

PATTERSON TOWN BOARD MEETING
PATTERSON TOWN HALL
1142 ROUTE 311
PATTERSON, NEW YORK 12563
February 25, 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.

PRESENTATION – FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Griffin stated Mr. Dandreano, Mr. Cook and myself have been in discussions with the Fire Department regarding the ability to continue to provide ambulance service for the Town. There is a problem with the volunteers and the amount of coverage that we can provide, so the two fire Chief's Matt Szpinder and Jim Gagliardo have been working with TransCare. At this point, I will let Matt give us an overview of what TransCare is proposing for the Town.

Mr. Matt Szpindor, Fire Chief Patterson Fire Department No. 1, Incorporated stated as we discussed earlier with Supervisor Griffin and some of the members of the Town Board, times have changed over the last 20 to 30 years. The number of volunteers in the departments has decreased and the amount of training that is required and number of runs that we see every year has continued to steadily climb. Trying to be proactive, we had a number of discussions with the Patterson Fire Department, Putnam Lake Fire Department regarding addressing this situation. We have taken some steps over the last couple of years to share some resources, but unfortunately the time has come for us to take another step. What we have proposed to the Town is that the Patterson Fire Department would like to contract TransCare to provide a BLS bus, two EMT's that would cover the Town of Patterson both Patterson Fire Department and Putnam Lake Fire Department 24/7. The cost given to us by TransCare, and unfortunately we were not able to complete a written proposal in time, we will have that for the next meeting, was approximately \$294,000.00. That number would have been substantially higher, if not for the offset of billing revenue. Essentially, what would happen is the cost provides the ambulance 24/7, anytime that ambulance responds and transport a patient to the hospital there is a bill generated from TransCare either to the patients insurance to Medicare or Medicaid and that money would offset the cost of the program. To give you a little background, certainly the problem that we face is not unique to the Town of Patterson. Every fire department in the County, and as far as I know, places in Dutchess and Westchester are also undergoing the same challenges. A number of departments in Dutchess County have already contracted with TransCare or MVP to provide EMS transport services. A little over two years ago, the Town of Brewster has done something similar, basically the difference between what we are proposing and what Brewster is doing right now, is that Brewster has contracted with TransCare to provide two EMT's Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. They drive Brewster's ambulance and they wear a Brewster Fire Department uniform. Because of that, the law does not allow them to bill, so all the money that Brewster pays for that service is a strict outlay and there is no cost recovery through billing. We intend to keep our ambulance and continue to maintain EMT's. If this ambulance is on another run, that ambulance and those EMT's can be called out as a backup to provide additional service. We are looking for an additional \$294,000.00 to provide that service to the Town as soon as possible.

Mr. Burns stated my Dad had a stroke a few years ago and you guys responded. I know it was a dual response. Your ambulance came and then TransCare showed up and there was concurrent treatment and then the TransCare guy went in your ambulance.

Mr. Spzindor stated yes. Putnam County pays for four paramedics. One of them, I believe, rides in an ambulance which is stationed in Carmel that is Medic 3 and the other three, including the one that is stationed here in the Patterson Fire Department, Medic 4 ride in a fly car SUV.

Mr. James Gagliardo, Putnam Lake Fire Chief stated we discussed both options of keeping it and selling the ambulance and we are leaning more toward selling it to subsidize the cost, depending on how much cost we would have to give up to subsidize the cost of the TransCare ambulance. We would use an older vehicle, a Tahoe that we have to subsidize as the Certified First Responder vehicle. It will no longer be doing transports and we are too small to need the second ambulance for just the Putnam Lake Fire District, so we will utilize the TransCare ambulance, Patterson ambulance or the mutual ambulance coming in if we need a second one on top of the Certified First Responder's going to the scene for calls in our district.

Mrs. Ginny Nacerino stated I would like to applaud the Patterson and Putnam Lake Fire Departments for bringing us to the forefront as they did, because as we stated it's a County problem throughout every department, however; Patterson and Putnam Lake have actually admitted to the fact that they can no longer provide these services for the circumstances that surround the reason why they can't. We have to reinvent ourselves in a sense and although we are optimistic that the other fire departments in the other Towns will jump on the band wagon and follow suit, we are not sure they will at that time. Like Danny said, that doesn't dissipate our reason for our need to move forward with this. I think once we do, we are on the cutting edge once again, but I think once we do we become a model for the rest of the County and they will emulate the actions taken here. You guys are great. I think this is a wonderful concept to look forward to. Times and needs are changing and like everything else we have to step out of the box and look at ways to improve services. This is crucial. There has been no formal discussion at the County level for any unified plan yet, but it is in the preliminary stages. Thank you.

Mr. Bruce Major stated the guys did a great job when lighting hit my house. It was \$4,000.00 worth of damage, but my insurance took good care of me, so I'm happy about that. I have a couple of questions. You indicated that you have been discussing this for a while. How far back were those discussions.

Mr. Spzindor stated probably seven or more years.

Mr. Major stated I'm thinking it would have been helpful that when your budgets came up in August you should have come to the Town then so they could have helped with the budget. The budget has already been established. We have situations where we have a contract with another Town, where the other Town said, "our budget is already fixed, we can't do anything about it." It will be difficult. How much is Southeast paying for their five day a week, twelve hour days.

Mr. Spzindor stated I believe it is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$150,000.00. That is five days a week, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. As Jamie and Ginny alluded to, every day we hear Brewster and other departments in the County, that after a couple of minutes a crew has not been established for an ambulance and they go to mutual aide and after a few minutes of mutual aide if no crew is established that expands outwards to the next department. It's not uncommon everywhere in the County for it to take six, nine or twelve minutes to get a crew established and get an ambulance to respond. Depending on where the call is, it may be another ten or twelve minutes for it to arrive, especially if it is coming from a jurisdiction two or three towns away.

Mr. Major stated my concern is that is \$150,000.00, we are at \$300,000.00. If they are doing twelve hour service, like Mr. Cook indicated, after 6:00 p.m. and on the weekends there is a good chance that our bus is going to have to do extra runs down there to offset the fact that Southeast doesn't have someone. That is something you will have to watch.

Mr. Spzindor stated absolutely.

Mr. Major stated my next question is, how is the billing done at TransCare. Is it a soft billing or a hard billing.

Mr. Spzindor stated to the best of my knowledge it is actually a hard bill. The way the billing works is they typically bill approximately \$700.00 to \$800.00 for a transport to a hospital. If you have insurance and they bill your insurance, then your insurance may cover the entire cost of it or a portion of it and they will ask you to pay the rest.

Mr. Major stated that is an interesting word; ask. Will they ask, or will they demand.

Mr. Spzindor stated your insurance company.

Mr. Major stated no, let's say they bill \$700.00 and my insurance company says the customary thing is \$280.00, will they bill me the difference.

Mr. Spzindor stated yes, I believe they will. The problem that they have is the rate schedule varies greatly between different insurance companies. I believe Medicare is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$200.00 that they will pay and Medicaid and the County, I believe is \$70.00. The average patient charge that they are using when we look at the revenue offset is approximately \$312.00, which is what they will typically see. Some bills are uncollectable, some they will only get \$70.00 and some they may get the whole \$700.00. The thing that I struggle with, and we had this conversation with TransCare, is I don't know where you can go in the United States, but you can go to Mobile and fill your tank with gas and it's \$50.00 and you go to pay the guy and say, "how about I just give you \$20.00."

Mr. Major stated I understand that. The point I am making is, what would the cost be for a contract with TransCare for soft billing as opposed to hard billing.

Mr. Spzindor stated we haven't asked them. Obviously, the setup that Brewster has, TransCare does not bill at all and they can't because they are driving Brewster's ambulance. The total cost of this program for two EMT's, 24 hours, 7 days a week with no billing offset is probably somewhere in the neighborhood of \$550,000.00 to \$600,000.00. That would be a much greater number that we would have to try and come up with. I think the one advantage to having a system the way it would currently exist, is that everyone is paying a certain amount of money to have the service available.

Mr. Major stated in this community the median income is \$74,000.00 a year. A \$700.00 bill for an ambulance run is a lot of money for the folks. All I'm asking you to do is think about that. Is this something that should be going out to a bidding contract. You don't have to answer that now. If the Town was going to contract these services, I think they would have to put it out to bid, would they not.

Mr. Burns stated not directly, it's under the fire department.

Mr. Major stated I'm saying if it was under you folks directly, you would have to put it out to bid.

Mr. Don Rossi, Town Attorney stated I think so given the amount.

Conversation ensued.

Mr. Griffin stated is there an opportunity, at least for the remainder of this fiscal year for you guys to continue to serve either evenings or weekends, so that maybe we can reduce that \$293,000.00 to something a little more manageable. Quite honestly, finding that kind of money is virtually impossible. I know we had the conversation about what percentage of budget can be a give back, and I understand the ambulance doesn't cost you guys a whole lot of money, it's already bought and paid for and you put fuel in it, change the oil and change the tires when it needs it. Most of the supplies going to the ambulance are coming from the hospital, so there isn't a potentially huge expense. We are talking about one percent of our General Fund budget that is about \$43,000.00 to \$46,000.00, so you can see what kind of a percentage of our budget that type of hit is. The money is just not there. Is there an option for you guys to stay in business a little while longer. I know you will need to discuss this amongst yourselves. We can follow up in the next meeting. I had a meeting with Bruce Walker a couple of days ago and he is more than willing to take the lead on the County, aspect but I'm also in complete agreement with you guys. How soon that will happen, I don't know; because I don't know what other fire departments are willing to give up what they have.

Mr. Dave Raines stated it's a multi-step approach. We know that BLS4 right now starting tomorrow can be used more efficiently. That is part of the fix. That ambulance shouldn't be sitting there when the tones are going out and it's within striking distance of a patient. Secondly, we need to continue to work creatively to try to cover the calls, including shedding the load from Plaza at Clover Lake. We need to get someone else to pick up those calls.

Mr. Griffin stated we need to sit down again real soon and work on our in-house solution.

AUDIT OF BILLS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** that the Town Board accept Abstract No. 3 as written:

General Fund \$28,514.07, Highway Fund \$59,273.22, Waste Water Treatment Plant \$3,185.00, Library \$737,652.00, Putnam Lake Light District \$1,328.46, Patterson Light District \$1,225.49, Patterson Refuse District #2 \$1,522.00, Deerwood Drainage District \$18.35, Quail Ridge Road Improvement District \$1,175.00, Patterson Park District \$78,336.50, Putnam Lake Park District \$37.35, Alpine Water District \$189.60, Dorset Hollow Water District \$1,427.00, Fox Run Water District \$263.65, Trust & Agency \$300.00, Grand Total Abstract \$914,447.69.

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

SHAWN ROGAN

CARPENTER REQUEST – WAIVER OF FEES

Mr. Rogan stated Mr. McCarthy could you please come up here and discuss the Carpenter request for waiver of fees please.

Mr. Robert McCarthy, Building Inspector stated they had a long deck in the back of the house 8' x 8' and basically we found it through municipal search and it's after the fact. The actual fee would be \$325.00.

Mr. Rogan stated what is required from your office to actually verify, since it was done and you are doing it after the fact.

Mr. McCarthy stated we look at structural and footing.

Mr. Rogan stated they have to dig up the footing. There is still a cost for you to go out there.

Mr. McCarthy stated correct.

Mr. Rogan stated based on the circumstances you are recommending consideration of waiving the fee.

Mr. McCarthy stated he had a deck already and he needed access to a back door. It's after the fact and fees are double. Normally it would be \$225.00 and after the fact it's another \$100.00. My time was probably two hours.

Mr. Griffin stated you want to waive the entire fee.

Mr. McCarthy stated part of the fee.

Mr. Griffin stated if the deck was there before he got there we can consider waiving the penalty portion, but I don't know about the entire fee. I don't know if I'm in favor of waiving the entire fee, because you and the office still have to do work.

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** as per discussion with the Building Inspector to waive the penalty of \$100.00 fee for 12 Orchard Street, Mr. Carpenter.

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

PUTNAM CHAMBER MEETING – ELECTED OFFICIALS FORUM

Mr. Rogan stated on Sunday, March 15, 2015 the Putnam Chamber is holding a meeting for Elected Officials at the Spain Corner Stone Park. This is to bring Elected Officials together in an open forum to discuss issues that affect Putnam County as a whole. They have requested our support of this initiative. Is anyone interested in going.

Mr. Griffin stated I was planning on attending this one because I want to start the process and have the conversation similar to what the conversation was here tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Rogan stated the Putnam County Soil and Water Board are promoting their Annual Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale. This is a great opportunity for residents to order trees, shrubs, fruit trees etc. for gardening. You can get more information through the County website which is putnamcountyny.gov or by calling Laurie Taylor at 845-878-7918.

Mr. Rogan stated the Northern Westchester and Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade will start with a Pledge of Allegiance on the corner of Route 6 and Croton Falls Road at 12:45 p.m. on March 8, 2015 and starts promptly at 2:00 p.m. in Mahopac.

MICHAEL GRIFFIN

Mr. Griffin introduced the following **Resolution to Approve Proposal for Electrical Service and Repairs for Town Properties:**

R-0215-01

WHEREAS, the Town of Patterson desires to enter into an agreement with an electrical service and repair business to provide services to Town properties on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Town's Procurement Policy, the Director of Building Operations made written requests to three (3) service providers for rate quotes for electrical service and repairs for Town properties for a three (3) year period (the "Request"), a copy of which is annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Request, the Town received two (2) written rate quote proposals, copies of which are annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Elite submitted the lowest responsible proposal;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson wishes to approve the proposal submitted by Elite in accordance with the rates set forth in its written quote annexed hereto, for a total price not to exceed \$6,000 annually;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby approves the proposal from Elite as set forth in its written quote for a period of three years for a price not to exceed \$6,000 annually; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all agreements and other documents necessary to give effect to this Resolution, consistent with the terms hereof, all in form satisfactory to the Supervisor and the Town Attorney.

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

FEE SCHEDULE - DISCUSSION

Mr. David Raines stated Bob McCarthy, Building Inspector and I worked together evaluating the five towns. We looked at the Village of Brewster, Town of Southeast, Pawling, Town of Kent and the Town of Carmel to see where we sat in the realm of fees and also to look at what we weren't collecting. We are finding ourselves going out a lot on non-permit, non-

construction related inspections. Not only going out once, but two, three, four or five times. We evaluated our current permit structure and looked at any omissions that we felt might be (inaudible). Bob will roll out and we can talk out specifics. Some are mine and some are his.

Mr. Bob McCarthy, Building Inspector stated we have increased a municipal search a bit more than other Towns. Municipal search goes to the Assessor's office and then comes back into our department and we sometimes have to do an inspection. We wanted to raise that \$50.00 for residential and \$250.00 for commercial which is a lot more work. A couple of things that I would like to see is a change in the temporary CO. I believe it is North Salem, Pawling and Brewster who have temporary CO's. I had situations where I couldn't give a CO, not for building but for zoning. You can't grade the property because it is frozen. My issue is how can we give people temporary CO's to get them in the house that they just built, so they don't have to rent and lessen the burden on them. Maybe give them a notice of violation that they have four months to finish it. Re-inspections I also have a problem with. Just recently, I was at a commercial residence and I went out there a total of five times. I give them a complete list; I write everything down and tell them this is what you have to do. They say they will do it, I go back and nothing is done.

Mr. Griffin stated what are you suggesting for a fee for a temporary CO and is there going to be an additional fee when you issue the real CO.

Mr. McCarthy stated that will still be the same. You charge \$50.00 for the CO, but for the additional temporary CO, Kent charges \$100.00 and Pawling charges \$150.00.

Mr. Raines stated of all this the one piece that needs legislation drafted would be that piece and also put a fee schedule in with that and a penalty, as well as a fee in which a penalty would apply. The rest of this, we are looking for you to evaluate it and determine if these are necessary or adequate adjustments. We took a 3,000 square foot house and some of the Towns use a dollar amount per square foot. We use a construction value, so it is a different formula. Based on a 3,000 square foot home, based on the last two or three permits we have, our permit cost was \$1,815.00 and Kent was \$1,950.00, Pawling was \$2,460.00 and Southeast was a few hundred more than us. We haven't moved the fees very much in several years. They should be moved up somewhere in the middle of these numbers.

Conversation ensued.

Mr. Griffin stated we are looking to make it fair to the residents and not to put you on the spot to arbitrate what a builder or developer is telling you what they will spend, when we know that isn't the case. If you rework that with one particular Town Board member, that's fine. Keep Rich in the loop, since he maintains the fee schedule.

Mr. Rogan stated I would be happy to help out.

Mr. McCarthy stated we can talk about zoning and planning too.

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

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

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** to approve one conference request in an amount not to exceed \$180.00.

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

Mr. Griffin stated Rich would you like to come up and speak about the generators.

Mr. Rich Williams, Town Planner stated when we put the bid out for generator services, the contract we got back was a one year contract with our ability to extend it for two additional one year periods. We are at the point where we need to extend it for an additional year. In addition, we have gone from thirteen generators to fourteen generators, so we have a proposal to add that one generator. It is a little bit higher, but it is also a little bit bigger. Comparatively, in the grand scheme of things, the overall scope of what we are paying now for a generator is more than reasonable even with the additional one. So, it is two parts; one is to authorize the Supervisor to extend the contract for a period of one year, we are a little bit late trying to

negotiate this out and then next September we will have the ability to extend it again if all the parties are in agreement and then to add the one generator on.

Mr. Rogan stated and the service from Peak Power has been very good.

Mr. Griffin stated excellent, they are top shelf. We had another company prior to this and they were hit and miss.

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** to allow the Supervisor to extend the contract for one year from Peak Power for the thirteen generators in Town.

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

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** to allow the Supervisor to enter into agreement to add the Town Hall generator to the annual list for two services per year in the amount of \$929.25.

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

KEVIN BURNS

PUTNAM LAKE WATER TREATMENT – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve **Resolution to Approve Proposal for Aquatic Management Services for Putnam Lake:**

R-0215-02

WHEREAS, the Town of Patterson and the Putnam Lake Park District have established a Lake Management Program for 2015 (the “Program”) focusing on the management of submersed aquatic weeds, and control of unicellular and filamentous algae in Putnam Lake; and

WHEREAS, to carry out the objectives of the Program, the procurement and application of certain herbicides and copper algaecides, in accordance with NYSDEC regulations and permits, will be required; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Town’s Procurement Policy, the Putnam Lake Advisory Board made four written requests for quotes to businesses for the application of specific herbicides and copper algaecides and related services in furtherance of the Program (the “Request”), a copy of which Request is annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Request, the Putnam Lake Advisory Board received only one (1) written quote, which was from Allied Biological, Inc. of New Jersey, a copy of said quote is annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam Lake Advisory Board has recommended that the Town approve the quote from Allied Biological, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$14,390.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson wishes to approve the quote submitted by Allied Biological, Inc. to provide the application of herbicides and copper algaecides and related services in furtherance of the Program for a total price not to exceed \$14,390.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby approves the quote from Allied Biological, Inc. for the prices set forth therein in a total amount not to exceed \$14,390.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all agreements and other documents necessary to give effect to this Resolution, consistent with the terms hereof, all in form satisfactory to the Supervisor and the Town Attorney.

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

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer No. 2

Budget Transfer No. 2

Increase:	A.0599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,418.43
	A.3089.012	Grant – Justice Court (JCAP Grant 2015)	\$7,244.00
		Fund Balance & Revenue Accounts	
To:	A.1110.200	Justices Equipment and Capital Outlay	\$8,662.43
		Expense Accounts	

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

ADVERTISE HIGHWAY BIDS

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for the bids for the Highway Department to be opened on Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

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

PETER DANDREANO

PLPAB OUT OF DISTRICT USERS – DISCUSSION

Mr. Dandreano stated the PLPAB is requesting the possibility of granting full beach and park land access to out of District residents. They would like to charge them a fee comparable to what they charge Connecticut residents that have deeded lake rights. Don, did you receive a comment on that.

Mr. Donald Rossi, Town Attorney stated we commented on it and the Board has the authority to allow it. I think it is a matter of establishing some of the parameters. Is it out of District users who are Town residents only or is it out of District users who could be anyone. What are the logistics, the capacity of the beach areas. I don't know if the Advisory Board has given any information on that. The key thing is that once we determine the class that will be permitted to use the beaches for a fee or without a fee, you even have the option to do that, but you probably want to do it for a fee, just making sure that that class is appropriately limited and there is a basis for the limitation. That is really the only parameter.

Mr. Shawn Rogan stated so in other words, if they set a limit to the number of memberships, because the discussion they had they kicked out a number say twenty-five arbitrarily, there needs to be a nexus between the impacts associated and whether those impacts can be sustained within the Park District. There needs to be some thought put into whatever that number is and not just something that is truly arbitrary.

Mr. Griffin stated there is more to it than that. We need to have a couple of Public Hearings just to get some input from the people in Putnam Lake, if they even want to consider that. I understand maybe the Park Board feels that it is an opportunity to raise revenue and possibly additional utilization of the beaches, but we had quite a battle to get this thing through the process and a lot of people had very adamant opinions on it. Before we make a decision on this and I'm looking at this Board and I don't see anyone from Putnam Lake. I think it would behoove us to get some serious input from the residents of Putnam Lake.

Mr. Rogan stated it's a great conversation to have because the same conversation is occurring in the Veterans Memorial Park. In that case, they have done an unofficial survey and there are many people that are from Connecticut and Pawling that use that park. The bottom line is they said the people are enjoying the park, they are not damaging the park, and it's not causing any problems.

Mr. Charles Cook stated I have a number of questions, I wish someone was here from the Park District. How much do the Connecticut residents who have deeded rights pay, how are they billed and what is the collection rate.

Ms. Antoinette Kopeck, Town Clerk stated Charlie, they pay \$100.00 and they pay it to the Town Clerk's office.

Mr. Cook stated can you tell if all of them pay.

Mr. Griffin stated it's just the ones that are going to use the beach.

Mr. Dandreano stated how many permits do we issue per year.

Ms. Kopeck stated maybe three or four.

Mr. Cook stated should the same thing apply to Veterans Park and then this would lead to should we have a Townwide park.

Mr. Griffin stated this is a conversation for another night.

Mr. Rossi stated there would be a need for a Public Hearing on this because the code chapter has to be amended.

Mr. Bruce Major stated the Putnam Lake Park District is sort of like an ocean cruise ship. You have first class, second class and steerage. First class are the people who live in Connecticut, the reason being they are paying the same fee as the Putnam Lake people to put their boat in the water. They are paying \$100.00 to use the facilities when the average homeowner in Putnam Lake tax bill is about \$130.00, I think. So, therefore the people in Connecticut are first class. Second class are the people in Putnam Lake. They are paying for the boat, their taxes and they are paying additional tax through their general taxes to maintain the dam. Then there is steerage that is the rest of us, who will be paying 71% for any of the maintenance or repairs on the dam, because you all agreed that the dam is owned by the Town, therefore everyone in the Town has to maintain the dam. Those of us in steerage, right now we can't put a boat in the water and we can't use the facilities. I would hope when you do look forward on this, the people in Connecticut need to pay a heck of a lot more, certainly because they are able to use something that I can't use.

Mr. Griffin stated there is a lot to be considered on this.

PORTABLE TOILET PROPOSAL - APPROVAL

Mr. Dandreano introduced the following **Resolution to Approve Rental of Portable Toilets by the Town:**

R-0215-03

WHEREAS, the Town of Patterson desires to rent five portable handicap accessible toilets from April 1st through November 1st for calendar years 2015, 2016 and 2017 for use at Town recreation facilities including the Cornwall Hill Ball Field, Club Court Park, Memorial Ball Field, Warren Beach and Jackson Beach;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Town's Procurement Policy, the Town's Director of Building Operations made 3 written requests for quotes to suppliers of portable toilets, and received 2 written quotes in response to such request, copies of which are annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, A Royal Flush of Bridgeport, Connecticut has submitted the lowest quote of \$4,025 per year dated February 4, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson wishes to accept the quote submitted by A Royal Flush for calendar years 2015, 2016 and 2017 for a total price not to exceed \$4,025 per year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby approves the rental of five portable handicap accessible toilets from A Royal Flush for the prices set forth on the quote annexed hereto for calendar years 2015, 2016 and 2017 in a total amount not to exceed \$4,025 per year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all agreements and other documents necessary to give effect to this Resolution, consistent with the terms hereof, all in form satisfactory to the Supervisor and the Town Attorney.

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

CHARLES COOK

RECREATION CENTER LED OUTDOOR LIGHTING REPAIR - APPROVAL

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to repair wall sconces outside at the Recreation Center awarding the job to Elite Electrical in an amount not to exceed \$504.00.

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

RECREATION REQUESTS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the request from Matt Chibbaro, Recreation Director to purchase 80 dri-fit t-shirts from Steve Dinucci for a total amount of \$890.00 for flag football.

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

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the request from Matt Chibbaro, Recreation Director to purchase 195 trophies for flag football and 150 for youth flag football for a total amount of \$2,035.50 from Trophy Depot.

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

Mr. Cook stated we received a memo from Putnam Lake Fire Department that they have accepted as a member; Amaury Pena.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dandreano stated there was a meeting on February 12, 2015 with the Traffic Safety Board and Councilman Hustis from Kent brought up the fact that the local papers published some concerns around the County. Most of those issues were already addressed by the Traffic Safety Board. One of his concerns was in the Town of Patterson. The DOT will be going out in the spring to look at the exit ramps at Route 311 and I-84.

Mr. Williams stated I have been working with the County Executive's office recently and Senator Murphy. There is some state funding and we are looking at putting in the traffic lights in. It's on the list of several projects designed to spur economic development within Putnam communities.

Mr. Dandreano stated the Patterson Emergency Management Committee met and they came down and helped train us on emergency management planning and how to go forth with our emergency management plan. I will meet with the Town Planner who will be writing the plan. We have to figure out what information we need from other department heads and agencies to compile it into the plan.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Mrs. Ginny Nacerino stated I would like to speak to the Veterans Park Board and the people that access the park that are not residents. This goes back to when I sat on the Recreation Board. Enforcement has always been the problem and that is why people have always been able to utilize that park. We have revisited this over and over again and just bear that in mind that enforcement, whether we would have someone taking tickets or someone in the booth, it has always been an issue. I don't think it is as serious a matter as it is in Putnam Lake because Putnam Lake is more condense, this one has one egress. It would be easier to manage out of district residents.

Mr. Rogan stated you think it would be easier at Veterans.

Mrs. Nacerino stated no, you can only go onto the beach one way.....

Mr. Rogan stated here, not in Putnam Lake. Putnam Lake there are all different beaches.

Mrs. Nacerino stated but they are smaller units. Here people park and just walk in.

Mr. Rogan stated I see.

Mrs. Nacerino stated you would need to have some sort of enforcement or ticket person there. Putnam Lake is smaller and it would be easier to oversee, in my opinion.

Mrs. Nacerino stated getting back to the fire department; I think the discussions tonight were great with Chief Szpindor and Chief Gagliardo. I think what is most important here is the fact of the awareness. I don't think our residents in Putnam County are aware of how crucial this is. I don't think that they are aware that a service that they believe is in place and effective and efficient cannot be met at this point in time. Mike, in your letter to the County Executive, I haven't been able to speak with her, she was away and I haven't caught up with her yet, but if you could copy me on your letter to her, I would like to get that awareness raised on the Legislative side. When we speak to the County, it is the Administrative side, the Executive Branch that had discussions, but on the Legislative side we really haven't raised that awareness as much as I would like to.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Antoinette Kopeck, Town Clerk