

PATTERSON TOWN BOARD MEETING
PATTERSON TOWN HALL
1142 ROUTE 311
PATTERSON, NEW YORK 12563
June 8, 2016

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: PETER DANDREANO, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR

Salute to the Flag and Roll Call.

Supervisor Griffin called the Patterson Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 13 in attendance.

REPORTS

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

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

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

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the Supervisor's Report for the month of February, March and April.

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

MINUTES

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

Town Board Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2016

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

AUDIT OF BILLS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** that the Town Board accept Abstract No. 10 as written:

General Fund \$78,711.66, Highway Fund \$39,058.78, Waste Water Treatment Plant \$13,723.35, Patterson Light District \$22.09, Putnam Lake Refuse District #1 \$17,123.96, Patterson Refuse District #2 \$27,332.57, Deerwood Drainage District \$18.36, Patterson Park District \$1,604.51, Putnam Lake Park District \$12,905.17, Alpine Water District \$1,162.63, Dorset Hollow Water District \$1,045.58, Fox Run Water District \$428.78, Trust & Agency \$3,866.75, Grand Total Abstract \$197,004.19.

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

SHAWN ROGAN

RECREATION REQUEST(S)

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to hire Cross Binette and Sean McCarthy as junior staff members for the Recreation Center at \$8.00 per hour.

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

EMPLOYEE REQUEST – PERSONAL TIME

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** that we approve 28 hours of accrued sick time to remain, as such, through an employee's leave.

Seconded by Mr. Burns. Discussion.

Mr. Williams stated there are two ways to handle this. We can keep her personal time for when she comes back or we can allow her to use her personal time and give her four (4) days of uncompensated time when she returns to work. She would prefer to do the latter.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Rogan stated I will rescind my prior motion.

Seconded by Mr. Burns.

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

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

Mr. Rogan announced that last Friday, one of our lifeguards made a fantastic save at one of our park beaches. A young boy was observed showing initial signs of drowning, went under water and Nick jumped to his aid. He did not require CPR or any other lifesaving. I wanted to make this announcement, not only to highlight great work by a young man working for the town, but more importantly, we have a tremendous problem with people swimming when there are no lifeguards on duty. I just wanted to put a reminder out to never use any of the beaches or swim in any water when there is not a lifeguard on duty.

RICHARD WILLIAMS

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR

Mr. Williams stated I appoint Charles Cook to assume the position of Deputy Supervisor for the remaining year of 2016.

MTA ROUTE 164 CELL TOWER

Mr. Williams discussed the MTA Route 164 Cell Tower plan with Ginny Nacerino in attendance. There will be a conference call, with all involved, this Friday.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Mr. Williams stated Relay for Life is this week at the Patterson Fire House. It's a great event, for a very important cause.

KEVIN BURNS

PUTNAM LAKE REQUEST(S)

Mr. Burns stated Putnam Lake Park District is joining forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "33rd Annual National Night Out", on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. It is sponsored by the national Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored by the Putnam Lake Park District.

Mr. Williams stated Pat Ploeger, I know you put a tremendous amount of work into organizing this and getting it up and running. Thank you for all your efforts in this.

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve the request from the PLPB, to rehire Gerry Doyle, as a year round park maintenance worker, on an as needed basis, at a rate of \$18.36 per hour.

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

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve the request of the PLPB to hire Joe Paddock for a fireworks show at Warren Beach on Sunday, July 3, 2016, rain date July 4, 2016, for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Seconded by Mr. Cook. Discussion.

Mr. Cook stated Michael, does the Town need insurance.

Mr. Burns stated it says he is insured.

Mr. Williams stated he needs to have the insurance and cover us.

Mr. Liguori stated I will have to look at the policy.

Mr. Burns stated there seems like a lot of moving parts that we don't know how it will be handled.

Ms. Pat Ploeger stated the Fire Department is aware of this. Mike Ercole, President of the Putnam Lake Fire Department is on our advisory board. I think Dave Raines will have something to say about this.

Mr. Williams stated Dave Raines will need to issue permits for this.

Ms. Ploeger stated we will have everything taken care of.

Mr. Rogan stated I'm in favor of approving the amount, but we have to have greater conversation about public safety.

Conversation ensued.

Mr. Williams stated we will have to have this conversation with the Sheriff.

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to modify the above motion subject to a submission from the Park Board that addresses the concerns for a public safety plan before, during and after the event.

Mr. Williams stated and confirming the insurance.

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

Mr. Burns made mention of the Putnam Lake Park Advisory Board's newsletter that was mailed to everyone in the Putnam Lake District.

APPRAISAL PROPOSALS

Mr. Burns introduced the following **Resolution for Acceptance of Proposal of McGrath & Company, Inc. for Professional Appraisal Services:**

R-0616-01

WHEREAS, in connection with its defense of a certain tax certiorari proceeding entitled *In the Matter of Brookeith II LLC v. Town of Patterson et al.*, currently pending in the Supreme Court, State of New York, County of Putnam as Index Nos. 1417/2014 and 1397/2015, the Town of Patterson deems it necessary to obtain professional appraisal services to determine the fair market value of the property which is the subject of said proceeding; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Town's Procurement Policy, the Town received three written quotes for the appraisal service, full and complete copies of which are annexed hereto and hereby made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, MCGRATH & COMPANY, INC. (the "Corporation") submitted the lowest Proposal dated March 10, 2016 for appraiser services (the "Proposal"); and

WHEREAS, the Assessor for the Town of Patterson has recommended that the Town retain the services of the Corporation on the terms set forth in the Proposal for the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars for the appraisal and, if trial preparation becomes necessary, an hourly fee of One Hundred Fifty (\$150) Dollars for said trial preparation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby accepts the terms set forth in the Proposal annexed hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby authorizes and directs the Supervisor to execute any and all documents in such form as is satisfactory to the Town Supervisor and the Town Attorney, and take whatever other actions may be necessary to give effect to this resolution.

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

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

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

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer No. 21

Increase:	DA.3501 Fund Balance	Consolidated Highway Aid	\$166,222.00
Increase:	DA.5112.200	Highway – Improvements Equip & Cap Outlay	\$500,000.00
Decrease:	DA.511.400 Expense Accounts	Highway – General Repairs Contractual	\$(333,778.00)

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

PETER DANDREANO

ABSENT

CHARLES COOK

MEDICATION COLLECTION BOX

Mr. Cook stated the Supervisor's office is in discussion with the "Putnam Communities That Care Coalition", regarding a MedReturn box where residents may bring their left over medicines to put in the box. The box will have to be bolted to the floor, there must be a camera on it 24/7, as well as a sign that says the box is under 24 hour surveillance. It will be placed in the Town Hall lobby. The box was paid for by the Patterson Rotary Club. The cost of the box was \$695.00.

DOG CONTROL

Mr. Cook stated this relates to revisions to the Town Code, under dogs and other animals. I will ask the Board to review the new codes and we will bring this up again at the next Town Board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Cook stated we received a letter from the Director of Codes Enforcement regarding Acme Supermarket. The projected opening date will be mid-August.

Mr. Cook stated the Recreation Department is having an open gym and twirl clinic and the Patterson Rangerettes will be visiting Monday, June 18, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for community members five years and up.

Mr. Rogan stated Putnam County Sheriff Donald Smith and Doctor Henry Fisher, President and CEO of American Security Counsel Foundation cordially invite all citizens to "Step Up America" on Friday, June 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Putnam County Golf Course for a Call to Good Citizenship.

Mr. Williams stated our equalization rate for the Town of Patterson for 2016 is at one hundred percent.

Mr. Williams stated on May 26, 2016 the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation conducted a surprise inspection at the Town's transfer station to ascertain compliance. The facility was well maintained and the staff was friendly and helpful. No violations.

Mr. Williams stated today we received a new special bulk drop-off/pick-up form for the Recycling Center.

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to approve the new Recycling Center form, contingent on cleaning up all the typographical errors.

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

Mr. Williams stated Mrs. Maryann O'Connor was nominated as our "Woman of Distinction" award. Monday night will be the ceremony.

Mr. Williams stated we have a long term resident, Howard Buzzuto, "Buzzy" to many of us, who has served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for 30 years, the Board of Elections; taking care of the machines and has been stalwart around the community. He is a World War II Veteran and saw combat and was awarded many medals. Unfortunately, through some glitch, he never received any of them. This past Monday, at the Putnam County Veterans Park., Assemblyman Steve Katz's office, Sheriff Smith and the VFW presented Buzzy with his medals, including the Bronze Star. It was quite a moving ceremony.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Mr. Frank Malizia stated I would like to talk about the dog law. That is going to be brought up again at the next meeting, correct.

Mr. Williams stated we are going to revise the law. We will be putting it up on-line, so you can take a look at it.

Mr. Malizia stated I consider myself a good dog owner. I license my dogs, and I get them their vaccinations, whenever they are due. You can come to my house, they will not attack you, but if you are threatening towards me or my family, yes; they will defend us and they will hurt you. I have one that is 125 pounds and the other is 85 and they can do a lot of damage. Recently, while I was walking my dog, a dog come out of his yard and comes running up to my dog. My dog grab the dog by the neck and I had to take it out of his mouth, because he would have snapped his neck. The owner of the dog comes out of the house and apologizes and said he got away from me. How do you open a door without having a leash on the dog. Would my dog be responsible if he hurt this dog, and my dog was on a leash.

Mr. Malizia continued regarding the Putnam Lake Park District. On a number of occasions, I have asked if trash bins could be put around the lake. I keep hearing they are on order, but they are not there.

Mr. Williams stated the Park Advisory Board put out trash cans.

Mr. Malizia stated they are not.

Ms. Ploeger stated they were put out about two weeks ago.

Mr. Malizia stated where, at the beaches. They are nowhere around the lake.

Ms. Ploeger stated they are placed around the lake, at the foot of Lacona on Lake Shore all around the lake.

Mr. Malizia stated I live off of Homer.

Ms. Ploeger stated you should have one very close to you. We bought only six, because they cost about \$600.00 each. I will send you the exact locations.

Mr. Malizia stated the other issue I have is, there are a lot of properties in the lake that are foreclosed and the property is not being maintained. It's dragging property values down. I'm almost embarrassed to say I live there.

Mr. Williams stated there is a property maintenance code from the State.

Mr. Malizia stated it's not being enforced.

Mr. Williams stated we are living in challenging times. You are right, it's never been this bad. There are many property owners who have abandoned their homes. We are coming into an aging population, so there are many elderly people still in their homes, and they are finding it difficult to maintain their property.

Mr. Malizia stated most of the properties I am referring to, no one is living there.

Mr. Williams stated understood, there are a lot of foreclosures that are out there. Our Building Department is looking at all of this. We hired a part-time individual who is dealing with just the property maintenance issues. If you have a specific house, you can provide that to my office or the Building Department.

Mr. Malizia stated I will get that information to you both.

Mr. George Disbrow stated I am a Trustee at the Patterson Library, along with Mr. O'Connor. I have our annual report to give you. 75,000 people come through the doors of the library in one year. The public computers are used over 24,000 times. 3,500 people save over \$55,000 just by borrowing the free museum passes that are offered by the library. It's been over three years that the library has been trying to get signatures for a petition to be placed on the November ballot to increase some funding. We would like to add more evening hours. We had over 400 community meetings that take place in the library. We thank the Town Board and we have a very good working relationship, not only with the Town Board, but with the municipal departments, emergency management, recreation department and we appreciate that support. The County has always been very supportive to us. Ginny Nacerino has been involved with us all the time. County Executive Odell has done a wonderful job. Thank you.

Mr. Williams stated George, it is very easy to support the library. You do a fantastic job over there and you run some great programs. We appreciate everything you do.

Ms. Ploeger stated I would like to invite all the children in Patterson to join the Piranha's Swim Team in Putnam Lake. We will be taking registrations down on Warren Beach this Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm. This is open to all children, not just Putnam Lake Park District residents. There is an out of District, non-resident additional fee of \$50.00. We have two age groups, 10 years and under and 11 years to 16 years. Practice starts June 27, 2016, five days a week, one hour for each age group. You can also register at the Town Clerk's office between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Burns stated don't you have swim lessons also.

Ms. Ploeger stated we had to abandoned swim lessons. We negotiated about four months ago with Wings Over Water, so we are doing that almost identical program with them.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Antoinette Kopeck, Town Clerk