

PATTERSON TOWN BOARD MEETING
PATTERSON TOWN HALL
1142 ROUTE 311
PATTERSON, NEW YORK 12563
June 24, 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 17 in attendance.

AUDIT OF BILLS

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

General Fund \$73,345.61, Highway Fund \$26,456.22, Waste Water Treatment Plant \$17,139.47, Capital Fund \$10,050.85, Putnam Lake Light District \$1,569.12, Patterson Light District \$1,722.92, Patterson Refuse District #2 \$1,476.74, Patterson Park District \$1,706.10, Putnam Lake Park District \$8,341.33, Alpine Water District \$1,942.86, Dorset Hollow Water District \$1,045.28, Fox Run Water District \$1,579.00, Trust & Agency \$1,679.80, Grand Total Abstract \$148,055.30.

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

PETER DANDREANO

PUTNAM COUNTY LAND TRUST REQUEST – ADDITIONAL PARKING

Mr. Dandreano stated Rich Williams, Town Planner will come up to explain this.

Mr. Williams stated we have been approached by the Putnam County Land Trust and they have a very large track of land over by Ice Pond. The Town also has a piece of land right there at the intersection of Ice Pond and Bullet Hole Road. The Land Trust is looking for parking, so they can access their property. They are looking to put it on the Town's land. They recognize that this is a piece of property that the Town has acquired to do road improvements out there sometime in the future to realign that intersection of Ice Pond and Bullet Hole Road to soften the geometry and to make it safer. This is where we put some of the fill. We are waiting for a couple of different projects, because then we will have access to more fill. My recommendation to the Board is to grant them a licensing agreement based on that plan, which recognizes that at some point in the future, we will be doing road improvements out there and they will have to relocate that parking at their own cost.

Conversation ensued.

Board members are in favor of this.

Mr. Griffin stated as long as it is clear that all the expenses are theirs and at any point that the Town decides that it's time to do the road, that they understand that they have to move their stuff.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH - UPDATE

Mr. Dandreano stated we are having the next Putnam Lake Neighborhood Watch meeting on Monday, June 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Putnam Lake Fire House. Chief Ken Ross from the Putnam County SPCA will be a guest speaker and will speak about animal cruelty and crimes against animals. It will probably be the last one for the summer until we meet up again in the fall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Dandreano announced all the happenings in and around Patterson.

CHARLES COOK

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PAB REQUEST – MULCH

Mr. Cook stated we have a memo from the Highway Department stating that back in May we approved 50 yards of mulch for the Maple Ave Park from Walsh Mulch. They canceled our order due to reasons. Margaux managed to get another company, Ferris Mulch to deliver close to the old amount.

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve 65 yards of mulch to be delivered from Ferris Mulch in an amount not to exceed \$1,625.00.

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

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve Emma Cassidy at \$10.00 per hour as a lifeguard.

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

RECREATION REQUEST(S)

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the request to hire "Send in the Clowns" for Community Day in an amount not to exceed \$5,200.00.

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

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the purchase of 12 dry-fit "T" shirts for adult basketball league champs for an amount not to exceed \$126.00 and 100 adult basketball shirts with logo on the front and back for an amount not to exceed \$725.00 from Steve Dinucci.

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

CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION

Mr. Cook stated the consolidated funding application has been prepared by the Town Planner and it appears that the County will be submitting an application.

Mr. Williams stated I will refer everyone to this summary that I have provided to you.

Mr. Cook stated is this going to go as part of the County's submission.

Mr. Williams stated yes.

Mr. Cook stated to whom.

Mr. Williams stated I met with John Nolan, Pace University and Barbara Barbarosa, County Planning and we worked on what we will be submitting. I would like the Board to weigh in and let me know if this is the appropriate direction for us to go. We are looking for a grant, Countywide, for \$250,000.00 approximately. It is a 50/50 matching grant. The County will pony up the other 50% of the grant, so there is no cost to the Town. The grant is intended to look at building and tourism throughout the County. What I have done is basically written our proposal that is going to be going into the grant. It takes a look at the open space we have,

because Patterson has a lot of open space with a lot of trails, and how we can build up that open space.

Conversation ensued.

Mr. Cook stated it sounds good to me. We will get a cover letter together and send it out.

SHAWIN ROGAN

LOCAL LAW – RESTAURANTS

Mr. Rogan introduced the following **Resolution Introducing Local Law I-2 of 2015 and Providing for Public Notice and Hearing - Restaurants**:

R-0615-05

BE IT RESOLVED that an amendment to Patterson Town Code Chapter 154, entitled "Zoning", is hereby introduced Mr. Rogan, as Introductory Local Law No. I-2 of the year 2015 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 22, 2015, or as soon thereafter as it may be held, 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. Dandreano. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

LOCAL LAW COMMERCIAL TRADE OPERATIONS

Mr. Rogan introduced the following **Resolution Introducing Local Law I-3 of 2015 and Providing for Public Notice and Hearing – Commercial Trade Operations**:

R-0615-06

BE IT RESOLVED that an amendment to Patterson Town Code Chapter 154, entitled "Zoning", is hereby introduced Mr. Shawn Rogan, as Introductory Local Law No. I-3 of the year 2015 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

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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. Dandreano. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

BENDIX REQUEST WAIVER OF FEES

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** that the Town Board deny the request for the waiver of fees.

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

MICHAEL GRIFFIN

EMS SERVICE – FOLLOW-UP/RESOLUTION

Mr. Griffin stated there have been many meetings regarding this. Dave, Chiefs and I have been over to the County several times to meet with Emergency Management Services. We have a fairly serious problem in Putnam County and Patterson. The County potentially would be the best ones to solve the problem, but we have been given absolute assurances that the County has no plans to make plans on solving the problem for anyone anytime soon. Essentially, we have been told we are on our own. Throughout the course of the discussions, there have been a variety of solutions. As we know, Putnam Lake, due to manpower and demand, is no longer going to be providing ambulance transport services. They will be providing certified first responders, which will be an individual that will respond to emergencies to evaluate triage, etc. Someone else will provide the transport, if needed. The Patterson Fire Department has stated that they think that they can carry on. While I think that their offer is generous, I also think it is a little bit ambitious. In meetings with the Chief, they offered to cover four nights a week. Again, I'm concerned that that will put quite a strain on their people. Four nights a week would leave the Town responsible for about twelve nights to sixteen nights a month. The discussion came down to what Matt and I basically decided would be in the best interest for the Town at the moment, would be to give them a little bit of breathing room to say that the Town will provide up to twenty nights a month. We will pay TransCare employees to ride the Patterson ambulance at \$19.00 per hour per EMT. The schedule will be decided by TransCare and the fire department and we will start that as of July 1st.

At this point, I had a rather extensive discussion with the Putnam Lake Fire Chief who would like to make the Board aware of a few of his concerns.

Chief Gagliardo, Putnam Lake Fire Department stated my first concern is; what do we plan on doing for the other 560 hours in the month that we are not covering with a crew. BLS4, which is the agency from TransCare that ambulances have been given to us to operate within the Brewster, Putnam Lake, Patterson, Lake Carmel fire district is available, but it's been clearly stated to us that it is not an available resource for us to rely on. That vehicle can go at any point in time to a second call in Brewster, Lake Carmel, Patterson or Putnam Lake, it can go anywhere. It could end up on a non-emergency transport. They told us that they won't do that anymore, but we can't guarantee it, because they are a money making machine. That concern right off the bat is our day time coverage. If that vehicle is not necessarily responsible for covering calls in our district, then who is. The next step is Patterson ambulance; are they available, or are they not. The last two weeks, we haven't covered any daytime calls what-so-ever. The third response is mutual aide. Brewster ambulance has made it crystal clear to us that they are not sending their paid ambulance out-of-district at this time unless it is a mass causality incident. New Fairfield is not sending their ambulance out-of-district unless it is a mass causality incident. Lake Carmel is in just as bad constraints as us, so is everyone else around us. Pawling has also stated the same thing. They all pay for their ambulance to be there 24/7 to cover their community, so, what do we do for the rest of the time. Does anyone have an answer for that.

Mr. Burns stated we write to our County Executive and express our displeasure with the County's lack of reacting to our problem.

Mr. Gagliardo stated in the meantime, does that cover an ambulance call.

Mr. Burns stated no it doesn't, but Mike has stated repeatedly that the County is in the best position to solve this problem, and they are just punting it and telling us we are on our own.

Mr. Gagliardo stated one of the offers I made to Supervisor Griffin today was, if we were able to come up with the funding to support paying TransCare to give us two employees 24/7 for the next six months to get us to January 1, 2016, we could correctly budget for fixing this problem. They can ride our ambulance cost free, use our facility, our vehicle and staff that for the Town, so the Town has 24/7 coverage. That then can fit into the mutual aid agreement where we can work with the other Town's and make sure we always have something responding here. If we have a reliable resource, the other reliable resources are willing to share that with us. I don't want to see any of our family members or our community members waiting for an ambulance for forty-five minutes, because we are waiting for one of these other agencies to cover a call for us that we are ultimately responsible for both as the Fire Chief's and as the Town Board. Mr. Burns stated Mike, didn't we look at that cost option at one point and it was prohibited.

Mr. Griffin stated right now if we go with the plan providing two EMTs twenty nights a month, the cost to the Town is \$54,000.00 to get us through the year. If we go 24/7, the cost is going to be \$160,000.00 until the end of the year.

Mr. Burns stated what does that represent in terms of our budget.

Mr. Griffin stated if we had to come up with \$160,000.00 that would represent taking more than 10% of our current reserves out of General Fund and using that to pay for it. We do have some money in Contingency. I had some conversations with the fire department to see if there was any wiggle room in their budgets, based on our conversations, there really isn't that much. The bottom line is, if we are going to go to TransCare covering 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from now until the end of the year, it will take approximately more than 10% of our reserve to pay for it. That might raise some flags with the Comptroller's office. I suspect; however, we could probably get around that issue. BLS has been doing the work for some time now. If BLS4 and Medic 4 is somewhere else, we are high and dry. The other part of the problem is, if we do have a mutual aid agreement and we are paying people, they could just as easily be out of town. BLS4 has gone to Brewster over 500 times last year. Obviously, Brewster has a huge problem covering their calls, even with paid staff Monday through Friday, they still drop a lot of calls.

Mr. Raines stated 400 to 500 is the real number.

Mr. Gagliardo stated BLS4 would now be covering some of those extra calls. The mutual agreement would now be third string to Brewster. That part we can all logistically figure out. We can discuss with the other Towns how we are going to handle those things, but BLS4 is now the secondary agency to those guys and for us we are covered. So, we can use BLS4 for ourselves as a secondary agency and in third tier we can use Brewster, Pawling, and New Fairfield. They are all willing to reciprocate, as long as we have something that is equal to what they are offering. The time that we need the mutual aid will not be half as much, probably three quarters as much, if we actually have a reliable resource in Town. To go with just 20 days at 8 hours on the overnights, when we get an average of one call per night every couple of days, the daytime is the serious dangerous time when there is no volunteer's around, everyone is at work and we are relying on this one TransCare unit that covers four Towns.

Mr. Dandreaano stated what is your proposal again.

Mr. Gagliardo stated my proposal would be that we would figure out a plan to utilize the Putnam Lake ambulance and our facility to staff it with two people, 24/7 for the next six months to get us to December or January, so we could figure something out at that point. We will absorb the costs for fuel and everything else as our contribution to the system to try to get something so we have a reliable resource in Town.

Mr. Raines stated the \$170,000.00 was to put the BLS5 ambulance that TransCare gave us and they would reduce that cost based on billing. I think maybe one more phone call to say, "is there really a true reduction." We are getting zero back if we are using our ambulance because they can't get any revenue back on billing, it has to be their ambulance. Is it going to be cheaper in the end, in the six month period to pay the \$170,000.00 or budget it for six months and say to them, "what is the number you are going to get back against that", which is very similar to Chief Szpindor's proposal in creating a VAC, because the numbers are based on the net of cost versus what we think we are going to get in revenue. The real question is, "what is our expected revenue against that cost". Is it \$30,000.00 or \$50,000.00, because you hear all different numbers and Medicare is only paying \$72.00 back for an ambulance ride versus the \$365.00 they bill. If we did dig into our pockets and budget for \$160,000.00 or \$170,000.00, are we going to see a reduced cost of \$125,000.00. I don't know that answer.

Conversation ensued.

Mr. Griffin stated there are three things on the table. We go with the plan that we are only going to do the six hours and keep our fingers crossed that BLS4 continues on the way they have been without any real tragedies. I'm not sure that is responsible government, but at the same time we go to 24/7, putting them on our ambulance or we take the chance that hopefully they will hit their numbers and save a little money and it will be less than \$160,000.00, if we use their ambulance. Those are the three options I see on the table tonight.

Mr. Raines stated based on what you just said, why not do the eight hours for thirty days and see what kind of exposure we have. That is what we did with the night trial. If there is an exposure, we can pull the plug in two weeks. The volunteers have been doing less than twenty percent for I don't know how long.

Mr. Griffin stated how many calls have you been getting during the day in the last ten months.

Mr. Raines stated ten to twenty percent consistently every month.

Mr. Griffin stated Matt, is it the same thing for you.

Mr. Szpinder stated I couldn't tell you the number. I would say probably close to twenty percent.

Mr. Griffin stated basically, what we are looking at is that we will lose twenty percent of our coverage on July 1st. I don't think we had the coverage for months now.

Mr. Raines stated correct.

Mr. Griffin stated the only question is how much of what's been going on in the daytime in Patterson has been mutual aid. It seems to me they are calling you a lot more than you are calling them.

Mr. Raines stated correct, we never call them.

Chief Matt Szpinder stated last year we worked on a proposal to more effectively utilize BLS4 as our primary transport agency. I'm not exactly sure what is changing with that right now, compared to what we worked on last year and why we wouldn't continue to rely on BLS4 temporary, until we have a long term solution in place. The Board needs to decide if a hit of over ten percent to the Town reserve is a prudent decision. We are in the middle of a budget year to ask for a substantial sum of money that we just can't pull out of thin air. I'm not sure how practical that is. We have discussed either keeping TransCare's ambulance that they are going to staff at our fire house or having them staff our ambulance. I think we have a very grave concern that if the ambulance is not located here, the run time to the west side of Town will be significant. Our fire house is more centrally located to all points of the Town. As far as the facilities, they are already in place. We have plans to modify them to make them more accommodating. The only person we have at night is the medic. If they are staffing our ambulance, the fuel is already budgeted.

Conversation ensued.

Mr. Cook stated the proposal from TransCare to do twenty nights to do 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and the TransCare operation during the day stays.

Chief Szpinder stated that is part of a current County contract that will run for another four years.

Mr. Cook stated are you saying you would be able to cover the other ten or eleven days a month.

Chief Szpinder stated yes. We had numerous meetings with our EMS people and they felt three to four nights per week would be something that they could easily cover on a temporary basis.

Mr. Cook stated the current TransCare daytime operation goes from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and if we go into this agreement, they would come from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. up to twenty days.

Chief Szpinder stated correct.

Mr. Liguori stated when July 1st hits, the Patterson Fire Department ambulance responds to all of the Town of Patterson. Understand that there is a corresponding increase in call volume.

Chief Szpinder stated there really isn't.

Mr. Liguori stated I believe there is an increase, but has that been leveled out by both departments getting called at the same time.

Chief Szpinder stated correct. We have been doing the joint dispatch on EMS 24 hours a day for the last few years.

Mr. Cook stated is there ever anyone available during the daytime.

Chief Szpinder stated sometimes. The coverage percentage is much lower than what it is in the evening.

Mr. Cook stated the County pays TransCare.....

Mr. Griffin stated \$1.2 million.

Mr. Cook stated for several ambulances.

Mr. Griffin stated no, one ambulance and four fly cars for the whole County. As far as I know, this is the only ambulance that TransCare provides for Putnam County. Everything else is medic 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Mr. Raines stated Mahopac doesn't transport ambulance during the day, then they switch over to fly car only at night.

Mr. Gagliardo stated I just want to make this clear with this whole mutual aid thing, when we have equal resources, the mutual aid plan works very well. Right now we don't have equal resources. That is why the mutual aid plan is falling apart. Once we all get back to having mutual resources, that whole thing is not a problem anymore. When Brewster sends their paid crew to us, I'm sure at some point we are going to reciprocate. We both have the exact resources available 24/7. We are luckier on this side of the County, because we still have BLS4 available to be the second tier, so we are not always being bothered with the second call. We have to look past the whole mutual aid plan for now until we figure out what we are currently going to do. That all gets readjusted when all of our resources are equal across the board.

Mr. Griffin stated but our call volumes aren't equal across the board. Not by a long shot.

Mr. Gagliardo stated we need to put pressure on Brewster and other departments to start fixing their own problems. For the Towns that do go mutually regularly, that will all start to equal out when we have the same resources.

Mr. Liguori stated Chief Szpindor told me one night, and I firmly believe this is the solution to the problem, but it also means almost the end of the volunteer service in Putnam County. If you took every single municipality in the County and took their fire and EMS budget and put into one pool and had a unified County fire EMS service, we would be able to achieve the goals that we each have with that one service. We think the numbers are there.

Mr. Griffin stated possibly, but I think the total County budget is somewhere between \$15 and \$18 million.

Mr. Raines stated I would like to see you take the step of funding it for thirty days, so we have a solution from July 1st to August 1st and we have to have a meeting or two in between. We have to see what TransCare does, as far as a reaction.

Conversation ensued.

Mr. Cook stated I'm not sure one month is enough time to evaluate much. That's my opinion. If I understand these numbers right, to have coverage from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven days a week for the rest of this year, it will cost somewhere around \$110,000.00. If we were to have the night coverage from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. that would cost roughly \$54,000.00.

Chief Szpindor stated that is a worst case scenario, because that is up to twenty nights. If we are covering ten nights a month, it would be whatever that works out to be per month and if we were covering sixteen, it would be less.

Mr. Cook stated if we did this scenario, hiring TransCare from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and then the night arrangement, would that give Putnam Lake time, if you will or incentive, to rebuild the EMS operation.

Mr. Gagliardo stated there is nothing to rebuild. Unfortunately, it's not the people to do it. We are out of the business as of July 1st.

Mr. Cook stated you are totally out with no thought of getting back in.

Mr. Gagliardo stated we are just going to offer a first responder aspect of it and that is all we think we can handle.

Mr. Cook stated you would continue with your ten plus days a month and you are confident you can do that. You would have problems during the day at 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Chief Szpinder stated we have some people that are around during the day. Unfortunately, a couple of those people are on medical leave right now.

Mr. Griffin stated do you support the 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 24/7, every day of the week until the end of the year.

Chief Szpinder stated certainly, it will cost more money. It will provide a higher level of service, because we won't be relying on BLS4, which may be someplace else.

Mr. Griffin stated I think you can count on BLS4 to be someplace else, because these guys are there 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and work with Patterson Fire Department at night.

Mr. Rogan stated someone said that our EMTs can't respond because they are working out-of-County. Do they have the ability to respond on an out-of-County call if they work in Westchester as part of their job, can they coordinate mutual services. If I'm an EMT and I work in Westchester, and I have the ability to respond to a call during the day, can I do that through Westchester and likewise EMTs that might work in Putnam County, but that aren't part of Putnam County, can they respond to a Putnam County call.

Chief Szpinder stated I'm not sure what exists on the EMS side, although I would assume it's the same, because they are covered under the volunteer fire fighters benefit. On the fire side, this program that we alluded to earlier as part of this longer term solution, 209I, it basically has two components. One says that if you are a volunteer fire fighter and you are driving someplace and you happen upon the scene of an incident, you can offer your services to the incident Commander and if they accept it, then it is as if you are a member called on mutual aid and you are covered. The other component of the 209I is what we were looking to do with the longer term solution was they specifically inserted language in that section that allows a member from a volunteer fire department that resides in one place and volunteer's for that department, but works in another place and is regularly there, they can offer their services to that department on an on-going basis. It would be just as if they were there and called mutual aid and they could respond. Why the State has chosen to allow you to belong to a volunteer ambulance corp and also a volunteer fire department, but not to belong to two fire departments in the same State, but you could belong to a volunteer fire department in New York and Connecticut, but not two in the same State.

Mr. Dandreaano stated there are not a lot of volunteers in Westchester, they are mostly going to aid too.

Mr. Griffin stated we have had a lot of input. Now it's time for your input. Who wants to go first.

Mr. Burns stated you don't think thirty or sixty days is enough to make a difference. Do you want to approve ninety days of the \$110,000.00 and ninety days of the \$54,000.00 that puts us at \$85,000.00.

Mr. Griffin stated I would be willing to take it on for sixty days both ways, if TransCare is willing to do that. It will give us a good idea if Patterson Fire Department can handle it.

Mr. Rogan stated you are talking about the \$38.00 per hour times twenty-four hours per day....

Mr. Griffin stated yes.

Mr. Dandreano stated I don't think we need to get into a six month contract.

Mr. Griffin stated if we are going to go with 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. we are talking about big numbers. I think we need to find out what TransCares plans for BLS4 are going to be, find out what the County is going to do and we need to see if Patterson can do three or four nights a week and that will give us a better guide for the long haul. Just so no one thinks we will resolve this tonight, we still have the long term solution we have to come up with a plan for.

Mr. Burns stated if we commit to sixty, we are really committing to ninety with a thirty day notice.

Mr. Liguori stated no we would negotiate sixty days straight with TransCare, not a constant renewal.

Mr. Rogan stated with adding in the potential for the Patterson Fire Department Volunteers to cover up to ten nights per month, it brings the number down to approximately under \$50,000.00 for sixty days of full coverage from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and twenty days per month 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Mr. Griffin stated I don't think it will be twenty days. I think they will cover more than that.

Mr. Cook stated I still think six months would be ok. If you want to go to three months or ninety days, I think that we have to be aware of the fact that come September we will be knee deep in the budget process and it would be a good time to know where we are and how things are going. I could be had for ninety days, but if everyone wants sixty, personally I think six months would be best, but three months we should consider.

Mr. Griffin stated I would like to have the option of sitting down with TransCare and discussing their taking over 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with a billing aspect to it if we allow them to work outside the Town or borders, if they will provide additional back-up to the area. That is the only way we will reduce these numbers, is if they can make money.

Mr. Cook stated I'm talking about both combinations, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven days a week and then with Matt's help the 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. up to twenty days per month with TransCare.

Mr. Dandreano stated any long term solution, it will take six months to get off the ground, if we start an ambulance corp or any of the proposals. I don't think we should lock ourselves into a six month situation, I think sixty days is enough to evaluate where we are.

Mr. Burns stated we could do sixty and extend for thirty days.

Mr. Dandreano stated we can always add one month on if we have to. By September we should know what our long-term solution is, because we will have to budget for it.

Mr. Rogan stated I tend to agree with Charlie. I would go for ninety days. Sixty days will come and go before you know it.

Mr. Burns stated I started with ninety, so we have three nineties.

Mr. Dandreano stated I will compromise with ninety. We can always change it.

Mr. Griffin stated I guess I will be the only no on ninety. Sixty days is plenty. It gives us time to work out some things with TransCare. The bottom line is, we are talking about a very substantial amount of money that the Town did not budget for and I do not want to take ten percent of our reserve and still have to come up with an additional \$300,000.00 for next year to solve this problem, because it took this Town Board, and that's collective with all the people that sat up here for the last twenty years, it took us that long to build up a one million dollar reserve. Right now we are barely holding our own. The courts are doing well, mortgage taxes are terrible, Bob can tell you how many homes have been built in the Town of Patterson in the last two to five years, not many. The Building Department isn't making big numbers. We can burn through this Fund Balance in no time flat. We have no ability to rebuild this like we did in

2002 and 2003 when we were taking in \$600,000.00 a year in mortgage taxes. We were hanging on to it then. We are not even taking in \$200,000.00.

Mr. Rogan stated this would be about twenty percent of the complete budget of the Fire Department, \$1.5 million.

Mr. Griffin stated when you add LOSAP insurance, workers comp and everything else it is about \$1.5 million.

Mr. Griffin stated **Resolution Authorizing Interim Contract with Transcare for Supplemental EMS Service:**

R-0615-07

WHEREAS, emergency ambulance call volume in the Town of Patterson has caused an undue burden on the volunteers of the Putnam Lake Fire Department and the Patterson Fire Department (the "Departments") to the extent that the Putnam Lake Fire Department will be discontinuing its provision of emergency ambulance services as of July 1, 2015; and WHEREAS, while the members of the Departments and the Town of Patterson examine various proposed solutions to address the situation, the Town Board has determined that it would be prudent to supplement the Patterson Fire Department with paid emergency medical technicians given its own extensive call volume and the impact caused by the termination of service by the Putnam Lake Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Patterson, therefore, desires to enter into an interim ambulance staffing agreement with Transcare, Inc. for, for an interim period of sixty days, the following services:

- (a) two (2) Emergency Medical Technicians ("EMT") certified in Basic Life Support to staff the Patterson Fire Department, Inc.'s ambulance between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. for seven (7) days per week;
- (b) two (2) Emergency Medical Technicians ("EMT") certified in Basic Life Support to staff the Patterson Fire Department, Inc.'s ambulance between the 10:00pm and 6:00 a.m. for up to twenty (20) days per month; and
- (c) The cost for each EMT shall be at the rate of \$19.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby authorizes the Town to enter into a contract for supplemental emergency technicians with Transcare, Inc. for:

(i) (a) two (2) Emergency Medical Technicians ("EMT") certified in Basic Life Support to staff the Patterson Fire Department, Inc.'s ambulance between the hours of 6:00am and 10:00pm for seven (7) days per week at the rate of \$19.00 per hour; and (b) two (2) Emergency Medical Technicians ("EMT") certified in Basic Life Support to staff the Patterson Fire Department, Inc.'s ambulance between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00.a.m. for up to twenty (20) days per month at the rate of \$19.00 per hour; (ii) said contract to be contingent upon such other conditions as it determines are necessary and/or convenient for the protection of the Town including the right to extend the contract for an additional thirty (30) days; and (iii) said contract to be in such form and substance as deemed acceptable by the Supervisor and Town Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute any and all documents necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

Seconded by Mr. Rogan.

Mr. Burns stated discussion. Do we have to do anything about the thirty day notice. I thought the resolution said thirty day notice.

Mr. Liguori stated we will go back to TransCare and negotiate a contract for just that.

Mr. Burns stated so, the thirty day notice is not included in this resolution.

Mr. Liguori stated no, but what we would do, that I think is prudent, is to also include a clause in the contract to be able to add an additional month, so we can get to that ninety day period.

All In Favor: Aye. Carried. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Burns, yes; Mr. Cook, yes; Mr. Dandreaano, yes; Mr. Rogan, yes; Mr. Griffin, yes.

CLOVER LAKE /VANACORE – FOLLOW-UP

Mr. Griffin stated we received another bill from Vanacore, which put them well outside the dollars that were appropriated for the project. Mr. Curtiss was called, and he has been playing phone tag with Vanacore, because their auditors are out in the field and haven't returned his call. I will table this and we will not pay this until we get some serious clarification as to why the original proposal was for \$10,000.00 and now they are looking for \$13,000.00.

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Mr. Griffin stated Mr. Williams will give us an overview on this topic.

Mr. Williams stated this is a serious discussion we are going to be looking at, but given the hour and everyone is saying, "we had enough", why don't we table this for the next meeting. There is no rush on this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - LEGAL

Mr. Griffin stated I will table Executive Session – Legal until the next Town Board meeting.

KEVIN BURNS

CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTION FEES RESOLUTION

Mr. Robert McCarthy, Director of Codes discussed his proposed changes to the Building Department fees.

Mr. Burns introduced the following **Resolution Amendment of the Schedule of Fees for the Town of Patterson:**

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WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson has established a Schedule of Fees which sets forth the fees and costs which shall be tendered to the Town, or an instrumentality thereof, for the processing and administration of permits, appeals, applications, petitions and reviews as established by the Town Code of the Town of Patterson, and

WHEREAS, said Schedule of Fees may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Patterson, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson wishes to amend by resolution those fees and costs which shall be tendered to the Town for the processing and administration of permits, appeals, applications, petitions and reviews as established by the Town Code of the Town of Patterson and set forth in the "SCHEDULE OF FEES" to amend and provide for Building Department fees for municipal searches, operating permits, demolition permits, rescission of stop works orders and the conducting of reinspections, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (the State Environmental Quality Review Act) and 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the implementing regulations, the action under consideration constitutes a UNLISTED ACTION.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby finds that the proposed action will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact for the following reasons:

1. The establishment of fees as heretofore set forth will not cause a substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, or noise levels.
2. There will be no substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems.
3. There will be no substantial increase in traffic or the use of existing infrastructure.
4. There will be no removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna, nor will there be any significant impacts on habitat areas.
5. There will be no significant impairment of the character or quality of important historical, archeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources
6. There will be no significant impairment of existing community or neighborhood character.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.7 issues a NEGATIVE Determination of Significance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby amends the "SCHEDULE OF FEES" in a manner as set forth above, and as attached hereto.

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

DORSET HOLLOW WATER SYSTEM

Mr. Burns stated I have a memo from the Town Planner:

Starting on Thursday, July 9, 2015 the operator of the water supply system serving residents of West Street, Jill Court and Bonnie Court will conduct a flushing maintenance program from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They may continue into the next day. The water is being treated to meet the State drinking minimum required standards.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Cook stated I would like to ask the Supervisor if he would begin discussions with the Supervisor up in Pawling on the Assessor agreement. As we head into budget season, we will know where we are and strive for a more equitable distribution of the cost factors. Thank you.

Mr. Griffin stated ok.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Antoinette Kopeck, Town Clerk