

Regular Meeting
of the
PUTNAM TOWN BOARD

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APRIL 14, 2016
7P.M. PUTNAM TOWN HALL

The meeting opened with the auditing of bills, the Supervisor's monthly report and the Town Clerk's monthly report.

7:00 Meeting called to order

Councilman Greg Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Others present: Mary Jane Dedrick (Deputy Town Clerk/PO Box 14), Gary Treadway (Highway Superintendent/ Treadway Lane) Cee McKenzie (BAR Chair/526 Gull Bay Road), Bob Rudt (Planning Board/526 Gull Bay Road), Charlie Bain (Resident/ Bain Lane)

Resolution #50

Accept the minutes of March 10, 2016 regular meeting

On motion of Councilman Kevin Hart, seconded by Councilwoman Cathie Burke; Resolution adopted.
Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolution #51

Accept Supervisor's monthly report for March 2016

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Greg Harris; Resolution adopted.
Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolution #52

Accept Town Clerk's report for March 2016

On motion of Councilman Greg Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Randall; Resolution adopted.
Ayes 5, Nays 0

Resolution #53

Pay bills as audited

On motion of Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart; Resolution adopted.
Ayes 5, Nays 0

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

General Account	#79-115	\$17,995.73
Highway Account	#45-64	\$215,703.22
Royal Anchorage Sewer District	#1	\$27,321.88
Black Point Sewer District	#2	\$14,738.33

Correspondence

Email submitted by Rebecca Moore April 13, 2016. Subject "Signs"

To: Mr. John LaPointe, Supervisor Town of Putnam
From: Rebecca Moore, 1007 County Route 2-Town of Putnam
Date: April 13, 2016
RE: Signs

See attached for body of the letter.

(Discussion set for the new business portion of the meeting)

Courtesy of the floor (4 minute time limit)

None

(No one present from the Putnam Volunteer Fire Department for March's update)

7:09 Floor Closed

Highway Department Report

Superintendent Gary Treadway reported the new truck is working well. The truck was used to plow snow and all the equipment is working well on it; also gravel has been hauled with it. Superintendent Treadway reported 125 tons of salt have been used this year in ice storms, the average year's use is around 200 tons. About 75% of the stock pile remains unused; this should translate into savings next winter on product and hauling. The crew has been sweeping roads, most roads have had 2-3 passes, and he expects the crew will be back around at least one more time to finish some of the roads. The weight limit signs were removed Monday April 11, 2016 there were no reported incidents of damage to the roads due over weight vehicles. Brush was cut from the sides of Wrights Ferry Road and Craig Road in April. Superintendent Treadway reported continuing trouble and repair of the F550. The F550 went to the garage again the estimated cost of repair is \$5,000 to \$6,000. The repairs needed include the exhaust, manifold leaks, drive shaft problem, and radiator repairs. The truck is a 2008 and has been in constant need of repair since it was purchased. Superintendent Treadway stated a pick up would be more useful in place of the F550, and could be used to pick up garbage, tow the recycling trailer, tow lawn mowers on a trailer, and to check roads and plow senior driveways. Superintendent Treadway noted a pick up with a removable lightweight poly sander, and a plow would be more useful for their needs. The cost for a pick up with a plow and sander would be around \$40,000 on State contract. Councilman Greg Harris inquired how much another 550 would cost, Superintendent Treadway responded a 550 with the same box as the one they have would start at around \$65,000. Supervisor LaPointe pointed out that neighboring town of Dresden has the same model 550 and also have experience the same maintenance problems with their truck. Councilman Kevin Hart asked how the poly sanders hold up under use. Superintendent Treadway reported he has spoken with other

superintendents, specifically Ft. Ann, who went to the poly sanders because of the lighter weight. They are reportedly pleased with the poly sanders. Superintendent Treadway is looking at using Auctions International to sell the trucks that have outlived their usefulness to the Highway Department. He stated a larger audience would be able to bid, and that a minimum bid can be set. Also, a bid can be refused should it come in lower than what the Town is willing to accept and it's a buyer's premium so there is no cost to the Town. Superintendent Treadway will draw up a spec. sheet for review on what would be most useful for the Highway Departments use.

Planning Board Report

Bob Rudt reported the Lake George Land Conservancy is looking to do a subdivision of the Thomas Eliopoulos beaver pond property. The difficulty is in the deed dated back to 1910, which covers the entire Glenburnie property encompassing the pond, minus the lots that have already been sold. The legal question as to if there was a subdivision or not is currently being heard by the courts, although the sides have been in communications, there hasn't been a resolution. The LG Land Conservancy has had a survey done of the property they're interested in. A second item of business, on Indian Point there is a private road where a land owner owns both sides of the road. The parents of the land owners want to sell or give the children the road piece so the children's property will become one piece. The planning board is currently trying to determine if that's a boundary line adjustment, which they can't do, or a subdivision. The APA has given permission for the change. Also, Steve Peters Jr. has approached the planning board about building a new house on the property he owns on a corner lot of State Route 22 and Pulpit Point Road, the old house would be dismantled and removed from the property. On a new order of business for the planning board, Supervisor LaPointe asked if the planning board could work on mobile home or trailer regulations for the Town of Putnam. Mr. Rudt responded "yes". Supervisor LaPointe said he would get sample ordinances from other towns to be used for review. Councilman Hart asserted that the building inspector would need something that's enforceable when it is written.

Old Business

Cummings Park Progress

Supervisor LaPointe reported that the railroad crossing has been installed by Canadian Pacific Railroad. The crossing is nearly complete. Crossing arms and electricity are still needed to make the crossing functional. Ty Stine with National Grid is in communications with Canadian Pacific making the final arrangements to complete the work.

Gull Bay Beach

Supervisor LaPointe reported the light was up at the beach, and the electrical outlet would be completed when the part arrived.

It was also reported by Supervisor LaPointe that he and Mary Jane Dedrick interviewed lifeguards on Saturday April 9, 2016. Five lifeguards will be hired each will get around 20 hours per week. Training will take place April 25 – April 29, 9am to 1pm, at the Hudson Falls Jr. High School. This training is provided by Washington County at no cost to the Town.

Painting and Porch Repairs to the Town Hall

Supervisor LaPointe reported he has spoken with Mr. Teriele about painting the Town Hall and repairing the porch on the front of the building. Councilwoman Randall and Councilman Harris both expressed concerns about the safety of the porch and the needed repair.

New Business

Request for signs on County Route 2

Supervisor LaPointe revisited Rebecca Moore’s request for signs on Lower Road (County Route 2). Supervisor LaPointe will contact Steve Haskins (Superintendent of Public Works for Washington County) about said request and the proper procedure to get the signs.

Electronics disposal

Supervisor LaPointe said he’s currently searching for a location to dispose of electronics and would like to have an electronic pick up along with the white goods if possible. Currently Washington County does not have an electronics disposal arrangement.

8:10 Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Putnam Town Board

Motion made by Councilwoman Cathie Burke, seconded by Councilman Kevin Hart;
Meeting closed at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Kerr
Putnam Town Clerk

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