

PATTERSON TOWN BOARD MEETING
PATTERSON TOWN HALL
1142 ROUTE 311
PATTERSON, NEW YORK 12563
January 27, 2016

MINUTES

PRESENT: RICHARD WILLIAMS, SR., SUPERVISOR
KEVIN BURNS, COUNCILMAN
CHARLES W. COOK, COUNCILMAN
SHAWN ROGAN, COUNCILMAN
ANTOINETTE KOPECK, TOWN CLERK
DONALD M. ROSSI, TOWN COUNSEL

ABSENT: PETER DANDREANO, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR

Salute to the Flag and Roll Call.

Supervisor Williams called the Patterson Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 18 in attendance.

AUDIT OF BILLS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** that the Town Board accept Abstract No. 24 as written:

General Fund \$85,103.30, Highway Fund \$13,710.35, Putnam Lake Fire District \$900.00, Patterson Fire District \$1,000.00, Waste Water Treatment Plant \$13,048.88, Capital Fund \$3,066.00, Putnam Lake Light District \$2,132.73, Patterson Light District \$3,275.84, Putnam Lake Refuse District #1 \$23,152.02, Patterson Refuse District #2 \$12,147.64, Dorset Hollow Drainage District \$300.00, Deerwood Drainage District \$368.38, Quail Ridge Road Improvement District \$450.00, Patterson Park District \$3,177.75, Putnam Lake Park District \$6,900.73, Alpine Water District \$9,866.63, Dorset Hollow Water District \$2,689.58, Fox Run Water District \$9,345.64, Trust & Agency \$300.00, Grand Total Abstract \$190,935.47.

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

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

General Fund \$246,569.55, Highway Fund \$107,980.30, Putnam Lake Fire District \$9,518.40, Patterson Fire District \$14,277.60, Waste Water Treatment Plant \$10,118.92, Capital Fund \$7,321.74, Putnam Lake Light District \$1,107.73, Patterson Light District \$2,004.02, Putnam Lake Refuse District #1 \$420.58, Patterson Refuse District #2 \$67,563.72, Patterson Park District \$1,329.24, Putnam Lake Park District \$1,055.06, Alpine Water District \$1,348.90, Dorset Hollow Water District \$781.57, Fox Run Water District \$1,139.85, Trust & Agency \$364.30, Debt Service \$35,279.38, Grand Total Abstract \$508,180.86.

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

RICHARD WILLIAMS

PROCUREMENT POLICY

Mr. Williams introduced the following **Resolution Introducing Local Law I-1 and Providing for Public Notice and Hearing – Procurement Policy:**

R-0116-04

BE IT RESOLVED that an amendment to the Town of Patterson Procurement Policy is hereby introduced by Supervisor Richard Williams, as Introductory Local Law #I-1 of the year 2016 before the Town Board of the Town of Patterson in the County of Putnam and State of New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the aforesaid proposed Policy, which is attached hereto, be laid upon the desk of each member of the Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board will hold a public hearing on said proposed Amendment at the Town Hall, in the Town of Patterson, New York at 7:30 o'clock P.M. on February 10, 2016, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the Town of Patterson of said public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

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

PATTERSON LIBRARY REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Mr. Williams stated as you know we fund the library and we have a request from them for their annual funding in the amount of \$737,652.00. We will gladly send this amount over once our warrant is filled.

PUTNAM LAKE PARK DISTRICT GRANT

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to authorize the Supervisor to submit the application for a grant for the Putnam Lake Park District for constructing basketball courts at Memorial Field.

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

LEGAL UPDATE

Mr. Williams updated the Board on several lawsuits going on in the Town.

DEC PERMIT – CRANBERRY MOUNTAIN

Mr. Williams stated the DEC has acquired considerable property on either side of Haviland Hollow. They sent notice into the Town that they will be constructing a parking lot out there. It is within 100 feet of state regulated wetlands so, they have issued themselves a permit. There are no permits required from the Town, but it was a courteous notification. They intend to start construction in the spring.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL

Mr. Williams stated I will defer my Executive Session – Legal until the end of the meeting.

KEVIN BURNS

AUDITING SERVICES CONTRACT RENEWAL

Mr. Burns introduced the following **Resolution Professional Services Contract with EFPR Group, CPAs, PLLC for Auditing Services:**

R-0116-05

WHEREAS, the Town of Patterson desires to hire a certified public accountant to perform an end-of-year audit on the Town's statutory basis financial statement in the form of an annual financial report, and perform an end-of-year audit on the Town Justice Court's receipts and to provide a written management letter expressing the findings of the audit for the year ended December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, after duly advertising a Request for Proposals for such services the Town of Patterson entered into a contract with Toski & Co., P.C. to provide such services to the Town and the Justice Court for calendar year ending December 31, 2014 with the option to renew such contract for calendar years ending December 31, 2015, 2016, and 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has received Engagement Letters from Douglas E. Zimmerman, CPA, Chief Operating Officer of EFPR Group, CPAs, PLLC (the "Accountant") the successor in interest to Toski & Co., P.C., dated January 4, 2016, setting forth the terms upon which the Accountant proposes to provide such auditing services to the Town and the Justice court for the year ended December 31, 2015(the "Engagement Letters"), full and complete copies of which are annexed hereto and hereby made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Patterson and the Accountant wish to renew the agreement in accordance with the terms set forth in the attached Engagement Letters for the year ended December 31, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby authorizes the engagement of EFPR GROUP, CPAs, PLLC to perform an end of year audit and provide an annual financial report for the Town for the year ended December 31, 2015 on the terms set forth in the Engagement Letter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby authorizes the engagement of EFPR GROUP, CPAs, PLLC to perform an end-of-year audit on the Town Justice Court's receipts and to provide a written management letter for the year ended December 31, 2015 on the terms set forth in the Engagement Letter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor 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. Cook. Discussion.

Mr. Cook stated they agreed to hold the pricing for 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Mr. Williams stated there was a \$100.00 increase for each year. I have one concern and I would like to amend the resolution to add: "Be It Further Resolved, that one of the paragraphs be amended or deleted out. If there was some dispute or disagreement with the Town and the CPA firm, we would go to arbitration in Erie County and we are not going to Erie County." We need to change that to Putnam County or we need to delete that we are going to arbitration at all.

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to amend the resolution to approve this resolution as amended by the Supervisor with regards to the arbitration revision in Erie County.

Mr. Rossi stated subject to discussion with them.

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

CONFERENCE REQUEST(S)

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve three (3) conference requests.

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

BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST(S)

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer Requests No. 51 – 54 of 2015 and No. 2 and 3 of 2016:

2015

Budget Transfer No. 51

From:	A.1355.450	Assessor Training	\$(100.00)
	Expense Account		

To: A.1355.400 Assessor Contractual \$ 100.00
Expense Accounts

Budget Transfer No. 52

From: RP.8160.402 Sanitation Contractual – Transfer
Expense Account Charges \$ (5,583.00)

To: RP.1930.401 Judgments & Claims Contractual \$ 583.00
RP.8160.400 Sanitation Contractual \$ 5,000.00
Expense Accounts

Budget Transfer No. 53

From: A.7550.400 Celebrations Contractual \$ (500.00)
Expense Account

To: A.8161.400 Recycling Contractual \$ 500.00
Expense Accounts

Budget Transfer No. 54

From: A.1989.400 Other Contractual \$ (75.00)
Expense Account

To: A.1930.400 Judgments & Claims Contractual \$ 75.00
Expense Accounts

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

2016

Mr. Burns stated Budget Transfer No. 1 was done at the last Town Board meeting.

Budget Transfer No. 2

From: A.1990.400 Contingent Account \$(279.00)
Expense Account

To: A.1950.400 Taxes & Assessments on Property \$ 279.00
Expense Accounts Contractual

Budget Transfer No. 3

From: DA.5110.400 General Repairs Contractual \$(12,738.00)
Expense Account

To: DA.5112.200 Improvements Equipment & Capital
Expense Accounts Outlay \$ 12,738.00

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

PETER DANDREANO

ABSENT

CHARLES COOK

FIRE DEPARTMENTS' 2015 CONTRACT - APPROVAL

Mr. Cook introduced the following **Resolution for Renewal of Agreement with Patterson Fire Department No. 1, Inc.:**

WHEREAS, the Town of Patterson desires to renew, *nunc pro tunc*, its agreement with the PATTERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT NO. 1, INC. (the "Department") for the provision of fire protection services in Patterson Fire Protection District No. 1 during the 2015 Calendar Year for and in consideration of the payment to the Department of the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED AND THREE THOUSAND AND TWENTY THREE DOLLARS (\$803,023.00) and as is otherwise consistent with the terms of the annexed Agreement and Contract Amendment Agreement (which are collectively referred to herein as the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed Agreement was held by the Town Board on the 13th day of January 2016 at which all interested persons had a full and complete opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered all of the comments submitted at said public hearing, and wishes to approve the proposed Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby approves, *nunc pro tunc*, the terms of the proposed Agreement between the Town and the Department for the provision of fire protection services in the Patterson Fire Protection District No. 1 during the 2015 Calendar Year in the form annexed hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the proposed Agreement in the form annexed hereto, or in substantially the same form as annexed hereto subject to approval of the Town Supervisor and the Town Attorney, and any and all other documents as may be necessary to give full effect to this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves and ratifies any and all acts of the Town Supervisor and any other Town employees regarding the foregoing taken prior to the adoption hereof.

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

Mr. Cook introduced the following **Resolution for Renewal of Agreement with Putnam Lake Fire Department, Inc.:**

R-0116-07

WHEREAS, the Town of Patterson desires to renew, *nunc pro tunc*, its agreement with the PUTNAM LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. (the "Department") for the provision of fire protection services in the Putnam Lake Fire Protection District No. 2 during the 2015 Calendar Year for and in consideration of the payment to the Department of the sum of FOUR HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$401,900.00) and as is otherwise consistent with the terms of the annexed Agreement; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed Agreement was held by the Town Board on the 13th day of January 2016 at which all interested persons had a full and complete opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered all of the comments submitted at said public hearing, and wishes to approve the proposed Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby approves, *nunc pro tunc*, the terms of the proposed Agreement between the Town and the Department for the provision of fire protection services in the Putnam Lake Fire Protection District No. 2 during the 2015 Calendar Year in the form annexed hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the proposed Agreement in the form annexed hereto, or in substantially the same form as annexed hereto subject to approval of the Town Supervisor and the Town Attorney, and any and all other documents as may be necessary to give full effect to this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves and ratifies any and all acts of the Town Supervisor and any other Town employees regarding the foregoing taken prior to the adoption hereof.

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

REFUSE DISPOSAL VIA TRANSFER STATION – AWARD BID

Mr. Cook introduced the following **Resolution for Acceptance of Bid for Contract for Refuse Disposal Via Transfer Station for Garbage District No. 2:**

R-0116-08

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson has duly advertised for bids for refuse disposal via a transfer station for Garbage District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, Valley 82 Holding Corp., d/b/a Welsh Sanitation Service submitted the only bid proposal to provide refuse disposal via transfer station for Garbage Station No. 2, a full and complete copy of which is annexed hereto and hereby made a part hereof ; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson wishes to accept the bid proposal submitted by Valley 82 Holding Corp., d/b/a Welsh Sanitation Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby accepts the Bid Proposal of Valley 82 Holding Corp., d/b/a Welch Sanitation Service, for refuse disposal via transfer station for Town Garbage District No. 2 for two (2) year(s); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor 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. Burns.

Mr. Williams stated discussion. Don, how come the dollar amount is not in the resolution.

Mr. Don Rossi, Town Attorney stated the bid is attached with the dollar amount on it.

Mr. Williams stated ok. When we put this out for bid, we put it out for a one, three and five year contract, what is your pleasure. Russ do you have any thoughts on this.

Mr. Russ Goff, Highway Superintendent and Administrator of Garbage District No. 1 and 2 stated I thought two was appropriate.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Cook stated I would go three (3).

Mr. Rossi stated it was bid one, two or five.

Mr. Williams stated ok, two.

All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

EMS COMMITTEE

Mr. Cook stated here is the list of names on the EMS Committee:

Richard Williams
Peter Dandreano
Bobby Kearns
Joe Nickischer, Jr.
David Raines
Doug Lange
Adam B. Stiebeling

RECREATION REQUEST(S)

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to accept the request from Matt Chibbaro to hire Emma Cassidy as a Junior Staff member at a rate of \$8.00 per hour.

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

RECYCLING FEES DISCUSSION/RESOLUTION

Mr. Rogan stated the recycling sticker has been \$8.00 for about 20 years. The discussion was to increase the annual permit to \$20.00. There were some added items and fee changes to special permits also.

Mr. Rogan introduced the following **Resolution Recycling Center Permit Fee and Special Bulk Pick-Up and Drop Off Fees:**

R-0116-09

WHEREAS, the Town of Patterson charges an annual permit fee and various other fees for bulk drop off and pick up of items handled at the Town Recycling Centers; and

WHEREAS, by memorandum dated January 25, 2016, the Sanitation Administrator, Russ Goff, recommended an increase to certain of the annual permit fees and bulk pick up and drop off fees, a full and complete copy of which is annexed hereto and hereby made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson desires to accept the recommendation of the Sanitation Administrator and increase the fees as set forth on the Annual Permit 2016 Application and Special Bulk Drop Off/Pick-Up Application 2016 (the "Applications"), full and complete copies of which are annexed hereto and hereby made a part hereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby authorizes the increase of certain fees for a Recycling Permit and for Special Bulk Drop Off/Pick- Up as shown on the aforementioned Applications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor 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. Cook. Discussion.

Mr. Cook stated I would ask Antoinette Kopeck, Town Clerk to put this new fee schedule into our official newspapers and on the website.

All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

SANITATION RECYCLING COMPACTOR

Mr. Rogan stated we are paying for pulls for recycling on our dumpsters. If we were to add a compactor, we could reduce that fee by 75% and pay for the cost of the compactor and the associated fees within about a year and half to two years. That would save the Town some real money on that. Right now we are spending about \$35,000.00 per year for those pulls. We could reduce that amount to under \$9,000.00. The way they are dumped, a lot of materials fly all over the yard and create a clean-up issue. With the new design Russ investigated, I think it would be a cleaner and more efficient operation. How do we want to pay for this and is this something we want to do.

Mr. Burns stated I think the compactor makes a lot of sense.

Mr. Cook stated I'm in favor of it, but we have to know how we are going to pay for it. Russ gave us a quote of roughly \$42,000.00, plus approximately \$10,000.00 to prepare the site.

Mr. Burns stated what is the life expectancy of this machine.

Mr. Williams stated we would be bonding this for five (5) years. We will not bond \$50,000.00 for five years, we would bundle it up with something else. There is money within the Sanitation budget so, we can pay for this.

Mr. Rogan stated we did budget for the cost of the pulls for approximately \$35,000.00. If we installed this next month, we would potentially have ten (10) months of saving 75% of those pulls. That is \$20,000.00 right there and that's a potential savings.

Mr. Williams stated I'm not making a recommendation that we bond this. I am more of a pay-as-you-go person. As Shawn said, if we go forward with this as quickly as we can, there will be a cost savings this year. We might have to put off the packer for this year or bonding that. Welsh also provides compactors with the roll-off's so, they are going to give us a second price on this. We will hold on going forward with this except, I would like the Board to approve Russ going forward with preparing the site with the electric.

Mr. Rogan stated Pete Dandreano and I are both supportive of Russ going forward on this.

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to authorize the Sanitation Administrator/Highway Superintendent to begin preparations at the Recycling Center.

Seconded by Mr. Cook. Discussion. Where is that money coming from.

Mr. Williams stated the same place, the Sanitation Department budget.

PUTNAM COUNTY TNR PROGRAM – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to support the feral cat task force of Putnam County TNR Program in the amount of \$500.00.

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

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to add Announcements to his agenda.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Rogan read his announcements.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Burns stated I know we are changing some garbage pick-ups. We received a notice that our garbage pick-up was being changed from Wednesday to Monday. Russ you said there were two others.

Mr. Russ Goff, Highway Superintendent stated Mountainview and Country Hill.

Mr. Burns stated it has been advertised on the Town website, everyone should check the website to see if yours has changed.

Mr. Williams stated we have been using a part-time worker at the Recycling Center. At the same time, one of the concerns that we all had was the cost of maintenance on the vehicles. They currently send all the maintenance work out to a private contractor and it is expensive. Russ and I have had conversations about replacing the Sanitation worker who is part-time, we would want to find someone who could drive, pick-up garbage and do mechanical work. Russ brought someone in with those qualifications and he would like to hire him and put him on as soon as possible.

Mr. Rogan stated that position was publically noticed. We approved that being noticed.

Mr. Williams stated did we.

Mr. Rogan stated yes we did, but it hadn't been clearly defined that it was going to be the mechanic.

Mr. Williams stated yes, at the last meeting we did do that.

Mr. Rogan stated did we have any other applications.

Mr. Williams stated I believe Russ interviewed a number of people.

Mr. Goff stated I interviewed five.

Mr. Rogan stated how many of the five were Patterson residents.

Mr. Goff stated none.

Mr. Williams made a **motion** to hire Kevin Proctor for the Sanitation District at a mechanic's salary of \$30.21, subject to meeting all the employment qualifications. He has a military CDL. He is currently transferring that over to a regular CDL.

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

Mr. Rogan stated does that now eliminate that part-time position.

Mr. Williams stated yes.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Mr. Michael Capote stated I have been a resident of Patterson for the past 15 years and I come here today because I have received this. It is a tow notice from the Office of Code Enforcement. I was on vacation with my girlfriend in Florida and when we returned, we noticed her car was ticketed because it was parked out in front of my house during a snowstorm. No complaints, a snowstorm you are not supposed to park in the street, that's totally understandable. However; I am very unhappy with the follow-up letter that was left on her car the following day after we processed her ticket. When she received this tow warning there was no inclement weather so, I was very confused as to why she was being harassed for parking on the street. Danand Lane is a very quiet, private development. I called Lewis Taney and spoke to him about why the warning was left on her car. To be quite frank, Lewis was extremely rude and spoke to me with a very condescending attitude. I was very annoyed instantly. I asked to speak to his manager. I spoke with Bob and he was also very rude. He stated you cannot park there and those were the new rules. There are absolutely no signs in my development to indicate that you cannot park there. I live there and I had no idea there was a parking ban in effect, apparently November through February. It seems a little excessive. These are the new rules. Lewis mentions that the rules weren't on the street signs but on the Town website. I went on the website and I couldn't find the rules. I wasn't clear at all what he was talking about. A very serious issue with unjust laws being enforced, my old history teacher used to say; "absolute power corrupts absolutely". It seems like Mr. Taney and his boss Bob are on a power trip. I am here to get this harassment to stop. I have nine signatures from the members of Danand Lane and I will get more signatures in my development and neighboring developments because this needs to end. These rules are quite ridiculous. Parking on my street during non-inclement weather should never be an issue and my neighbors feel the exact same way I do. I discussed it with every single one of them. If I was to stay in Florida during this time, I would have returned and my girlfriend's car would have been towed. This is not acceptable. It wasn't snowing. My question to you is, how do I get this fixed and to stop these notices being put on my car.

Mr. Rogan stated you are no longer parking on the street.

Mr. Capote stated I still park on the street, but I haven't received any to date, but I just don't think this is right.

Mr. Williams stated let me ask you this question; you live on Danand Lane, you own a single family house on Danand Lane, do you have a driveway.

Mr. Capote stated yes.

Mr. Williams stated is there some reason you cannot park in the driveway.

Mr. Capote stated yes, there are multiple cars and it's a matter of accessibility.

Mr. Williams stated ok, we have this law on the books for many, many years. We post a notice on all the roads as they come into the Town of Patterson. We do so for the public's safety. Generally, in the winter months it's darker for longer periods and parking on the road like this where you have two lane traffic increases the likelihood of accidents, people running into the back of your girlfriend's car and we don't want to encourage people to park on the road when there may be snow coming. If snow is coming, it's difficult for our Highway Department to plow the roads. That's why we have the law on the books. I would be reluctant to rescind that law based on the public's safety.

Mr. Cook stated isn't it a County regulation also.

Mr. Williams stated no, it's a Town regulation.

Mr. Capote stated how many signatures do I need to get that overturned. The members don't feel it is a safety issue. There has never been any car accidents in my development, ever. To call it a safety issue, it doesn't really seem applicable.

Mr. Rogan stated that is like saying you have a smoke alarm in your house and you never had a fire. Having signatures and a petition, it shows that your community agrees with you, but that doesn't necessarily negate the public safety aspect of that. We have a Highway Superintendent that is way more qualified to talk about road safety than you are or we are. I agree with you Rich. I am not supportive of changing the regulations for parking on streets, at that time of year. You parked on the road improperly, you got a ticket. I don't agree with the idea that maybe you called here and got an attitude, that is a separate issue that we can deal with, because we are in the business of customer service, I get that. That's what it comes down to.

Mr. Capote stated right, you represent the people.

Mr. Rogan stated absolutely, but because we never had a drowning at the beach, we are not going to get a petition to get rid of our lifeguards at Putnam Lake. I understand where you are coming from. Pull on your grass or create a bigger driveway.

Mr. Capote stated that's not an option for me.

Mr. Cook stated this is a Townwide regulation.

Mr. Capote stated my development was a private community and I think it was excluded out of that rule, but I think they overturned it.

Mr. Williams stated your community petitioned the Town to take the roads over.

Mr. Capote stated do I have to petition to get back to private.

Mr. Rogan stated I don't think your neighbors would sign it.

Mr. Burns stated conceivably, that would be the only way you could be exempt.

Mr. Capote stated so, if I get their signature and I come back here.....

Mr. Rogan stated do you know what that means. It means you maintain your own road and the Town doesn't come onto your property to maintain your road. That is the reason why people want the Town to take the road.

Mr. Williams stated plowing, paving, cleaning the drainage system.

Mr. Rogan stated I understand your frustration. You are a reasonable, responsible person and not everyone is and all of a sudden you get cars lined up and people driving these big trucks with plows and they can't plow. Tonight they are talking that we are getting black ice and they might be out salting for that. If you have your car out that and they can't plow appropriately, it creates a safety concern.

Mr. Capote stated I understand when there is a snow storm, but it doesn't make sense when there are no storms.

Mr. Rogan stated ok, thanks for your comments.

Mr. Martin Miller stated it seems a lot is happening in the Town, a lot of information has to get out. I would suggest to the Town Board to look into, perhaps changing our Town Board to an electronic Town Board, so people could get informed. So many things are happening. I know it will cost some money. The other reason is that Paul Fava is retiring and I've seen Paul changing the letters and so on and I don't know who is going to do it as diligently as he has done over the years.

Mr. Miller continued I was the first Chairperson for the 414 in 2002 and I think the money that we raised as taxpayer's for the library has been very well spent. I was President for 4 years and then the Mid-Hudson Library for Putnam County and things that have been done, changes of the inside of the library I think has been beneficial to the library and to us as citizens. Thank you very much.

Mr. Rogan stated getting our website a little more updated and interactive would be a great step.

Mr. Williams stated we are also looking into building a community page.

Mr. Bruce Majors stated first of all I am thrilled we are going to have representatives of the library here on a regular basis. I have been coming to meetings for a long time and most of the time you see people here and they have one issue and they are gone. It's nice to see that there will be some regular folks here and it will keep many of the issues up front and we will be reminding you of things, so thank you.

Mr. Major continued as it relates to the new fees for recycling; you are going to put them in now. In the past, you always did fees prior to a season. You already have a certain portion of people who have paid and I would like you to reconsider, I know you won't, but it's not fair to the people who come in mid-season. You are not getting much out of them and this discussion should have taken place in October.

Mr. Rogan stated I don't disagree that it would have been nice to have it in October, but you know more than anyone, the history of this discussion with Sanitation and recycling. We have a newly appointed Sanitation Administrator and he took a hard look at these fees and felt these were outdated.

Mr. Majors stated I understand where you are coming from, I think there should have been better planning. The commercial fee is going to be \$120.00.

Mr. Rogan stated no, \$175.00.

Mr. Majors stated that is for cardboard only, if I remember correctly.

Mr. Williams stated I believe you are right.

Mr. Majors stated how many permits do we have currently for people bringing in cardboard.

Mr. Williams stated one.

Mr. Majors stated is that a gentlemen out on Route 22. He does business with the Town so, I guess he will get another permit. My point is it's a lot of money and we aren't making any money on the cardboard.

Mr. Rogan stated what's your point.

Mr. Majors stated it sounds like a lot of money and we are not making money on the cardboard and we only have one person. I don't know why we are offering that to commercial.

Mr. Majors stated at the last meeting I asked for an update of the Master Plan.

Mr. Williams stated Ron Taylor wanted to take the lead on the Master Plan. The Planning Board's meeting is tomorrow night and they will have it on their agenda.

Mr. Rogan stated I spoke with Tom McNulty, Chairman of the Planning Board about the Master Plan.

Mr. Majors stated we are six years past due on this. Is there any update on the cell tower.

Mr. Williams stated I provided them with five locations in the landfill and another location over the border in Southeast. That is their property and it would provide appropriate coverage. I recommended that they look at shorter towers and put two up rather than one. In January, Ginny Nacerino reached out to them and they said they are still reviewing it.

Chief Matt Spzindor, Patterson Fire Department stated we set a date for a Public Hearing for the 2016 Contract.

Mr. Williams stated I don't believe you and I have an agreement on the 2016 Contracts. I don't believe you and I have seen the contract.

Chief Spzindor stated I know when we last spoke about it, there was tentative date of February 3 and that's not going to happen. We are waiting for contracts from the Attorneys before that date is set.

Mr. Williams stated yes. I think it you and I and the Vice President saw the contracts and had a discussion about them before we had a Public Hearing.

Chief Spzindor stated there was some talk about the expenditure of \$65,000.00 to purchase the Putnam Lake used ambulance. In the next two weeks, we will be receiving our second ambulance. The current ambulance will move into reserve status and we have an agreement with the dealer that anytime either one goes out of service for an extended period of time, they would provide us with a loaner. I think it is ridiculous that we would consider spending \$65,000.00 for a used ambulance that will sit in storage for a year or two just to see if we may use it down the road. I think the \$65,000.00 could be spent more wisely. It would offset the cost of the compactor and then some. I would ask the Town Board to reconsider

Mr. Burns stated what are we spending on Trans Care per month.

Mr. Williams stated \$21,000.00.

Chief Spzindor stated you are not paying for the ambulance, you are paying for the staff.

Mr. Burns stated I'm just saying. We are paying \$21,000.00 per month for the staff for the ambulance. It doesn't seem as crazy to me to buy an ambulance with the thought that we may be establishing an ambulance corps at some point in time, because we are paying \$21,000.00 per year to outside services.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business, Mr. Cook made a **motion** to go into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

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

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to close Executive Session at 9:40 p.m.

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

Mr. Williams called the meeting back to order at 9:40 p.m.

There being no further business, Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Antoinette Kopeck, Town Clerk