

PATTERSON TOWN BOARD MEETING
PATTERSON TOWN HALL
PATTERSON, NEW YORK 12563
June 22, 2016

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: PETER DANDREANO, COUNCILMAN
KEVIN BURNS, COUNCILMAN

Salute to the Flag and Roll Call.

Supervisor Williams called the Patterson Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 10 in attendance.

PRESENTATION – PUTNAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – ZIKA VIRUS

Mr. Williams stated tonight we have a presentation on the Zika Virus, with Rick Crano, Putnam County Health Department and Rachel Gressel, RN.

Ms. Rachel Gressel stated I am a Communicable Disease Nurse with the Putnam County Department of Health and I am going to talk about the human aspects of the Zika Virus and Rick will follow me. He is the Public Health Supervisor in Environmental Health Services and he will talk about the environmental impact. First, I wanted to thank you for having us and for allowing us to do this presentation. It will be very brief.

What is the Zika Virus. The Zika Virus generally is a mild virus. It's kind of like the flu and the common cold, which are both a virus. People who get the Zika Virus recover in a few days and it's not a big deal. Well, why did it become a big deal. It became a big deal, because we started to recognize that with the most recent outbreak in Brazil, which started in 2015, there was a problem with women who were pregnant and became ill with this virus. These women were having babies that had brain abnormalities. Not all women, but some women. They had microcephaly, which means your brain is smaller than it should be for a newborn. You don't have the brain mass, therefore; you have less brain. These children will have problems. They are going to need attention and will have very special needs. There is a link between, not just microcephaly and Zika Virus, but also with dembare syndrome. What happens is, your autoimmune turns on your nervous system and causes an ascending paralysis. Basically, from your feet up, you start to have tingling feet, then actual paralysis. It can go to your arms and higher and there are different levels of severity. The good news is, most people recover. They started to see all three of those things happening. I do want to mention that one out of five people have symptoms. This is not an easy virus to detect. It is a virus transmitted by mosquitos. Rick will speak more on that. It is a particular mosquito that is an aggressive day biter. Although it is usually asymptomatic, some people do have symptoms that helps in diagnosing it. Symptoms include, arthralgia which is joint pain, rash, fever and red eyes or conjunctivitis. You can also get a headache and muscle aches and a few other things. You can't give another person the virus just by standing next to them. Pregnant women get bitten and pass it along to their babies. Some are born just fine, although you don't know if time will tell that there will be other issues. You can also have sexual transmission; meaning that the woman herself doesn't have the Zika Virus, but her husband or partner gets infected, their semen can obtain the Zika Virus for up to six months. That is what they know now, but it could even be longer. They are finding, particularly in Brazil, that there are many people donating blood who didn't realize that they have Zika Virus. They are now checking blood. That is not happening, yet in the United States, but that will happen down the road.

As of June 15, 2016, in the United States there were 755 travel associated cases. People who went to one of these countries came back and tested positive for Zika. There were 11 cases of sexual transmission, 3 cases of dembare syndrome and 234 pregnant women, as of June 9, 2016. That is concerning. In the United States territories, Puerto Rico being the main territory, then the US Virgin Islands and Samoa, locally have that particular mosquito and they have 1,436 people

who tested positive for Zika. There are probably many more that we don't know about. If you are pregnant, try not to travel to a Zika infected country. You can get a lot more information by going to the Putnam County website at putnamcountyny.com or calling us at the Health Department at 845-808-1390 and you can ask to speak to a Communicable Disease Nurse. You can ask for an Environmental Health Sanitarian, if you have a question about the mosquito themselves.

Mr. Rick Crano stated I also want to add my thanks for having us here. I will talk about measuring your risk currently and potentially what could be in the future, the surveillance that we will do as a department and what our mosquito control efforts will be. What we will be doing, is to look at the mosquito that we know causes this particular illness. People want to know, what risk am I at right now. The mosquito, that is the known transmitter of the Zika Virus, is not in our area. We will be looking for it. That is what we intend to do over this year. Mosquitos breed in still water, standing water, not moving water. Highway crews may want to think about areas that they might be getting calls on and take care of it in advance. Another seed I am trying to plant with local government is, what to do with abandoned houses. These are some of the places we need to pay some attention too. We put control measures, something that stops mosquitos in their breeding sites before they become adults and can fly and bite people. It is a very environmentally friendly product. Putnam County has been a designated County for New York State, in order to receive a couple of these free from the State Department of Health. Call this number 1-888-364-4723, identify where you are from and you can purchase this product.

Thank you for having us.

AUDIT OF BILLS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** that the Town Board accept Abstract No. 11 as written:

General Fund \$30,496.47, Highway Fund \$305,261.60, Waste Water Treatment Plant \$1,009.87, Putnam Lake Light District \$1,407.23, Patterson Light District \$1,546.74, Patterson Refuse District #2 \$3,658.27, Patterson Park District \$2,907.33, Putnam Lake Park District \$11,746.47, Alpine Water District \$117.46, Dorset Hollow Water District \$150.00, Fox Run Water District \$893.97, Grand Total Abstract \$359,195.41.

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

RICHARD WILLIAMS

PROCLAMATION HONORING JASON LIEBERMAN

Mr. Williams stated about two weeks ago, I had the privilege of attending a memorial ceremony for a long time resident of Patterson, who was very important to the community, and very active with the Patterson Library. It was quite a moving ceremony to a gentlemen who had a wonderful life and will be sorely missed. I would like to read this proclamation into the minutes, so it becomes a permanent record of the Town of Patterson:

HONORING JASON LIEBERMAN

WHEREAS, Jason Lieberman was a long-time resident and inspirational individual who demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to the Patterson Community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson wishes to honor Jason Lieberman for his years of exemplary service to both our community and those which he has served; and

WHEREAS, Jason graduated from New York University as an English Literature major, Science minor with additional post graduate courses; and

WHEREAS, Jason's many accomplishments included service in the U.S. Army, Regional Administrative Officer for the disaster response office of the SBA, Facilities Manager for international banks; and

WHEREAS, Jason served as Patterson Library Trustee since June of 2004, during which

time he served as Chair of the Facilities Committee, Chair of the Bylaws & Policy Committee, and Chair of the Building Committee.

WHEREAS, Jason's experience and knowledge were particularly instrumental to the success of the recent Library Renovation Project which has allowed the Library to expand their programs and services to meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, Jason's many civic and community contributions with his loving wife, Adrienne by his side, were driven by his passion for the fight for Man's Humanity to Man; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby issues this proclamation for Jason Lieberman in recognition of his service to our community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby proudly declares *Sunday, June 5, 2016* as *Jason Lieberman Day*.

PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT – PUTNAM COUNTY WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL

Mr. Williams made a **motion** to schedule a Public Hearing for the Putnam County Wine and Food Festival Public Assembly Permit for July 13, 2016.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION - LEGAL

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

KEVIN BURNS

ABSENT

PETER DANDREANO

ABSENT

CHARLES COOK

CONFERENCE REQUEST(S)

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve one conference request.

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

PLPD REQUEST(S)

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the request of the PLPD to approve Monique Lawlor as the Swim Team Head Coach at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, not to exceed \$1,080.00 and to approve Cassidy Speller as Swim Team Assistant Coach at a rate of \$11.04 per hour, not to exceed \$993.60.

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

Mr. Rogan stated the swim team in Putnam Lake is open to all residents of Patterson.

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the request from the Putnam Lake Seniors for a trip to Ridgefield, Ct. in an amount not to exceed \$2,200.00.

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

DOG CONTROL – SET PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Cook introduced the following **Resolution Introducing Local Law I-4 and Providing for Public Notice and Hearing – Dog Control:**

R-0616-02

BE IT RESOLVED that an amendment to Patterson Town Code Chapter 76, entitled "Dogs", is hereby introduced by Deputy Town Supervisor Cook, as Introductory Local Law #I-4 of the year 2016 before the Town Board of the Town of Patterson in the County of Putnam and State of New York, and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board will hold a public hearing on said proposed Amendment at the Town Hall, in the Town of Patterson, New York at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on July 13, 2016, or as soon thereafter as may be heard, and

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

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

SHAWN ROGAN

RECYCLING PERMITS

Mr. Rogan stated we have a request from our Town Clerk, Antoinette Kopeck, regarding the recycling permits. We are trying to codify the permit process. The one thing you stated was there are inconsistencies. The old permits say non-refundable, but yet; refunds are given. The other things is, the old permit states there is a 10% Senior Citizen discount and the new permit does not.

Mr. Williams stated the fee we are charging for someone to take something into the Recycling Center, and if they do not take that in and want a refund, I don't have a problem with the Town Clerk doing a refund.

Board members agreed.

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to allow a refund if someone does not use the Special Permit through the Town Clerk's office. It does not have to come before the Town Board.

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

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** the Town authorizes the Town Clerk to allow a 10% discount for senior citizens 65 years of age and older.

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

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** that the Town Board authorizes the use of the new updated Recycling Form.

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

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

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

MAPLE AVENUE VETERANS PARK PERMIT

Mr. Rogan stated in the last week, the Building Inspector drafted a warning letter for the Veterans Park users. That is a park just like the Putnam Lake Park that requires residents within the district, to be able to use it. There is a permit that goes in the window of your car that is obtainable from the Town Clerk's office. It is a free permit. It's just about checks and balances. Over the last few years, some of our Park Advisory Board members, have determined that 40% or more of the park users, shouldn't be there. There are many from Pawling and Connecticut, too. We are now instituting enforcing those rules. Code Enforcement will put a warning letter on people's cars. I would also like to codify that we also allow, as past practice, the Park Caretaker, Brian Burdick; and two members of the Park Advisory Board, Joe Downey, Chairman; and Brian Callahan, Park Advisory Board member, to also help with this warning letter. We are keeping track of those vehicles. If we see it a second time, than the Code Enforcement Officer, or his designee, can issue a parking ticket.

Mr. Cook stated what if we sent out the stickers to everyone in the District, in the beginning of the year.

Ms. Antoinette Kopeck, Town Clerk stated they can put any plate number they want on there.

Mr. Williams stated how do you monitor who is actually getting the sticker.

Mr. Rogan stated I would love to see it go on-line, so that people can go 24/7 onto the Town website.

Mr. Williams stated there is a slightly easier way. They can email Antoinette their proof of residency and she will mail the sticker back.

Mr. Rogan stated we have to have a simpler way next year. We should couple this with other mailings.

Conversation ensued.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Cook stated is there anything new on the cell tower.

Mr. Williams stated Ginny Nacerino and I had the meeting with Metro North a week ago. There was confusion whether or not Metro North was participating with the County. We got a commitment out of them to have another meeting with them, the County, Ginny and I, so we can all be on the same page. That meeting has not been set up.

Mr. Cook stated thank you.

Mr. Rogan announced all the events in and around Patterson.

Mr. Williams stated recently the Putnam Lake Fire Department purchased a new boat, to replace the aging boat that they had. On June 18, 2016, the Putnam Lake Fire Department was alerted to a cap sized boat. They launched the new boat and made the rescue. I would like to commend the Fire Department on a great job for doing the rescue. Also, I would like to commend the Park District and the life guards for assisting the Putnam Lake Fire Department in getting the boat out into the water.

Mr. Williams stated we received a memo from the Highway Superintendent regarding two tractors that he uses to mow the roads. One is in need of repair. He recommends a used Westchester Holland tractor that is in excellent condition.

Mr. Williams made a **motion** to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase a 2006 Holland TN70 tractor from Westchester Tractor for \$42,000.00.

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

Mr. Williams stated we had a resident speak at the last Town Board meeting regarding a number of properties in Putnam Lake. We have a report from Lou Taney, which I will share with him. It contains his preliminary assessment on all the properties and some of the actions that he's already taken. We will be following up on all of that.

Mr. Frank Malizia stated I wanted to say thank you. I see at least two of the properties have been taken care of. The other three, nothing has been done. There are a lot of abandoned pools. I'm surrounded by them. I live in West Nile, Zika heaven. Did you receive the report on the trash cans. I hope that is a help to you. If you need my help, don't hesitate to ask. I would be more than happy to help. We can we get volume discount on the cans.

Town Board stated thank you, Frank.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Ms. Adrienne Kovell Lieberman stated on behalf of the Lieberman, St. John and Quackenbush families, I want to thank the Patterson Town Board, the Town of Patterson and all of you by making Jason's passing easier for us, for all the wonderful things that you said. We moved here 28 years ago, and I cannot tell you a better place to live then Patterson. Fortunately or unfortunately, I am going to be leaving, because a wonderful grandson bought me a house in Somers. It is closer to where my children live. I will still love Patterson and will still be helping the library and helping you guys and I thank you all so very much.

Town Board members stated you are welcome.

Mr. Cook stated beautiful family. You will be missed.

Mr. Williams stated last week, I met with our labor consultant, to discuss the CSEA contract. We threw a number of offers out on the table and we still can't come to any resolution. We are looking for some givebacks, because some of the things that have been given to the Union in the past are very expensive for the residents. I would like to discuss the negotiating strategy in Executive Session. Russ, would you like to come in and give your opinion. We can listen to you for a few minutes.

Mr. Rogan stated I think that would be appropriate and helpful.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to close Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

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

Mr. Williams called the meeting back to order at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:45 p.m.