

PATTERSON TOWN BOARD MEETING
PATTERSON TOWN HALL
1142 ROUTE 311
PATTERSON, NEW YORK 12563
June 10, 2015

MINUTES

PRESENT: MICHAEL GRIFFIN, SUPERVISOR
KEVIN BURNS, COUNCILMAN
CHARLES W. COOK, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
PETER DANDREANO, COUNCILMAN
SHAWN ROGAN, COUNCILMAN
ANTOINETTE KOPECK, TOWN CLERK
MICHAEL LIGUORI, 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 15 in attendance.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART CHAPTER 21 PURPLE HEART TOWN CEREMONY – GENE LANG

Mr. Gene Lang stated I am the Sr. Vice Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 21. We are very grateful to name your Town a Purple Heart Town. I would like to read to you this paragraph I found on Facebook, by Clive Saunders:

Unless You Have Been a Solider

Unless you have been a solider,
You just won't understand,
The things that we have seen and done
In the service of our land.

We have trained to live in combat,
To cope with awful sights,
That shouldn't be seen by anyone,
Can keep you awake at night.

We don't discuss the wounds we have,
To the body and the mind,
We just put our hurts behind us,
And turn our memories to blind.

We are proud we served our County,
And remember those we lost,
For the freedom that you have today,
That paid an awful cost.

So, please remember,
Freedom is not Free!!!!

Mr. Neil Rose, Commander of Chapter 21 stated Chapter 21 encompasses all of Westchester County, Putnam County and part of Dutchess County. It is a very large area with a lot of Veterans. Many who have Purple Hearts that you don't even know about. As Gene's poem states, we don't share what we have been through, but we want to make sure that the rest of the world knows that we sacrificed for this Country. A message has been heard throughout Putnam County. Growing up in Putnam Valley, I was a Putnam resident. Our message is for the youth of this County. Being an educator for over 45 years, I still do a lot of consulting work with school districts around the area. I found that kids today are not being well educated in what it takes to be an American. They take our freedoms for granted, they take all that we have in this wonderful Country, travel around the world that we have so much in this County to be thankful for and they take everything for granted. What Gene and other people have started to do is start

to work on a Living History Projects. Somer's has a Living History Project. I'm very proud of Ossining High School, they just finished a Living History Project and it's extending into Yorktown High School. We will get into Putnam County also. If we don't learn from our Historians, we are doomed to have the same thing happen to us again. One of these days a young child will see the sign and say; "Patterson is a Purple Heart Town", he'll ask what that means. Maybe then someone will tell them; "it is because people have sacrificed to give you all the freedoms and all the wonderful things we have in this Country." Thank you.

Mr. Lang stated I would ask the Town if they can, help out the Veterans. Some of the Towns have put up a box for us and they asked their local citizens would they mind donating clothing that they no longer need. Once the box is full, you can call us and we will pick it up. Believe it or not, one of the greatest things right now that the Veterans are asking for are baby diapers, formula and anything that has to do with young children. They take mostly everything that is in good shape and they do have a food pantry. We drop it off in Montrose.

Mr. Rogan introduced the following **Resolution Recognition as a Purple Heart Town:**

R-0615-01

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to men and women in the U.S. Military who were wounded or killed in combat by enemy forces while defending the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson salutes all the brave men and women who paid the ultimate price of freedom by leaving their families, friends, and communities, and placing themselves in harm's way for the good and protection of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson acknowledges the heroic contributions and sacrifices of these men and women in the military because they are the foundation in maintaining the freedoms and way of life for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson recognizes the men and women of the military who reside in the Town of Patterson, who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the armed forces and who are the recipients of the Purple Heart Medal; the Town Board honors them and commends them for their acts of bravery; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson desires to honor all service men and women, past, present and future and their families, by proclaiming the Town of Patterson as a Purple Heart Town; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Order of the Town Board of the Town of Patterson, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to proclaim the Town of Patterson "A Purple Heart Town" and recognizes the dedication and sacrifices of all men and women in the United States Military who valiantly serve to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans. God Bless our Armed Forces and God Bless the United States of America!

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

Mr. Griffin stated thank you gentlemen. We appreciate your sacrifice and we appreciate you taking the time to come be with us tonight. We have a letter from Legislature Ginny Nacerino regretting she couldn't be here tonight, due to a conflict in her schedule.

Mr. Cook stated Ginny has given us a message from the Putnam County Legislature; Congratulations to the Town of Patterson upon their recognition on becoming the 5th Town within Putnam County to be granted the honor of being a Purple Heart Town.

Mr. Rose stated please try to make your way over to the Town of Kent to the Veteran's Park. The most beautiful monument was erected there in honor of the military.

REPORTS

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

Code Compliance - May
Code Enforcement - April & May
Dog Control Officer - May
E.C.I.- None
Putnam Lake Fire Dept. – January – March 2015
Patterson Fire Dept. – None
Patterson Recreation Center – May
Public Lake Park District Maintenance - May

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the Supervisor's Reports for the month of April.

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

MINUTES

None

AUDIT OF BILLS

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

General Fund \$64,753.68, Highway Fund \$37,334.03, Waste Water Treatment Plant \$11,096.66, Patterson Refuse District #2 \$31,682.86, Deerwood Drainage District \$18.38, Patterson Park District \$1,432.74, Putnam Lake Park District \$7,360.90, Alpine Water District \$880.96, Dorset Hollow Water District \$1,045.58, Fox Run Water District \$7,847.61, Trust & Agency \$2,692.40, Grand Total Abstract \$166,145.80.

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

KEVIN BURNS

PATTERSON CROSSING – BOND APPROVAL

Mr. Burns introduced the following **Resolution for Establishment of a Performance Bond for the Patterson Crossing Site Plan:**

R-0615-02

WHEREAS, Patterson Crossing Realty Corp. own a parcel of land on Route 311 identified as Tax Map No.22.-3-1, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of Town of Patterson has approved an Application for site plan approval from Patterson Crossing Realty Corp. in order to construct various improvements on the lot, as shown on a set of drawings entitled *Patterson Crossing Site Plan* prepared by *Insite Engineering, Surveying & Landscape Architecture, P.C.*, last revised on August 18, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a motion was made and carried by the Patterson Planning Board at its May 7, 2015 meeting recommending that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson find that the cost of a performance bond, sufficient to cover restoration of the site should the developer fail to complete the site improvements, be established in the amount of \$200,000.00, with an inspection fee of \$21,100.00, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby establishes the amount of the performance bond sufficient to cover restoration of the site

should the developer fail to complete the site improvements for the Patterson Crossing Site Plan, pursuant to the Town Code of the Town of Patterson as \$200,000.00, with an inspection fee of \$21,100.00, and

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

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

GARBAGE DISTRICT 2 – BID FOR OUTSOURCING

Mr. Burns stated have we sent out the bid. We have all been approached by a number of people about outsourcing Garbage District No. 2. To be honest, I haven't had anyone come to me that is in favor of outsourcing Garbage District No. 2. I know it is creating a tremendous amount of stress and it's not something we have to decide today, but I don't see anyone who is offended by what they are paying for our garbage in Garbage District No. 2. Do we even want to send out the bid.

Mr. Cook stated I would like to see the bids go out to see what bids we get back. That doesn't mean we have to accept the bid.

Mr. Griffin stated I think there are a lot of dynamics in this conversation. We are looking at the prospect of spending a substantial amount of money on updating and improving the equipment. Our workers compensation loss runs are the highest in sanitation, as opposed to anywhere else.

Mr. Dandreano stated I think Shawn should give an update.

Mr. Rogan stated the Board set up a sub-committee. The goal from the start was to consider all options, so the Town Board would have the best information to make that decision. Phil and Frank worked on many different alternatives that were geared toward improving the job, different variations with making the job safer. I think that has been a focus that the entire sub-committee has looked at, not just whether or not we will create a bid document. Everyone agrees within the sub-committee and the community, I agree with you Kevin, we have not heard a complaint about the level of service. In fact, I think the job that is done is tremendous. One thing that has come out of this, is that half the people in Town don't realize that half the Town is serviced by a private contractor. The goal has been to bring information back to the Town Board, which gives us the options and what they cost. I give Phil a lot of credit, he came up with some great ideas about how to make the job safer. Whether it be retro fitting our existing trucks, to hopefully reducing the workers compensation cases. We see these guys hanging on the back of a truck and I don't think there is a person who sees this that doesn't think how dangerous it is. Certainly, I'm interested in anything we can do to make the job safer. We are having another meeting next week with the sub-committee and we have bid documents prepared with the help of Rich Williams.

Conversation ensued.

LETTER OF RECOGNITION – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Mr. Burns read a letter of recognition from Caroline Dumont regarding the Highway Department and clearing the snow this winter.

BUDGET TRANSFER

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer No. 11

Increase:	H.0902	Fund Balance Designated Capital Project	\$25,545.00
		Fund Balance	

Increase:	H.8989.028	Capital Project – Putnam Lake Dam	\$25,545.00
		Expenses Account	

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

PETER DANDREANO

PUTNAM LAKE SLUICE GATE - UPDATE

Mr. Dandreano made a **motion** to approve the additional \$641.00 that went over the original amount for the Putnam Lake Sluice gate.

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

ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN ADOPTION - RESOLUTION

Mr. Dandreano introduced the following **Resolution to Adopt the Putnam County All Hazard Mitigation Plan**:

R-0615-03

WHEREAS, the Town of Patterson with the assistance of Tetra Tech, Inc., has gathered information and cooperated in the preparation of the All Hazard Mitigation Plan for Putnam County, New York (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS; the Town of Patterson is a local unit of government and has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input on the Plan and the proposed course of action in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson has reviewed the Plan, which as provided for therein, will be updated no less than every five (5) years, and is desirous of approving it since they deem it to be in the best interests of the citizens of the Town of Patterson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Board of the Town of Paterson that the Town of Patterson adopts the Putnam County All Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to implement and thereafter undertake to execute the actions in the Plan; 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 and to take any and all other actions deemed necessary to give effect to this resolution, consistent with the terms hereof and in such form as is satisfactory to the Town Supervisor and the Town Attorney.

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

PLPD REQUEST(S)

Mr. Dandreano made a **motion** to approve the purchase of six (6) 32 gallon recyclable receptacles for the Putnam Lake Park District from Uline in an amount not to exceed \$2,447.32 including shipping.

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

Mr. Dandreano stated the Putnam Lake Park District Advisory Board recommended that the Town Board approves the introduction of tripod sterile carp into the waters of Putnam Lake upon approval from the NYSDEC and the construction of the required gate approved as well. Once we get the approvals from the DEP, we will go forward.

Mr. Cook stated we have to follow up on a grant for this.

Mr. Williams stated it is working its way through DASNY.

Mr. Dandreano made a **motion** to approve the Head Lifeguard rate at \$15.00 per hour and that includes any of the lifeguards that act as Head Lifeguard in the absence of the Head Lifeguard. That will also be retroactive.

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

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

Head Coach:	Monique Lawlor	\$12.00/hr.
1 st Assistant Coach:	Katie Dolan	\$ 9.00/hr.
2 nd Assistant Coach:	Brennan Melchiori	\$ 8.00/hr.
Swim Lesson Instructor:	Ann Krupenye	\$15.00/hr.
Swim Lesson Assistant:	Cassidy Speller	\$10.82/hr.

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

RECREATION REQUEST(S)

Mr. Dandreano stated Matt Chibbaro, Recreation Director sent a memo to advise us that Community Day will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2015.

Mr. Dandreano stated Mr. Chibbaro sent a memo stating that the Carmel Central School District will be having full day kindergarten beginning in September 2015 and the Recreation Center will not be offering the Kindergarten Enrichment program any longer. Instead, they would like to start a pre-school enrichment program based on STEM. The month tuition will be as follows:

Child attends 5 days a week: \$325.00 a month
Child attends 3 days a week: \$275.00 a month
Child attends 2 days a week: \$175.00 a month

Mr. Dandreano stated if you go to the Patterson website, you can see a list of all the different summer camps they have.

CHARLES COOK

350 LAKESHORE ROAD - DISCUSSION

Mr. Cook stated we have a letter from the Town Planner that the property owner at 350 Lakeshore Road recently hired a contractor to remove four (4) trees in a portion of Calverton Road right-of-way. He then hired a second contractor to place an undetermined amount of fill in the area, changing the overall grade. Typically the Town would require a fill permit for the replacement of fill in order to ensure that the fill was clean and to evaluate any potential impacts. Since the fill was placed on property not owned by the owner of 350 Lakeshore Road, the Town cannot seek a fill permit. The recommendation from the Town Planner is that the Town Attorney should send the owner a letter notifying him he is not permitted to work on this area as he does not own the land and to desist from making any improvements in this area and I would add to replace the trees that he removed from the property that is not his. I will give a copy of this email to the Town Attorney.

Mr. Griffin stated this is the same gentlemen who put a dock in the lake last year that we had to take action against as well.

METRO NORTH CELL TOWNER

Mr. Cook stated that we have been advised by Metro North that they plan to put a cell tower in at Route 164 and Bullet Hole Road. Apparently, they can do this without coming to the Town Board, Planning Board, etc. and install this.

Mr. Griffin stated I'm not sure that is actually the case anymore, because when they called us about a year ago, they told us they were going to put up 120' tower. Now it has become 150' tower with private carriers on it. I think that opens this up to a whole different situation. That is something that you and Rich need to review. Everyone will see a 150' tower, there is no hiding it. It will be like the Eiffel Tower. It will be an eye sore.

Mr. Williams stated what Mr. Griffin is taking about is the difference between a proprietary interest and a governmental function and the immunity test, which is set forth in Monroe. That is what he is referring to. Maybe we want to talk to them about conducting the Monroe test.

Mr. Burns stated who do we talk to.

Mr. Williams stated we would conduct the test internally after we get information. Metro North said they are doing the testing out there this week. They will put a crane up and look at the height and once that is all finished, they will come into us with exactly what they are proposing to do.

Conversation ensued.

GOLDEN AGE SENIORS' REQUEST(S)

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the request by the Golden Age Seniors' for a trip to go to "Ace in the Hole" in an amount not to exceed \$1,277.20.

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

SHAWN ROGAN

TOWN PLANNER'S RECOMMENDATION – INCREASE FOR ZBA SECRETARY

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to approve the request from the Town Planner to increase Mary Schartau's salary to \$18.00 per hour beginning July 6, 2015. The impact to the budget would be \$1,164.00 for the 12 pay periods remaining in 2015.

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

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION – RESTAURANTS

Mr. Rogan stated as the Board can recall, there have been discussions about changing definitions within our code, adding a few definitions and ultimately trying to capture a trigger mechanism by which we can evaluate changes to commercial properties to be able to provide the Building Department with the ability to assess those changes and the potential impacts. The Planning Board has provided us with a memo dated June 4, 2015, from their meeting last week that makes several recommendations to the Zoning Code specifically under definitions, Section 154-4 catering, delicatessen, fast food establishment, much modified definition of restaurants and it adds additionally a new section under 154-75E which reads; Commercial Property, the Planning Board shall not approve, nor shall any agent of the Town approve the use of the property or change any use of property or change a business to a similar type of business, which will include one or more processes which are offensive, obnoxious or detrimental to the neighborhood by reason of vibration, dust, smoke, fumes, noise, odor or obnoxious wastes. They request to amend Section 154-77, which are the conditions for which approval are required and the changes to that section were to add changes in the type of business, substantial changes in the hours of operation or changes in omissions, odor or noise.

Conversation ensued.

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** based on the memo from the Planning Board dated June 5, 2015 that the Town Board approve these changes and move towards putting it in proper form, so we can have a Public Hearing and a resolution on this.

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

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION – COMMERCIAL TRADE OPERATIONS

Mr. Rogan stated the Planning Board made a recommendation to amend the Zoning Code Section 154-34P, which relates to commercial trade operations and arboriculture businesses. In essence this allows those uses within building and on properties in a commercial district.

Mr. Griffin stated the Board should review this and bring it up at the next Town Board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Rogan read all the announcements happening in or around Town.

MICHAEL GRIFFIN

CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION

Mr. Griffin stated this used to be Shared Services with a new name. There are a variety of grant opportunities that our Town Planner, Rich Williams has identified.

Mr. Williams stated it's that time of year again. The Consolidated Funding Application is due in on July 31, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. This is the Governor's and Legislature's idea of trying to simplify things. They bundled everything into one application package once a year, so once a year, we get to scramble for funding for whatever programs. Unfortunately, most of the criteria and elements of each one of the programs leads to the Town of Patterson not qualifying. They are looking to move money to areas of low income and specific programs. I have been through 180 pages of various applications and I did identify one I was interested in filing, if the Board concurs. Earlier this year we had a proposal to build three new buildings on Front Street. We were very excited about that proposal, because it is something that this Town has been looking for for a long time. Economics was insisting on going to three story buildings and two story residential and they were intense proposals, but they were still warmly received initially. They were quickly shot down by the Putnam County Health Department, who told the developer based on what he was proposing, he needed to have his own public water supply, which is near impossible to do in the Hamlet.

I would like the Board's permission to pursue a grant to extend one of our local water supply systems on West Street into the Hamlet to pick up these three properties and upgrade that water supply system, so that there is adequate volume there. At the same time, change the treatment method a little bit in an attempt to improve the quality of the water that we are delivering our residents. That is my first proposal of a few.

Town Board members stated that sounds good.

Mr. Williams stated I'm still evaluating some of the grant programs.

Mr. Rogan stated the grant money you are looking to get for these three properties, certainly the opportunity exists for the developer to also decide that it is an important project that they could.....

Mr. Williams stated if we had a developer. At this point, the developer is recognizing that he is not going to be able to move forward. He moved onto other projects and has not purchased the property.

Mr. Rogan stated that's too bad.

Mr. Williams stated if we don't do this preplanning with our infrastructure, we will never get development in the areas we want to see developed.

Mr. Rogan stated we will also be looking at parking in that area.

Mr. Williams stated parking will be very challenging in this area and stormwater will be very challenging.

Conversation ensued.

VANACORE, DEBENEDICTUS, DIGIOVANNI & WEDDELL PROPOSAL – CLOVER LAKE AUDIT

Mr. Griffin introduced the following Resolution **Professional Services Contract with Vanacore, Debenedictus, Digiovanni & Weddell for Professional Accounting Services:**

WHEREAS, in connection with its defense of a certain tax certiorari proceeding entitled *In the Matter of Clover Lakes Senior Living, LLC v. The Town of Patterson et al.*, currently pending in the Supreme Court, State of New York, County of Putnam, the Town of Patterson has deemed it necessary to obtain professional advice concerning the examination and appraisal of properties for the Town of Patterson; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received a proposed Service Agreement (the "Agreement") from Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGiovanni & Weddell, LLP (the "Firm"), a copy of which is annexed hereto and hereby made a party hereof, following the rendering of services by said Firm on the Town's behalf; and

WHEREAS, contracts for professional services which are less than \$20,000 are not subject to competitive bidding pursuant to the Town's Procurement Policy, and the Agreement sets forth fees for the Firm's professional services that are below \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is in receipt of a Voucher from the Agency for services rendered in the amount of \$9,917; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby authorizes and directs the Supervisor to execute the Agreement, and any and all documents necessary to give effect to this resolution, consistent with the terms hereof and in such form as is satisfactory to the Town Supervisor and the Town Attorney; and

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

DIRECTOR OF CODE ENFORCEMENT REQUEST – INCREASE INSPECTION FEES

Mr. Griffin stated due to a scheduling conflict, Mr. McCarthy, Building Inspector could not make the meeting tonight, so I will table this until the next meeting.

EMS SERVICE - UPDATE

Mr. Griffin stated Dave Raines and I have been meeting and talking with a variety of people to try and solve the problem that is about to come to a head in July. We were notified back in February that Putnam Lake Fire Department would not be providing EMS services after April 1st. Dave took it upon himself that we got to July. We are rapidly approaching July. Last week we met with the Chief's and our new County Commissioner of Emergency Services, Tony Sutton and TransCare. The County has no immediate plans to make any changes to what they are doing, which would assist most of the Town's and County at this point. Basically, that's off the table. We asked Rob Struck for a proposal to provide services for nighttime, from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. He sent us a proposal for two EMT's and an ambulance and the cost would be \$19,000.00 per month for an eight hour shift. That breaks down to about \$633.00 per day. Dave and I came to the inescapable conclusion that it was an unbelievable amount of money. When you look at what EMT's are being paid and the cost of benefit's it turned out that they were charging us over \$300.00 a day for the ambulance. Dave made the suggestion to seek a price from TransCare that would put their EMT's in one of our ambulances, either Putnam Lake or Patterson, which has been an ongoing discussion with Chief Szpindor. We hope to have that proposal by the end of this week. Dave and I are meeting with the County Executive and Mr. Sutton on Monday at 2:00 p.m. to get a definitive answers from the County as to what they will or will not do.

Conversation ensued.

Mr. Dave Raines stated we will continue to work on this, but come July 1st, we are going to need an ambulance to transport people to the hospital.

Mr. Griffin stated we will do what we can. The other half of this is a huge budgetary problem for us. Right now, both departments don't feel there is a lot of wiggle room for any give backs. The other thing is, we are operating under a very tight tax cap. If we are looking at \$120,000.00 to \$200,000.00 in additional budgetary pressure next year, it will be really hard to hit our tax cap.

Mr. Griffin stated I would like to thank Sue Brown, Patricia Brooks and Mike Liguori for wrapping up the LOSAP. I know it was a very complicated problem due to the records. Eleanor thank you for all your cooperation and help. The ball is in VFIS' court, so hopefully this will be wrapped up and the checks will get out. It turned out to be a much more complicated project than we anticipated, but it's done.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the requests that the Putnam Lake Fire Department accepted a new member; Nicholas Consulato.

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

Mr. Cook stated the Safety Committee did a review at the Recreation Center back in December and I would like to ask them to do a security survey review of the Town Hall and the Court House.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Mr. Ed O'Connor stated Putnam Lake Sacred Heart Church is having a golf tournament for charity on June 22, 2015. I would like to ask the Town Board to take out an advertisement out at a cost of \$20.00 to sponsor this event.

Mr. Bruce Majors stated Kevin, this is the month of June and you indicated at the last meeting that the next meeting would be in June or July. I'm not hearing anything about this and what is happening with those different committees with the issue of the Master Plan.

Mr. Burns stated we spoke about doing another joint meeting, but we didn't set a date.

Mr. Major stated Mike, as it relates to Clover Lake, I see we are spending money and the last I heard Clover Lake wasn't opening their books. The fact that we are spending \$9,000.00, they opened their books, I guess.

Mr. Griffin stated the judge ordered them to open their books and we did the forensic audit.

Mr. Majors stated good. We keeping hearing about all the people falling and as you remember, I raised the issue, is this an unsafe facility, in that, their staffing levels are such that at 10:00 at night or 2:00 in the morning, when an elderly person falls out of bed, there is no one at the facility that can get that person back into the bed. I think we should send a letter of concern to the State Health Department. They don't want to pay their real estate taxes and they don't want to give their patients good care. I find that troubling.

Mr. Griffin stated I spoke with Susan Dey who is the Manager over there and their license from the State basically prohibits them from doing anything hands-on. I spoke to them and asked them if they were willing to call TransCare, as opposed to 911. She wanted to check with the Attorney's and she would get back to me. She called me back, and the Attorney's said absolutely not, you cannot call a private ambulance service, you must call 911. It ties back into the problem with dispatch, because TransCare said they would do the call, the County has to dispatch us first.

Mr. Raines stated we met with the Department of Health and Susan and the DOH's Investigator found in his review of the 2014 incidents there that they are operating within their license to operate a satisfactory facility. It is not an unsafe facility. The number of calls based on the residency is not astronomical. If you go to the same room 22 times, that's a problem. This facility is safe.

Mr. Griffin stated I think Bruce's point is well taken, maybe it's time to go talk to the State of New York, because they are the ones who set up the licensing criteria.

Ms. Eleanor Smith, President Patterson Fire Department stated I just wanted to know where you were with the consultant. I know at the last meeting you said you were going to hire a consultant.

Mr. Griffin stated we are still considering it. One of the grants I asked Rich to consider was for consolidating fire services in the Town of Patterson, to see if there was money for that. It doesn't obligate us to do it. Chief Szpinder gave me another name, and Mr. Sutton said he knew several consultants, as well, that I'm still waiting for. I'll see him Monday and I'll push him a little harder for that. When I spoke to the Town Planner, the Comptroller and Sue, they said you have to put it out to bid, because it is over the procurement number. We have to get three people.

Ms. Smith stated Relay for Life was on the 6th and 7th and as a community we raised over \$100,000.00. I thank the community for coming out and supporting the American Cancer Society.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Antoinette Kopeck, Town Clerk