

Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Putnam, March 6th, 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  
Councilwoman Cathie Burke  
Councilman Greg Harris  
Councilwoman Shirley Randall  
Councilman Kevin Hart

Others present:

Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Town Clerk); Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent), Bob Rudt, Cee McKenzie, Galen Seerup, John Brietenbach and John Wright.

**Resolution #44**

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2014 TOWN BOARD MEETING  
WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION

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

Resolved that the minutes be accepted with the following correction. Councilman Harris requested that a certain sentence be changed, to be the last sentence of his comment in the February meeting, when he told Mr. Windle to be careful of what you wish for. Mr. Windle will be coming back to a different town.

**Resolution #45**

ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2014

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

**Resolution #46**

ACCEPT THE TOWN CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2014

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

**Resolution #47**

PAY AUDITED BILLS

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

RESOLVED that bills be paid on Abstract #3 in the following amounts:

General Account	# 47 - 69	\$ 14,071.85
Highway Account	# 40 - 50	\$ 12,362.04

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor LaPointe received and read into the minutes, two letters from Mr. Bert Windle. The first letter concerned the possible nominations to the Board of Assessment Review. The second letter concerned the Gull Bay Launch sites and the boat launch regulations. Both letters are attached.

Supervisor LaPointe responded to Mr. Windles accusations by naming people that he has named to serve on the two Boards. For Mr. Windles information they include Peter Leyh (BAR), Cee McKenzie (BAR), Mary Carmen (BAR), Edward Marra (BAR), Galen Seerup (PB), Larry Kisco (PB), Robert Rudt (PB), Patti Mossinger, Sy Craimer and June Manicek (who has served for 28 years). He feels that he might have missed a few, but none the less that is a pretty heavy sprinkling of people that were on his short list.

A third letter was sent by Mr. Windle to the Town Board concerning the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) and Peter Leyh. (see attached)

Michaela Fitzgerald and Ashley Trudeau have expressed their interest in becoming Life Guards. Also, Lexi Moore would like to be considered. Lexi has her certificate already. It was decided to send Michaela and Ashley to school for the Life Guard Training.

**Resolution #48**

LIFE GUARD TRAINING

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

Resolved that Michaela Fitzgerald and Ashley Trudeau will be sent to the Life Guard school.

## **COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

### *Board of Assessment Review (BAR)*

Councilman Harris feels that the BAR did not do their job in making decisions about reductions. They cost the Town money which will have to be made up. Cee McKenzie disagreed with the Councilman. She felt that the BAR did their job the way they should.

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Bob Rudt reports that there was a Public Hearing in February for Tim Johnson, who is building a second home in Royal Anchorage.

## **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Gary Treadway reports that there is enough sand for the rest of the winter. One of their trucks is getting repaired. The Town roads will be posted next week.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### *Shiela White of Gull Bay*

John Wright from Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart and Rhodes is present to represent Shiela White from Gull Bay. Ms. White is asking the Town Board to give the Planning Board permission to move forward with her request to put her road on a map. There are 17 homes on the road. Questions were asked by Councilman Hart and Councilman Harris about a section of the road that they consider unsafe for fire and emergency vehicles. The Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Chief have said it is safe. Town Attorney John Brietenbach suggests that the Town Board have their engineer look at this section and compare it to Whites engineer. A lengthy discussion continued with the Town Attorney pointing out that the question is, if the road is suitable for emergency vehicles? The Town map needs to be looked at and a decision to be made whether it should be an official map. Attorney Brietenbach suggests that the question be referred to the Planning Board to research, then report back to the Town Board. Make modifications and when they feel comfortable with their decision, then bring them back to the Town Board.

### **Resolution #49**

#### **PLANNING BOARD DECISION**

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam and the Planning Board does agree that the Planning Board will do the research, make modifications, review them and when they feel comfortable with their decision, come back to the Town Board.

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

Planning Board Regulations

Councilman Hart asked if they were doing anything about updating new regulations? Galen agreed about the regulations and that they need a new Site Plan Review. He will discuss it with Mr. Bob Murray.

Park

Supervisor LaPointe reports that we are making a lot of progress. Attorney Brietenbach agrees that we are right on track. The Supervisor will contact Judy to set up a meeting to iron out some details about easements etc..

**Resolution #50**

CROSSING RENEWAL AGREEMENT

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam will agree to the reconstruction of the crossing surface at MP95.90 on the Canadian Sub-division in Putnam N.Y. and that the private crossing at MP96.10 is permanently closed as part of their improvements.

Adirondack Camp Litigation

Supervisor LaPointe reports that he has two proposals on appraisals for the Adirondack Camp property;

1: Empire State Appraisals Consultants	\$6,900.00
2: Up State Appraisal Service	\$2,000.00

The bid was awarded to Up State, not to exceed \$2,000.00.

**Resolution #51**

APPRAISAL ADIRONDACK CAMP

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam does agree to move forward with the Up state Appraisal Service. The bid was awarded to the Up State Appraisal Service, not to exceed \$2,000.00.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*None*

**Resolution #52**

**ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam enter into Executive Session at 8:30PM.

**Resolution #53**

**CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSSION**

On motion of Councilwoman Burke, seconded by Councilwoman Randall, the Following resolution was ADOPTED; Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam close their Executive Session and return to the Regular Board meeting at 8:45PM.

On motion of Councilwoman Burke, seconded by Councilman Harris to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Wilson,  
Town Clerk.

John LaPointe \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor

Greg Harris \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman

Shirley Randall \_\_\_\_\_ Councilwoman

Cathie Burke \_\_\_\_\_ Councilwoman

Kevin Hart \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman