. There are one to three programs and they lock you in to one of the programs. You pay National Grid and they pay Mega. Supervisor LaPointe will address this again at the next meeting.

Planning Board Joint Meeting

Supervisor LaPointe would like to have a joint meeting with the Planning Board and the Town Board in the next couple of weeks.

Year End Meeting

A year end meeting will be set up at the next meeting.

Resolution # 100

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

On motion of Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Burke, the following Resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0
RESOLVED, that the following transfers were agreed to by the Town board.

5110.1	\$3,800.28	to	5192.1
5112.1	\$2,599.31	to	5192.1
5140.1	\$6,000.00	to	5192.1

5112.4	\$3,000.00	to	5192.1
5112.4	\$27,740.91	to	5142.4

2015 Town Budget

After the Public Hearing on the 2015 Town Budget, where all questions asked were answered and addressed, the budget for 2015 was approved as presented.

Resolution #101

APPROVE THE 2015 TOWN BUDGET

On motion of Councilman Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Burke, the 2015 Town Budget was adopted by roll call;

Supervisor John LaPointe	AYE
Councilman Greg Harris	AYE
Councilman Kevin Hart	AYE
Councilwoman Cathie Burke	AYE
Councilwoman Shirley Randall	AYE

RESOLVED, that after a Public Hearing where all questions asked were answered, the 2015 Town Budget be approved as presented.

On motion of Councilwoman Burke, seconded by Councilman Hart to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted _____ Patricia Wilson, Town Clerk.

John LaPointe	_____	Supervisor
Greg Harris	_____	Councilman
Shirley Randall	_____	Councilwoman
Cathie Burke	_____	Councilwoman
Kevin Hart	_____	Councilman