

PATTERSON TOWN BOARD MEETING  
PATTERSON TOWN HALL  
1142 ROUTE 311  
PATTERSON, NEW YORK 12563  
January 13, 2016

MINUTES

PRESENT: RICHARD WILLIAMS, SR., SUPERVISOR  
KEVIN BURNS, COUNCILMAN  
CHARLES W. COOK, COUNCILMAN  
PETER DANDREANO, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR  
SHAWN ROGAN, COUNCILMAN  
ANTOINETTE KOPECK, TOWN CLERK  
MICHAEL LIGUORI, TOWN COUNSEL

Salute to the Flag and Roll Call.

Supervisor Griffin called the Patterson Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 30 in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING – FIRE PROTECTION

See Public Hearing minutes.

REPORTS

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve the reports as read:

Code Compliance - December  
Code Enforcement - December  
Dog Control Officer - December  
E.C.I.- December  
Putnam Lake Fire Dept. - None  
Patterson Fire Dept. - None  
Putnam Lake Park District Maintenance - None

Seconded by Mr. Cook. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the Supervisor's Report for the month of October.

Seconded by Mr. Burns. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

MINUTES

Mr. Dandreano made a **motion** to approve the following minutes:

Town Board Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2015  
Town Board Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2015  
Organizational Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2016

Seconded by Mr. Rogan. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

AUDIT OF BILLS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** that the Town Board accept Abstract No. 25 as written:

General Fund \$4,131.91, Highway Fund \$525.54, Waste Water Treatment Plant \$1,467.96, Patterson Light District \$23.14, Patterson Refuse District #2 \$91.21, Patterson Park District \$444.01, Alpine Water District \$343.90, Dorset Hollow Water District \$332.06, Grand Total Abstract \$7,359.73.

Seconded by Mr. Burns. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

SHAWN ROGAN

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACT – DISCUSSION

Mr. Rogan stated Rich has spearheaded developing the new advertisement for bids, but in essence, we have to decide as a Town Board to put this out for bid so we can gain the proper information for the Town Board to make a decision moving forward for 2016 and beyond, for our tipping fees for refuse disposal.

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids with the approval and review from legal counsel, as soon as possible.

Seconded by Mr. Dandreano. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

RECREATION REQUEST(S)

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to approve the request from Matt Chibbaro, Recreation Director to promote Sean Florenz from Junior Staff to Senior Staff at a pay rate of \$10.00.

Seconded by Mr. Dandreano. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to waive the fee for the Southern Dutchess Concert band to use the Recreation Center, to perform on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for two hours at \$110.00 per hour, totaling \$220.00.

Seconded by Mr. Dandreano. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to waive the fee for the American Veterans Historical Museum to have the U.S. Army's 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division Band concert to use the Recreation Center, to perform on Saturday, August 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for two hours at \$110.00 per hour, totaling \$220.00.

Seconded by Mr. Dandreano. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

RICHARD WILLIAMS

REQUEST FOR REFORM OF NYS PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING - RESOLUTION

Mr. Williams introduced the following **Resolution Requesting the Reform of New York State Public Education Funding**:

**R-0116-03**

WHEREAS, New York is one of only twelve states that continue to fund public schools through property taxes, and one of the greatest financial burdens faced by homeowners in the State is the onerous burden of school taxes; and

WHEREAS, that burden has contributed to innumerable New Yorkers, including many of those transitioning to retirement on a fixed income, selling their properties and moving from the State; and

WHEREAS, most states fund public schools through sales taxes and state income taxes (both corporate and personal) and other possible avenues of funding include mortgage taxes and excess profits taxes, all of which should be considered as more equitable and less burdensome alternatives to the school property tax method in New York; and

WHEREAS, even the City of New York no longer funds its public schools through property taxes and, recognizing this as a matter of equity as well as hardship, and in order to avoid a "subsidy" of one region by the residents of another, the residents of the City of New York

should either be afforded a credit or excluded from any funding alternative so that fair legislation can be enacted without opposition on that score; and

WHEREAS, responsibility for the education of our youth should be more fairly and equitably distributed and not placed on the backs of our property owners; and

WHEREAS, the two percent tax cap law enacted by New York State is proof that the Governor, Senate and Assembly are aware of this crisis, but it is only a "band aid" approach to a worsening problem; and

WHEREAS, a more permanent solution must be found for the sake of the survival of our State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of hereby requests that Governor Andrew Cuomo, members of the New York State Senate and members of the New York State Assembly urgently address this crisis and enact reforms to school district funding in New York State that implement an equitable alternative funding system to the property tax; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we respectfully request that our New York State representatives, the Hon. Terrence Murphy, Senator for the 40<sup>th</sup> Senate District and the Hon. Steve Katz, Assemblyman for the 94th Assembly District, advocate for the reforms hereby put forth and we thank them for their diligence in this matter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor to execute a letter substantially in the form annexed hereto on behalf of the Town Board addressed to the Hon. Andrew Cuomo, Governor, requesting said reforms and to deliver such letter and certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor, Senator Murphy and Assemblyman Katz; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolutions shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Mr. Cook. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SECRETARY STIPEND - RESOLUTION

Mr. Williams introduced the following **Resolution for Appointment of Margaux Miller as Administrative Assistant to the Administrator of Garbage Districts 1 and 2:**

#### **R-0116-04**

WHEREAS, Russell Goff, the Patterson Sanitation Administrator for Garbage Districts 1 and 2, has recommended the hiring of Ms. Margaux Miller, the Confidential Secretary to the Highway Superintendent, to fill the position of Administrative Assistant to the Sanitation Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that a need exists for such administrative assistant services and it is in the best interest of the Town to accept Mr. Goff's recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby authorizes the hiring of Margaux Miller to provide administrative assistance to the Administrator of Garbage Districts No. 1 and No. 2 at a salary of FOUR THOUSAND (\$4,000.00) DOLLARS to be paid in biweekly increments, in addition to her current salary as Confidential Secretary to the Highway Superintendent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor and any and all other Town officials to execute any and all documents, in a form satisfactory to the Town Attorney, and to take any and all other necessary or appropriate actions to give effect to this resolution.

Seconded by Mr. Rogan. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

KEVIN BURNS

SDG 2016 CONTRACT RENEWAL

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve the SDG Contract for the calendar year of 2016 and to authorize the Supervisor to execute any documents.

Seconded by Mr. Cook. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL – AWARD BID

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to accept the highest bid from Roger Heroux for a set of loader tires of \$360.00 via Auctions International.

Seconded by Mr. Cook. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer No. 45 to 50.

Budget Transfer No. 45

|       |                  |                               |              |
|-------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| From: | A.1420.445       | Special Counsel Traffic Court | \$(4,185.00) |
|       | A.1440.400       | Engineer Contractual          | \$(2,015.00) |
|       | Expense Account  |                               |              |
| To:   | A.1420.440       | Special Counsel               | \$ 6,200.00  |
|       | Expense Accounts |                               |              |

Budget Transfer No. 46

|       |                  |                                 |              |
|-------|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| From: | A.7110.401       | Parks Contractual               | \$(1,350.00) |
|       | Expense Account  |                                 |              |
| To:   | A.1620.200       | Buildings – Town Hall Equipment | \$ 1,350.00  |
|       | Expense Accounts |                                 |              |

Budget Transfer No. 47

|       |                  |                                     |            |
|-------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| From: | A.1330.100       | Receiver of Taxes Personal Services | \$ (51.00) |
|       | Expense Account  |                                     |            |
| To:   | A.1330.400       | Receiver of Taxes Contractual       | \$ 51.00   |
|       | Expense Accounts |                                     |            |

Budget Transfer No. 48

|       |                  |   |             |
|-------|------------------|---|-------------|
| From: | A.3510.401       | Control of Dogs Contractual – Shelter Agreement | \$ (100.00) |
|       | Expense Account  |   |             |
| To:   | A.3510.400       | Control of Dogs Contractual                     | \$ 100.00   |
|       | Expense Accounts |   |             |

Budget Transfer No. 49

|       |                  |  |              |
|-------|------------------|--|--------------|
| From: | A.7140.100       | Recreation Center Personal Services          | \$(1,000.00) |
|       | Expense Account  |  |              |
| To:   | A.7140.200       | Recreation Center Equipment & Capital Outlay | \$1,000.00   |
|       | Expense Accounts |  |              |

Budget Transfer No. 50

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|--|---|--------------|
| From: GWTP.8130.407<br>Expense Account | Sewage Treatment Contractual –<br>Sludge    | \$(2,215.00) |
| To: GWTP.8130.402<br>Expense Accounts  | Sewage Treatment Contractual –<br>Utilities | \$ 2,215.00  |

Seconded Mr. Cook. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

PETER DANDREANO

APPOINT PL PAB MEMBER

Mr. Dandreano made a **motion** to appoint an unexpired term that goes through December 31, 2021 to Lucinda Johnson to the Putnam Lake Park Advisory Board.

Seconded by Mr. Burns. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

PUTNAM LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE - DISCUSSION

Mr. Dandreano stated at the last meeting we discussed a committee to look at our EMS situation in the Town and to look at how we could go forward. We have some proposals that were given to us last year. We will ask those people who proposed them to come back, so the committee could look at all our options. One option would be to purchase our own ambulance and start our own ambulance corp. or EMS service. We got a verbal price from Putnam Lake for their ambulance of \$65,000.00.

Mr. Williams stated we are looking at five different alternatives for providing ambulance service within the Town. This doesn't preclude us from picking one of the other avenues. Two other avenues would require us to purchase one and possibly two ambulances.

Mr. Burns stated is that price vetted. It seems like a fair price. I have absolutely no idea how much an ambulance costs.

Mr. Williams stated I think it is in the ballpark. The ones that I have looked at range anywhere from \$11,000.00 all the way to \$160,000.00 for a used ambulance. I know Patterson is in the process of getting a second ambulance as well.

Mr. Burns stated we would just take it out of General Fund at this point.

Mr. Williams stated we still have to work out the details of where we would find the funds for this. Trish hasn't given us a definite answer on whether we would borrow it, bond it or take it out of the Capital Fund we have.

Mr. Dandreano stated does anyone have any comments.

Mr. Lawrence McFarland stated why does the Town need two ambulances.

Mr. Williams stated we may need one ambulance to provide response and in case that ever goes down, it would be good to have a back-up. We are working through different scenarios on how we are going to provide ambulance service within the Town. We may not need a second ambulance.

Mr. McFarland stated what is Putnam Lake going to do without an ambulance.

Mr. Williams stated currently we are using the Patterson Fire Department's ambulance. They are providing coverage five (5) nights per week. We are paying a private company to staff their ambulance, they are going out on the Patterson ambulance during the day time and evening hours.

Mr. McFarland stated thank you.

Mr. Matt Spzindor, Patterson Fire Chief stated just to clarify the number of ambulances, it would actually be four (4). We currently have an ambulance in service, which we will move to reserve status to back-up the new ambulance.

Mr. Cook stated it would be good for us to know definite costs and how we are going to fund it.

Mr. Williams stated we know the definite costs.

Conversation ensued.

Mr. Dandreano made a **motion** to add one item to his agenda.

Seconded by Mr. Rogan. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

#### PUTNAM LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Mr. Dandreano stated we had a meeting last December and we reorganized and came up with some great ideas. We decided to do a year calendar. We have four or five presentations for the year and the first one will be held on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Putnam Lake Fire House. The topic will be "How to Respond to an Active Shooter Incident". I will be presenting and will teach you how to react.

#### CHARLES COOK

#### ADVERTISE FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE POSITION

Mr. Cook read a memo from Paul Fava stating that he will be retiring effective January 31, 2016 from his full-time position from Building Maintenance and Operations. He would like to continue to assist the Supervisor on an as need part-time basis. He worked for the Town for about ten years now and is one of the nicest gentlemen you could ever meet. We wish him a happy retirement.

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to accept Paul Fava's resignation from full-time employment.

Seconded by Mr. Burns. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for a part-time position for "Versatile Handyman" to perform preventative and routine general building and grounds maintenance at several Town facilities.

Seconded by Mr. Burns. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

#### ADVERTISE FOR SANITATION WORKER POSITION

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for a sanitation worker position. The details will be provided by the Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent.

Seconded by Mr. Burns.

Mr. Rogan stated discussion. Is this a laborer position or a RMEO.

Mr. Williams stated we are looking for a mechanic/laborer.

Mr. Rogan stated so they will have a CDL also, Russ.

Mr. Russ Goff, Highway Superintendent stated yes.

All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to approve Matt Chibbaro's request that the Town Board approve \$200.00 from his budget to use towards pizza and soda for the US Army 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division Band on Friday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Dandreano. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

Mr. Cook stated we have been notified by the Patterson Fire Department that two individuals are to be removed from the Patterson Fire Department's insurance program effective immediately: Albert Melin and Damian Santiago

#### PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Mr. Bruce Majors stated I understand we have a committee for emergency preparedness, we don't know who that committee is. Could you please let us know who the members are and what their expertise is.

Mr. Williams stated there are two separate committees running right now. As Supervisor, I appointed an EMS Committee consisting of Councilman Dandreano and myself.

Mr. Dandreano stated the Emergency Management Committee is made up of members of each fire department, library, Recreation Director, people in the community that are involved in pre and post disaster emergency response.

Mr. Majors stated do they have specific names.

Mr. Dandreano stated the schools send different representatives, whoever is available. It's not specific people.

Mr. Williams stated you are talking about the separate committee for the ambulance issue.

Mr. Majors stated yes.

Mr. Williams stated that is made up of specific individuals that we solicited from the community. They are representatives of both fire departments on the community as well as other people who have a lot of expertise within the community.

Mr. Majors stated will they be named. We had a Sanitation Committee and everyone was named. Will they be named, so the community will know who is on this particular project. You don't have to do it tonight.

Mr. Williams stated certainly, I can provide you with a list of names.

Mr. Majors stated thank you. Kevin, as the spearhead for the Master Plan, I was wondering if at the next Town Board meeting you could provide us with an update and maybe let us know when the draft document will finally be ready and when we will have a public hearing as it relates to the long overdue Master Plan.

Mr. Burns stated I thought the last time we spoke about this, that there was a decision, that there wasn't a need for a revision.

Mr. Williams stated we are currently waiting for the Planning Board to give us their recommendations. They are working on it. It is being spearheaded by Ron Taylor, who sits on the Planning Board. For the most part, the Master Plan is in good shape. It just needs a little tweaking here and there.

Mr. Burns stated I'll follow up with Ron.

Mr. Majors stated please. We understand there was no money put in the budget, but we also have to understand that the Town Counsel advised this Board of the importance of updating your Master Plan. Even if it was nothing more than taking the old plan, blowing the dust off it and putting a stamp on it. Because it concerns a future litigation, you should have a current Master Plan and we are now five years past due. Thank you.

Chief Spzindor read the Patterson Fire Departments report for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Dandreano. All in favor: Aye. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Antoinette Kopeck, Town Clerk