

PATTERSON TOWN BOARD MEETING  
PATTERSON TOWN HALL  
1142 ROUTE 311  
PATTERSON, NEW YORK 12563  
February 11, 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.

Mr. Rogan stated I want to ask everyone to please rise and to let you know that in Patterson we lost one of our own last week. John Calbo passed away. For those of you who may recall, John was the Building Inspector for over twenty years and a Councilman for four years. He dedicated a good portion of his life to serving the residents of this Town. I think it is appropriate if we take a moment to remember John and wish his family well and let them know we are thinking of him. Thank you very much.

REPORTS

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

Code Compliance - January

Code Enforcement - None

Dog Control Officer - January

E.C.I.- None

Patterson Recreation - January

Putnam Lake Fire Dept. – September 1 – December 31, 2014

Patterson Fire Dept. - None

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

None

MINUTES

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

Bid Opening – Independent Audit Services – January 16, 2015

Town Board Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2015

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

AUDIT OF BILLS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** that the Town Board accept Abstract No. 2 as written:

General Fund \$43,710.44, Highway Fund \$56,727.01, Patterson Fire District \$1,633.71, Waste Water Treatment Plant \$5,315.54, Capital Fund \$627.00, Library \$752.63, Putnam Lake Light District \$669.11, Patterson Light District \$841.84, Putnam Lake Refuse District #1 \$20,454.55, Patterson Refuse District #2 \$22,548.24, Patterson Park District \$301.93, Alpine Water District \$1,166.65, Dorset Hollow Water District \$24.00, Fox Run Water District \$24.00, Trust & Agency \$2,238.55, Grand Total Abstract \$157,035.20.

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

CHARLES COOK

RECREATION REQUEST(S)

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the request from Matt Chibbaro, Recreation Director to purchase 300 flag football jerseys in an amount not to exceed \$3,597.00.

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

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the request from Matt Chibbaro to hire Dean Hicinbothem as a junior staff member at the rate of \$8.00 per hour.

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

Mr. Cook stated we go by the Federal Government guide lines on minimum raise. As of January 1, 2015, New York State raised the minimum rate in New York State to \$8.75 an hour. I would like to ask Matt and Trish to do an analysis of how many people we have making minimum salary and the projected hours, so we get a feel for if we wanted to raise it to meet the New York State guidelines.

SHAWN ROGAN

SANITATION REQUEST – PART-TIME SUBS

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to approve the hiring of Robert Davis as a part-time sub at the rate of \$26.45 per hour.

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

SANI PRO RECYCLING COMPLAINTS - DISCUSSION

Mr. Rogan stated we received a complaint from a concerned resident of Patterson in Garbage District No. 1. In essence, they were complaining that the carting company was mixing the garbage with the recyclables. Our sanitation Supervisor and Administrator Frank Farrell reached out to the company and spoke with the manager. The situation was that they were having difficulties with the truck, they did mix the garbage and the recyclables but stated that they were sorted back at the facility and they are aware of the situation. At this point in time, I would ask the residents, if you notice that your sanitation workers are mixing garbage with recyclables, please let the Town know. You can call Frank Farrell at the Recycle Center.

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

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

Mr. Rogan stated a quick update, Pete, myself, Frank Farrell, Bruce Major and Frank Grady met to start to discuss the Sanitation Department contracts that will be coming up in the near future. We are starting to make some headway and we meet again tomorrow night. What I wanted to mention publicly is that one of the things that will be coming out of this is a survey to all residents, hopefully as a link on the Town of Patterson website. Look for that in the next two to four weeks. We will have a survey with the intention of gathering information as to the level of service that you are currently getting, the customer satisfaction and some questions about the rates you are paying. The intent is not to bring back a recommendation, but to bring good information back to the Board, so the Board can make an informed decision.

MICHAEL GRIFFIN

TOWN-WIDE FIRE & EMS SERVICE - DISCUSSION

Mr. Griffin stated we recently received a letter from Putnam Lake Fire Department regarding the fact that they are currently faced with a significant challenge in maintaining adequate EMS ambulance coverage. We are unable to cover between 75% and 80% of our calls each month.

Over the past several years, the number of active Emergency Medical Technicians has dropped significantly and are down to about six active EMT's. This is not just Patterson, it is the entire County. Chief Gagliardo has had conversations with the County Executive and others at EMS. Members of the Putnam Lake Fire Department are looking for support from the Town Board and a commitment to develop a solution for what is truly a crisis. We can no longer provide EMS coverage treatment and transportation of sick and injured as part of our mission as a fire department. Effective April 30, 2015, we will no longer be able to provide ambulance coverage as part of contracted services and will be looking to renegotiate the current contract. Chief, would you like to give the Board an overview of some of the things we spoke about.

Chief Gagliardo stated we met on Monday and there is a bunch of different options for us, but as volunteer's, we just can't meet the commitment of getting the ambulance out and we are only at 20% to 30% coverage right now and that is not a number that we feel is correct to offer the Town. Some of our options are to deal with TransCare, which is a County entity. The LS4 is an ambulance that is available to us to cover Putnam Lake, Patterson and Lake Carmel area as an extra entity. We are looking to reach out to TransCare to see if we can get that agency to cover all the calls in the Town of Patterson and Putnam Lake. What we are looking to do is to keep our guys trained and trained to the level below EMT, which is a Certified First Responder in the State of New York. Certified First Responder still gives us all the basic life support skills that we need to get on scene first with less people that can start patient care until a TransCare or transportation ambulance gets there. The real bulk of our issue is the hour and a half time frame it takes for an ambulance to get dispatched, pick up a patient, get to the hospital and get back. Being a bedroom community that we are now, we can no longer support having people out of service for an hour and an ambulance out of service for an hour and a half to make this transportation possible. The call volume has gone up drastically. We are up to 1,037 calls in the Putnam Lake Fire District, which is outrageous compared to numbers ten years ago, which were 300 to 400. We are looking at a town wide solution where the Patterson, Putnam Lake Fire Districts can be covered by one ambulance twenty-four/seven and we can support it by a first responder, which gives us more of an opportunity to get to the scene quicker, because the manpower requirement isn't as high. For an ambulance you need a driver and an EMT to get out. For the CFR we are looking to do, you only need one member to respond to the firehouse that is qualified to respond.

Mr. Griffin stated I think the call volume speaks for itself. I think it is a significant problem. Town Hall is closed on Monday, but it is the only day TransCare can meet with us, so I will be here, Mr. Williams will be here and Pete, if you are available you are more than welcome to be here, since you have been handling a lot of the emergency things. Representatives from the Fire Department will also be here. I would like to commend the Chief for the work he has done, because I know he has been talking about this and working on this problem for some time now. I will keep updating the Board on this and what options are out there. Southeast right now has two TransCare employees and cost about \$125,000.00 per year to provide ambulance service. Dave Raines is also working with you on this.

#### RED HAWK PROPOSAL – FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION

Mr. Griffin stated we received a proposal from Red Hawk who actually wants to do work on our fire panels, however, in the proposal there was a number of overlapping services between them and NYCONN. I'm still in the process of sorting out with Paul Fava, NYCONN and Red Hawk. They both offered to clean the sensors. NYCONN does not own or have control of the fire panels. Red Hawk bought out FSU, the company that installed all the fire panels and is run on proprietary software, so it will take me a little longer to sort this out.

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

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

Mr. Griffin stated we are being sued by Thunder Ridge, but we received a letter from them asking if they could use the Town Hall parking lot and run shuttle buses. I think we all want to see Thunder Ridge do well and we will let the Attorney's work out the details.

Mr. Rossi stated they offered an insurance certificate, but there are a lot of things in regard to what an insurance certificate should look like. I think there should be a license agreement that covers a bit more than just an insurance certificate.

Mr. Griffin stated today is Wednesday, so you have two days to work it out.

Mr. Rossi stated we can work up a license agreement pretty quickly. Will there be any consideration with it.

Mr. Griffin stated I don't have a problem with it. I want to see them do well. I know parking has been a huge issue, it is at the crux of the lawsuit and I know Bob has been up there to do enforcement and work with them.

Mr. Rossi stated the letter refers to having it primarily used for employees.

Mr. Cook stated any agreement has to say specifically employees or just employees or however you want to phrase it. We don't want anyone other than employees parking there.

Mr. Williams stated the issue is they don't have adequate parking up there and they don't have parking facilities that are sufficient. We will be working on that with the current owners. The tenant who has caused a lot of these problems is no longer there, but we need a little bit of time to get the parking layout squared away. This is a temporary solution for this year, but I think it needs to be for both the employees and the overflow.

Mr. Burns stated how many spots do we have here at the Town Hall.

Mr. Williams stated about 75 to 80 parking spots.

Mr. Rogan stated their intent is to file a site plan modification application.

Mr. Williams stated yes.

Mr. Rogan stated I want a confirmation from them in good faith that that application will be filed quickly. I don't mind doing this, but I think we have to also publically say that we would be open to doing this for any business that might have a wedding going on that would have additional parking needs for that one day. Personally, I don't think this one business is any different than other businesses and we need to be open to the idea that a lot of people have parking issues.

Mr. Griffin stated the MTA has free parking on the weekends.

Mr. Rossi stated we have contact information for their attorneys also.

Mr. Cook stated anything on the waste water treatment plant from them.

Mr. Williams stated no, not at this point.

Mr. Griffin stated we had some proposals for Russ' salt shed and unfortunately numbers came in considerably higher than what we had hoped. One of the individuals who wants to build the building, also wanted to sell us a set of plans. I think there is an issue there with the State Procurement Policy, so Rich and Ron Gainer got together and decided they could put the specifications together to a certain point where Ron would charge us \$3,900.00.

Mr. Williams stated what we will do is prepare the front end of a bid document with all the technical requirements. We will have the Town Attorney take a quick look at it. Ron will prepare all the technical specifications and we will melt the two documents together. Ron will put together a draft set of plans and then as part of the bid document we will ask the successful bidder to give us shop drawings that will give us more detail on the plans and in doing this we are trying to save around \$15,000.00 to \$18,000.00. We will do the copying in-house.

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** to authorize payment to Ron Gainer in an amount not to exceed \$3,900.00.

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

KEVIN BURNS

ALL BOARDS MEETING - UPDATE

Mr. Burns stated we agreed to set a date for the Planning Board, Town Board and Zoning Board to meet at 7:00 p.m. on March 19, 2015.

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to add one Budget Transfer to his agenda.

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

BUDGET TRANSFER

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer No. 1

From: SMQR.9740.600	Capital Notes Principal	(\$12,000.00)
SMQR.9740.700	Capital Notes Interest	(\$2,350.00)
To: SMQR.9710.600	Serial Bonds Principal	\$12,000.00
SMQR.9710.700	Serial Bonds Interest	\$2,350.00
Expense Accounts		

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

PETER DANDREANO

PUTNAM LAKE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN – UPDATE/ADOPTION

Mr. Dandreano stated I received a letter from the Town Planner:

Each year by January 31<sup>st</sup> the Town needs to provide an annual certification to New York State DEC that the Town has an inspection and maintenance plan and Emergency Action Plan for the Putnam Lake Dam. The certification also requires that the Town acknowledge that the inspection and maintenance plan is being implemented and that there has been an annual review of the emergency plan.

Mr. Dandreano stated the Town Planner tweaked the plan and updated it. The Town Board should note that we are still attempting to work with the NYSDEC to resolve some of their concerns regarding the plan. Rich, do we need to approve this.

Mr. Williams stated no, you don't need to approve it, it is just an FYI for the Board. As long as you are comfortable with this, we will circulate to the agencies that have the Emergency Action Plan on file and get their acknowledgment back that they received the pages.

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

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

Mr. Dandreano stated the Town Planner and I received a letter from the contractor concerning the All Hazards Mitigation Plan. They are close to finalizing it and we received it to look over it and see if there are any changes. It looked good to me, but Rich saw a couple of minor changes. He will make those changes and send it back to the contractor and hopefully it will be completed soon.

Mr. Dandreano stated at the last meeting, we asked that the County Executive put together a committee to screen candidates for Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services and I was appointed to serve on that committee. I will be representing the Town of Patterson as well as most of the Town's. I don't think there is any other Town representation on that committee.

Mr. Burns stated have they met yet.

Mr. Dandreano stated no, they have a couple of dates and they want to meet quickly in the next week or two.

Mr. Burns stated that's great that you are on it.

Mr. Rogan stated absolutely.

Mr. Griffin stated you have a meeting tomorrow, I believe with the library.

Mr. Dandreano stated yes, tomorrow the Patterson Emergency Management Committee will be meeting for a special training session with New York State Office of Emergency Management. They will help us with our Emergency Management Plan.

Mr. Griffin stated great.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Cook stated I would like to acknowledge that we received a letter from the Patterson Fire Department:

Please be advised that the following individual has been removed from the rolls of membership from the Patterson Fire Department and please remove the following from the Patterson Fire Department Insurance Program; Cerita Chau.

Mr. Cook stated this year our agreement with the Town of Pawling is up relative to the Assessor services. I have asked the Town Comptroller to do an analysis on the cost. If we could put that on the agenda for one of the meetings in March so we can start a discussion on it, so we don't get down to the wire and have any disagreements on how we want to split the cost on this sharing proposal. I thank Trish for doing that and I asked everyone to get a copy and we can discuss it in March. Thank you Mr. Supervisor.

Mr. Griffin stated you are welcome. We have that and the Highway Contract.

#### PUBLIC RECOGNITION

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Cook made a **motion** to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Antoinette Kopeck, Town Clerk