

PATTERSON TOWN BOARD MEETING
PATTERSON TOWN HALL
1142 ROUTE 311
PATTERSON, NEW YORK 12563
January 14, 2015

MINUTES

PRESENT: MICHAEL GRIFFIN, SUPERVISOR
KEVIN BURNS, COUNCILMAN
CHARLES W. COOK, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
PETER DANDREANO, COUNCILMAN
SHAWN ROGAN, COUNCILMAN
ANTOINETTE KOPECK, TOWN CLERK
DONALD M. ROSSI, 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 7 in attendance.

REPORTS

Mr. Griffin asked the clerk to file the reports as read.

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

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the Supervisor's Reports for the months of November and December.

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

MINUTES

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

Public Hearing – Local Law No. 2 – Bamboo - November 19, 2014
Town Board Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2014
Town Board Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2014
Organizational Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2015

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

AUDIT OF BILLS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** that the Town Board accept Abstract No. 1A as written:

General Fund \$117,082.72, Highway Fund \$40,648.40, Waste Water Treatment Plant \$4,215.09, Putnam Lake Light District \$626.97, Patterson Light District \$777.75, Patterson Refuse District #2 \$6,841.10, Patterson Park District \$910.72, Alpine Water District \$117.30, Dorset Hollow Water District \$944.71, Fox Run Water District \$915.04, Debt Service \$36,414.25, Grand Total Abstract \$209,494.05.

Seconded by Mr. Burns. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Burns, yes; Mr. Cook, yes; Mr. Dandreano, yes; Mr. Rogan, yes; Mr. Griffin, yes.

KEVIN BURNS

PUTNAM LAKE CARP GATE – FOLLOW –UP

Mr. Burns stated Happy New Year. I'm sorry I missed the Organizational Meeting, thank you for covering my part. I understand the DEC would like us to put in the application to stock the lake with carp.

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve the Town Planner to put in that application to the DEC. Doesn't mean we have to go forward with it, but we have to get the application going if we are going to try or have the option.

Seconded by Mr. Cook.

Mr. Cook stated isn't this tied in with the sluice and carp gate.

Mr. Rich Williams, Town Planner stated yes, it is tied in with the carp gate. As you know, we got an application pending before the Dormitory Authority for funding to install the carp gate. We anticipate the carp gate will run about \$60,000.00. We are working on that aspect of it. We can't stock the lake until we put the carp gate in, but we can make the application and get all the permits from the DEC in place prior to doing that, which is the direction we have been going, so that if in the near future the Park Advisory Board decides this isn't an appropriate way to go, we will be ready. It will take a little bit of time running through the state regulatory process for doing this.

Mr. Rogan stated I applied and got one of those permits through the DEC for carp and the escapement barrier in Mahopac. The nice thing about the permit is it tells you the number of carp allowed and you can buy from the approved vendor as many and up to that amount, so sometimes you start off with a lower amount and see the effectiveness. The permit is good for a set amount of time. You don't have to buy everything the permit says.

Mr. Williams stated we have to give them a lot more detail and they put a lot more criteria on it. Based on the volume of weeds that we've seen and based on the Allied Biological study, we are actually looking for a lower amount than otherwise could be requested, anticipating that the DEC would not approve the higher amount because the amount of weeds is not in Putnam Lake. They don't want overstocking, tripod carp will actually wipe out all the vegetation and that does tremendous damage to the existing fish population in the lake.

Mr. Griffin stated it also makes the water very turbid, because they tear up the bottom.

All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

BILLINGSLY PROPERTY OFFER – DISCUSSION

Mr. Burns stated we have a memo from the Town Planner regarding tax map numbers 34.-4-14 and 34.-4-55. Mr. Burns read the letter:

I received a phone call from Jerome Billingsly concerning the above-mentioned properties. Mr. Billingsly was inquiring if the Town had any interest in purchasing the properties, and indicated that the current asking price is \$669,000.00, approximately \$5,400.00 per acre.

The two parcels comprise a 129.48± acre parcel at the intersection of Ice Pond Road and Tommy Thurber Lane. The lot also extends over to Tammany Hall Road. Most of the property are uplands (Charlton-Hollis soil complex) with two small wetlands on the site. The stream originating from Camp Brady Pond bisects the northeast corner of the property.

Mr. Williams stated it's at the corner of Ice Pond Road and Tommy Thurber Lane. It's far away from our populated centers. It's a beautiful piece of property. It's out of the way to really do anything with it. This is not a piece of land I am recommending the Town consider purchasing.

Mr. Burns stated does the Land Trust have any interest.

Mr. Williams stated I'm sure they would, but not at that price.

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter to Mr. Billingsly stating that we are not interested in the purchase of this land at that price.

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

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer No. 60 to 69:

Budget Transfer No. 60

From:	SWA.8310.400	Water Administration Contractual	(\$19.00)
To:	SWA.8320.400 Expense Accounts	Source of Power Contractual	\$19.00

Budget Transfer No. 61

From:	SWDH.8310.400	Water Administration Contractual	(\$80.00)
To:	SWDH.8320.400 Expense Accounts	Source of Power Contractual	\$80.00

Budget Transfer No. 62

From:	GWTP.8130.404	Sewer Contractual – Chemicals	(\$1,051.00)
To:	GWTP.8130.402 Expense Accounts	Sewer Contractual – Utilities	\$1,051.00

Budget Transfer No. 63

From:	SP.9010.800	Employee Benefit – State Retirement	(\$697.00)
To:	SP.7110.400 Expense Accounts	Parks Contractual	\$697.00

Budget Transfer No. 64

Increase:	LP.0599 Fund Balance Account	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$568.00
Increase:	LP.5182.400 Expense Account	Street Lighting Contractual	\$568.00

Budget Transfer No. 65

From:	SP.7110.100	Parks Personal Services	(\$2,500.00)
To:	SP.7110.400 Expense Accounts	Parks Contractual	\$2,500.00

Budget Transfer No. 66

From:	A.3510.100	Dog Control Personal Services	(\$1,483.00)
To:	A.8161.400 Expense Accounts	Recycling Contractual	\$1,483.00

Budget Transfer No. 67

From:	A.1420.440	Special Counsel	(\$2,100.00)
To:	A.1420.445 Expense Accounts	Special Counsel – Traffic Court	\$2,100.00

Budget Transfer No. 68

Increase:	RP.1089	Other Tax Items	\$3,108.00
	RP.2701	Refund of Prior Years Expenses	\$5,400.00
	Revenue Accounts		
Increase:	RP.8160.402	Sanitation Transfer Charges	\$8,508.00
	Expense Accounts		

Budget Transfer No. 69

Increase:	H.0902	Fund Balance Designated Capital Projects	\$2,000.00
	Fund Balance		
Increase:	H.8989.014	Sewer Capital & Equipment	\$2,000.00
	Expense Account		

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

Mr. Burns stated Christmas tree pick up is tomorrow and Friday.

PETER DANDREANO

SECURITY SURVEY – RECREATION CENTER

Mr. Dandreano stated last month with other members of the Safety Committee, Paul Fava and Sue Brown, Recreation Director, Matt Chibbaro walked through the Recreation Center and did a security survey. This is what I do at work as a Crime Prevention Officer. We identified some issues. I have a report for the Board members.

Conversation ensued.

SERVICE CONTRACT – RECREATION CENTER DOORS

Mr. Dandreano made a **motion** to approve \$1,020.00 for a service contract for the Stanley automatic doors at the Recreation Center that covers parts and labor for one year.

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

SANITATION REQUEST, REPLACEMENT PACKER – FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION

Mr. Dandreano stated we discussed Frank Farrell's request to replace the 2002 packer. We keep putting money into a lot of things that are breaking down.

Mr. Griffin stated I think it is probably a good time to evaluate whether we should stay in the business or not. A local resident has provided us with a significant amount of research as to the costs of what people are paying in the Sanitation District versus what others are paying throughout the County. I will share that information with the Board again. We should put a subcommittee together to take a look at this. Do we want to consider the possibility that when we go out to bid for the 2016 contracts for Putnam Lake, we can make it a Townwide bid and break it up into different parts and pieces and see what the numbers look like. We have some breathing room from now until February when the contract expires. It would be in the Town's best interest to take a hard look at it and have a subcommittee and ask if any of the public would like to sit on it.

Mr. Dandreano stated in the meantime we keep the 2002 packer and repair and use it as needed.

Mr. Griffin stated we should probably set a deadline sometime in April to report back to the Board and come up with some answers. They can survive with what they have for a couple of more months. I wouldn't suggest that we spend \$180,000.00 for a new packer.

Mr. Dandreano stated I agree.

Mr. Griffin stated does anyone want to volunteer to take that on.

Mr. Rogan stated I would be happy to sit on it.

Mr. Dandreano stated I will, too.

Mr. Griffin stated if anyone in the public would be interested, please let us know. Bruce, thank you. I would also reach out to the Union and make sure they are involved every step of the way, so it is a clean process. Possibly ask Mr. Farrell, also.

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

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Dandreano stated I wanted to talk a little bit about some Emergency Management issues. The Patterson Emergency Management Committee met last week. We had a great attendance. The Patterson Fire Department was there, representatives from Putnam Lake; the Town Planner, Rich Williams; Matt Chibbaro, Recreation Director; Patterson Library staff; Paul Fava, Building Maintenance; representative from NYSEG, and Mr. O'Connor. The School District could not attend this meeting, but they are still very interested. The Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services couldn't make it because of the reorganization that they are going through. This committee is going to be very beneficial to help develop our Emergency Management Plan. I have reached out to the New York State Office of Emergency Management. The Representative from the Hudson Valley sent me samples and tool kits. She is willing to come down and train us on how to develop an Emergency Management Plan.

Conversation ensued.

Mr. Dandreano made a **motion** to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter requesting representation on the Commissioner Selection Committee, I would be more than happy to serve.

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

Mr. Williams stated can we amend that to make it the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor, whoever is available.

Mr. Rogan stated to send the letter.

Mr. Williams stated yes.

Mr. Rogan stated doesn't designee already apply.

Mr. Williams stated I don't know, I just want to make sure.

Mr. Cook stated it already applies.

Mr. Griffin stated you have it drafted, you might as well have Charlie sign it and send it out.

Mr. Williams stated I attended a discussion at the Pound Ridge Town Hall. They have a software developed by Todd Baremore to enhance their emergency response during an event. The purpose of the meeting was to gauge the interest of municipalities in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess County's to participate in shared grant submission, which would be used to purchase the software licenses and hardware needed to operate the system for those municipalities who agree to participate. The basic function of the software would allow each municipality to identify and track damage to infrastructure following a natural disaster.

Conversation ensued.

Mr. Williams stated should I let them know we are interested in participating.

Mr. Griffin stated absolutely. I think we should work with this every step of the way, until we are either in or we feel it is not worth it.

CHARLES COOK

KRISCH LETTER, ACCESS ROAD - DISCUSSION

Mr. Cook stated the Town Board received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Krisch from Farm to Market Road expressing their concerns relative to the Twin Hill Preserve, which is located by their property. There is an access road from Farm to Market to the Preserve and to their homes. People who are coming to visit the Preserve are parking on this access road and causing major concerns for the residents. They are not able to get in or out on the access road. If the Fire Department or an ambulance has to respond it would cause a problem. There is no indication in their letter that they tried to reach out to the Putnam County Land Trust, which owns this preserve. I think it would be wise, Mike, for you to write back to them and state or ask them to reach out to the Putnam County Land Trust.

Mr. Griffin stated I asked Mr. Williams to touch base with Judy Terlizzi and see what the Land Trust's take on this whole thing is.

Mr. Williams stated Charles, sometimes it helps if there is an intermediary between the two parties and to get them to sit down and talk. I reached out to Judy Terlizzi and we took a look at the problems. They do have a short fall in parking, especially when they have a larger event. Judy is committed to have a plan within the next couple of months, showing how they are going to provide additional parking spaces on the Putnam Lake Trust properties, so they can get the cars off of the driveway and free up that access.

Mr. Cook stated I think that if you are doing this work, you should respond to this letter from Mr. and Mrs. Krisch and tell them all of this.

Mr. Williams stated I will.

Mr. Rogan stated could we ask the Highway Department to put up some "No Parking" signs that are more permanent in nature.

Mr. Don Rossi stated as neighborly as it might sound, I think the Highway Department should stay off the private road and not place any signs on it.

Mr. Rogan stated when you speak to Judy, can you have her relay the information through the Putnam Land Trust to have them respect the neighbors if they put up "No Parking" signs. The letter indicates that the people using the preserve are ripping the signs down.

Mr. Williams stated I spoke to Judy about that, and she disputed that fact. I discussed the letter with her, and she is aware of the issues.

Mr. Rossi stated Rich, the Land Trust Preserve is not subject to any site plan requirement.

Mr. Williams stated actually, they are required under our codes to provide adequate parking.

Mr. Rossi stated I would suggest that after discussing it with Judy and coming up with some potential settlement among the parties, that that is an alternative that might be looked at.

Mr. Rogan stated the property owners on that road always have the right to call a tow truck and have a car towed out of there, right.

Mr. Rossi stated they have a variety of rights that they can take advantage of if the use is constituting a nuisance, they have private rights to enforce.

CSEA REJECTION OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY - UPDATE

Mr. Cook stated the Town Board received a letter from the CSEA headquarters. We have a controlled substance and drug and alcohol policy that they clearly stated that they are rejecting this policy referring to the DOT Drug and Alcohol Rules and Regulations, which is in the contract. They feel that is what covers the issue for them. The Town has requested that the Town's HR Consultant reach out to Mr. Blackman, who is the Labor Relations Specialist for more clarification and discussion on this. We are waiting for a response back from Mr. Blackman as far as getting together and discussing this.

RECREATION REQUESTS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the request from Matt Chibbaro, Recreation Director to rehire Mike Capra as Director of the men's softball program. The rate will be \$1,600.00 for the summer season and \$900.00 for the fall season. The rates have been the same for the last five years.

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

SHAWN ROGAN

WAIVER OF FEE REQUESTS – REID & WILKINSON MOTOR SPORTS

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** based on the recommendation from the Code Enforcement Officer, Robert McCarthy to waive the \$225.00 fee for Mr. Ronald Reid.

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

Mr. Rogan stated we received a letter from Adam Wilkins, Wilkins Motorsports on Route 22. He would like to have his fees waived, since he is a new business in Town. The fees are over \$700.00. The fees are for putting up a shed to help with cleaning up the property. I'm hesitant to make a motion on this, because there are other commercial sites that we are trying to bring into compliance in Patterson that also lack site plan approval, that have new operators and we have documented that they lack site plan approval. Justin Automotive is one and that goes back many years. I think by doing this, we would be setting a precedent, and I think we could tackle it in another approach. It may be possible to look at our fee structure for site plans and possibly create something that would allow a graduated site plan payment based on the amount of time necessary to review and approve the complexity of the application. I'm looking for comments and discussion from the Board as to how to proceed with this.

Mr. Cook stated can the fee be paid in installments.

Mr. Rogan stated I think that comes back to the difficulties with that sort of a structure.

Mr. Williams stated not under our current fee schedule. The problem with that is, they start the process and make monthly installments and decide that they are not getting a favorable review from the Planning Board, so they stop paying and we are left without the ability to enforce them to make the installments all the way through.

Mr. Rogan stated in this case, it is such an open and shut review process. We have to be careful that we don't charge fees that we can't articulate how that money is being used, because that is not a fee, it is a tax on someone. In this case, Rich is saying we have a site plan review of \$500.00 and associated inspection fees, but this is an open and shut case, that alone is saying that this is a process that doesn't necessitate \$700.00 worth of review. I think that is another example of why we should look at the fee structure.

Mr. Williams stated when you are setting your fee structure, you are basing it on averages. You are not basing it on each individual application.

Mr. Rogan stated I don't necessarily agree with you Rich. I think there are many examples where you do a graduate permitting, for instance, based on occupancy or the amount of time you do inspections.

Mr. Williams stated we do, but we base that on generalizations from past experience about what the costs are, what the amount of time it takes the Planning Board and others for similar types of applications.

Mr. Rogan stated he is not the property owner. He should go to the owner of the property and negotiate the fee with him. I'm not in favor of moving this. I would be happy to table this.

Mr. Cook stated is it the same property owner from the 1970's.

Mr. Williams stated it is not.

Conversation ensued.

Mr. Rossi stated one alternative is to potentially table this and discuss a possible refund once the process is done.

Mr. Griffin stated I think the Attorney's solution is the better one at the moment. Tell them to pay the fee and based on the review and the time spent we will make an appropriate (inaudible).

Mr. Rogan stated we can send them a letter from Rich explaining what it took recommending you consider a reimbursement of \$350.00.

Mr. Griffin stated on the one hand Shawn, I'm in complete agreement with you on waiving fees. We waive fees for everyone and their brother. I suspect if you sat down at the end of the year and figured out how many dollars worth of fees we waived and some are legitimate, but the precedent you are talking about, I completely agree with, especially on commercials. I'm not for waiving commercials, but I think something a little more reasonable would be appropriate.

Mr. Cook stated if we table this....

Mr. Rogan stated we don't have to take an action on it.

Mr. Cook stated right. Would you be able to look at the fee schedule between now and the next meeting.

Mr. Rogan stated no, it's not a matter of looking at the fee schedule. It is a matter of determining what the chargeable rate would be for the time spent in the review process to get it to the final site plan. It will have to come as a recommendation from Rich.

Mr. Rossi stated revising the fee schedule is a major task.

Mr. Griffin stated we could easily calculate a per hour rate for the Planning Board, Town Engineer and the Planner. It may come out to be more than \$700.00. It's a more reasonable way to go for minor site plan review type of scenarios.

FROG HILL LLC SITE PLAN – PERFORMANCE BOND

Mr. Rogan introduced the following **Resolution Establishment of a Performance Bond for the Frog Hill LLC Site Plan:**

R-0115-01

WHEREAS, Frog Hill LLC own a parcel of land at 3161-3169 Route 22 identified as Tax Map No. 4.-1-42, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Town of Patterson has received an Application for site plan approval from Tomas Ortega in order to construct various improvements on the lot, as shown on a set of drawings entitled Proposed Site Plan, 3365 NYS Route 22, dated September 17, 2014; last revised November 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a motion was made and carried by the Patterson Planning Board at its January 8, 2015 meeting recommending that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson find that the cost of

a bond, sufficient to cover restoration of the site should the developer fail to complete the site improvements, be established in the amount of \$23,130.00, with an inspection fee of \$4,100.00, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson wishes to follow the recommendation made by the Patterson Planning Board;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby established the amount of the performance bond sufficient to cover restoration of the site should the developer fail to complete the site improvements for the Barjac Realty Site Plan, pursuant to the Town Code of the Town of Patterson as \$23,130.00, with an inspection fee of \$4,100.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bond posted for the project be subject to prior approval by the Town Attorneys, HOGAN & ROSSI, as to sufficiency and form.

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

LIBRARY REQUESTS FOR ANNUAL FUNDING

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to distribute the annual funding in the amount of \$737,652.00 to the Patterson Library when able and appropriate.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Rogan stated Christmas tree pick-up is tomorrow.

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to add two items to his agenda.

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

Mr. Rogan stated first is a request that was sent in by a resident of Patterson, Ms. Joan Bretthauer, regarding the rental registration fee of \$75.00 every three years to be waived, due to a hardship. The rental is a unit at 301 Misty Hills in Carmel. She is on social security only, she is paying the taxes and common charges and last winter there was an ice problem that created damage to the unit and she is still waiting for a resolution to that. Her primary residence was hit by lightning and displaced for twenty-two days and had to stay in a hotel. Her homeowners has increased from \$1,600.00 to over \$2,500.00 per year. The Town Supervisor asked for a recommendation from the Building Department. The Building Department stated they received the letter and are not supporting this waiver because it is a rental income property. I would like to open this up to discussion.

Mr. Griffin stated is the property rented.

Ms. Joan Bretthauer stated it is rented to two elderly people. There is also a mortgage on that property.

Mr. Griffin stated so, you have an income.

Ms. Bretthauer stated it negates any profit, because of all the bills coming in.

Mr. Griffin stated \$75.00 for three years would be an incredible hardship.

Mr. Cook stated \$25.00 per year.

Ms. Bretthauer stated I realize that.

Mr. Cook stated can't you pass that along to the tenant.

Ms. Bretthauer stated if I try to raise their rent, they scream and yell at you.

Mr. Rogan stated Joan, would you be able or willing to pay \$25.00 per year for the three years with a very small surcharge for the billing on it.

Ms. Bretthauer stated I think I'm not the only individual.....

Mr. Rogan stated can you answer that question first before you go into other people that are not as lawfully abiding as you are.

Ms. Bretthauer stated it's still a real hardship. No one wants to understand anything.

Mr. Rogan stated I don't think anyone doesn't want to understand anything. I think based on the conversation that just ensued about income properties and waiving fees, it is a difficult situation.

Ms. Bretthauer stated I would like to sell it, but I can't sell it because of the way the economy is.

Mr. Cook stated I can understand hardships, but I think at \$25.00 per year, I have trouble waiving that.

Mr. Griffin stated I don't see how we can be any more reasonable than \$25.00 per year. It's unfathomable that you have the property rented and you can't come up with \$25.00 per year.

Ms. Bretthauer stated I can't get \$25.00 from the tenants.

Mr. Griffin stated you get the rent, don't you.

Ms. Bretthauer stated and it goes right to the bills. I have the carrying chargers, a water bill and the maintenance fee, taxes, etc.

Mr. Griffin stated I would be willing to support the \$25.00 per year.

Mr. Dandreano stated I agree, I think that's fair \$25.00 per year, I don't think it is too much of a hardship.

Conversation ensued.

Mr. Rogan stated based on everything that has been said, I make a **motion** to approve spreading the fee out over the three years for \$25.00 per year. I'm sure there will be a \$3.00 surcharge on that and a headache for the Accounting Department.

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

Mr. Rogan stated we started a discussion a while back about the first aid kits Town-wide. I think Trish was looking to change vendors from the current vendor to a more reasonably priced vendor. We asked each of the areas where they are located to report back. The court said they don't need it, everything expires and we don't use it. Matt Chibbaro, Recreation Director said it's not for the public and there were various responses. In short, I think I'm in favor of the Highway Department still having the kits. They keep their own smaller kits for the vehicles. Russ, the Highway trucks all have first aid kits on them.

Mr. Russ Goff, Highway Superintendent stated yes.

Mr. Rogan stated I think we could ask Paul Fava to just restock basic first aid kits. He goes to Sam's Club for recreation supplies, we could buy the same things and restock them. Those companies are charging an arm and a leg for those products. Anything more than a twenty-four unit first aid kit in a typical office setting is just unnecessary.

Mr. Dandreano stated we can give him a list of what is needed for each kit and he can inspect them weekly, monthly or whatever.

Mr. Cook stated Shawn why don't you give Trish a call and let her know what we discussed.

Mr. Rogan stated I will do that.

Mr. Griffin stated if she has a proposal, we can take a look at it and if it makes sense, fine, or if it makes sense to do it ourselves, that's fine too.

Ms. Bretthauer stated can I ask another question.

Mr. Griffin stated yes.

Ms. Bretthauer stated I have been trying to get to the bottom of this problem for over three years and I get nowhere. I get road blocked on every single thing that I ask. I am not the only one with a rental property in Misty Hills, I told the Code Enforcement Officer, Nick Lamberti. I told them I don't think it is fair that I should be charged and everyone should turn a deaf ear and a blind eye to the situation. They go after me. Then we have the Dog Warden, I brought it to his attention that different people don't have licenses on their dogs, cause the dog was pooping all over my driveway. He couldn't answer that question. He calls me and just leaves a message. I'm watching to see if the dog walks on the road. Then the air condition breaks in June and I'm left to pay for that. \$25.00 is a lot of money. I had to buy a stove, new air conditioner and I found out that you have to get a permit to get the air conditioner. The Town charges money for that. Am I right about that.

Mr. Griffin stated you are right, the Town charges money.

Ms. Bretthauer stated how much do they charge.

Mr. Griffin stated I would have to check with the Building Department, fees vary for different things. Usually it requires an inspection or processing paperwork.

Ms. Bretthauer stated I think it was something like \$500.00.

Mr. Griffin stated I don't think it was that much, we can find out for you. Have you talked to a real estate agent to put this on the market, so you can get out from under.

Ms. Bretthauer stated I said before, I can't sell it because of the economy.

Mr. Griffin stated have you talked to a real estate agent.

Ms. Bretthauer stated I checked around, yes.

Mr. Griffin stated it might be worth letting it go and whatever you get, you get and just walk away. It sounds like a real burden.

Ms. Bretthauer stated it is.

Conversation ensued.

MICHAEL GRIFFIN

NYSEG NOTIFICATION - UPDATE

Mr. Griffin stated we already discussed this.

SANITATION MEMO, SCRAP METAL - DISCUSSION

Mr. Griffin stated I have a memo from Frank Farrell and he states he had a conversation with Southeast Recycle in Wingdale and they offered to provide a thirty yard container at the Recycling Center. Since we take our metal up there all the time, they suggested they would be happy to give us a thirty yard container and make the pulls when it is full, saving us a lot of time, gas and wear and tear. I spoke to Trish and asked her for some numbers to see how much we actually get from scrap metal in a given year. They we can give it to the Attorney's to see if it should be put out to bid or if it's okay. At this point, it is working very well. We will check to see if there are any legal issues.

Mr. Griffin stated we had a meeting this week with a local architect and he is putting together some prices for the design of the building. At some point, Don, you and I need to have a conversation. One of the company's that wants to build the building will also sell us the plans for the building. In New York State, you have to be very careful that there is a separation between design and build. We will need a legal opinion on that. I suspect that \$15,000.00 for the design, stamped and approved plans is probably not going to be that unreasonable.

DELEGATE TO ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS - DISCUSSION

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** to approve Mr. Burns will be the delegate and Mr. Dandreaano will be the alternate.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Rossi stated the DiFrancesco property has been offered as a gift to the Town. The property, which has been before the Board several months ago, as far as a potential purchase, I believe, has now been offered, not in writing, to my knowledge, but the landowner apparently is willing to donate it to the Town. Rich has taken a look at it and thinks it could have some value as drainage purposes in connection to meeting MS-4 requirements and we would like to be authorized to do a title search on it and work on a letter of content and streamline the conveyance process, as much as possible.

Mr. Griffin stated let's do that first before we do the title search.

Mr. Rossi stated yes.

Mr. Griffin stated get it in writing that they actually want to donate it before we run around and spend serious money.

Mr. Rossi stated encompassed in the letter of intent, we will also be looking at the property.

Mr. Griffin stated alright, it looks like it will have some MS-4 potential.

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** that we authorize the Town Attorney to secure a letter of intent to donate the property and that having been accomplished authorize him to go ahead and do the title search and any necessary legal work to convey the property to the Town.

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

Mr. Cook stated are we okay with PERMA.

Mr. Griffin stated yes, we looked at both companies and PERMA gives us a substantial refund at the end of every year. I think it was \$26,000.00, but I would have to double check that number. When we ran the numbers they were very close. We used PERMA for a very long time and they come highly recommended and they give us great service. I evaluated the whole thing with Trish and made a command decision that PERMA was the one we should stay with.

Mr. Cook stated is there anything new with Thunder Ridge and the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Mr. Williams stated no there is nothing new at this point.

Mr. Cook stated they were pushing you for the end of the year.

Mr. Williams stated correct. I am still waiting for the final plans to come back in and the Attorney's to work on the agreements between the parties.

Mr. Burns stated why are we being sued.

Mr. Griffin stated Article 78, because they are contesting a decision made by the Planning Board relative to Alpine Restaurant.

Mr. Williams stated the Alpine Restaurant is on a parcel separated by a strip of land that is owned by Patterson Center, LLC. To the south of the Patterson Center, LLC property there is another vacant parcel that the Alpine wished to use for parking, because they are parking limited on the one parcel that they have, so their occupancy is greatly reduced from what the occupancy could be. The Planning Board, pursuant to sections of our code, which allows us to do this, approved the parking lot on the southerly parcel. Well, the crux of the law suit is the Planning Board didn't have the authority to do that. There is an easement benefiting property to the north by the Patterson Center, LLC, which is on the southerly parcel. With the Planning Board approving that, it effected that easements and other things I really don't want to get into in an open session.

Mr. Dandreano stated the Sanitation Department is doing a big recycling campaign and they asked us to make February Recycling Awareness Month. Someone did some research and April is really recycling month, so we were thinking of going from February to April to promote recycling, 75/25. 75% recycling and 25% garbage.

Mr. Rogan stated one good thing Frank Farrell was sending around was the promotion of PutnamFreeRecycling.org, which is a Yahoo group, which allows people to reuse things. You can give away things. My wife and I have used it to give away a snow plow, furniture and people are very happy. It stays out of the landfill and people are happy to receive something for free.

Mr. Griffin stated starting January 1, 2015 in New York State you are no longer allowed to throw out electronic equipment. You must take it to an appropriate center, which fortunately we have one in the Town of Patterson.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Antoinette Kopeck, Town Clerk