

PATTERSON TOWN BOARD MEETING
PATTERSON TOWN HALL
1142 ROUTE 311
PATTERSON, NEW YORK 12563
June 26, 2013

MINUTES

PRESENT: MICHAEL GRIFFIN, SUPERVISOR
CHARLES W. COOK, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
ROBERT MCCARTHY, COUNCILMAN
ANTOINETTE KOPECK, TOWN CLERK
MICHAEL LIGUORI, TOWN COUNSEL

ABSENT: KEVIN BURNS, COUNCILMAN

Salute to the Flag and Roll Call.

Supervisor Griffin called the Patterson Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 11 in attendance.

PRESENTATION – PUTNAM COUNTY PLANNING - Absent

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 – “TAXATION”, ARTICLE VI, “TAX EXEMPTION FOR QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND AMBULANCE CORPS”

See Public Hearing minutes.

LOCAL LAW NO. 3 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

See Public Hearing minutes.

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 – CODE OF ETHICS

See Public Hearing minutes

AUDIT OF BILLS

Mr. McCarthy made a **motion** to accept Abstract No. 11 as written:

General Fund \$37,188.30, Highway Fund \$24,449.54, Waste Water Treatment Plant \$4,502.60, Putnam Lake Light District \$1,530.55, Patterson Light District \$1,634.22, Patterson Refuse District #2 \$8,718.90, Patterson Park District \$2,103.09, Putnam Lake Park District \$2,677.19, Alpine Water District \$1,774.09, Dorset Hollow Water District \$455.00, Fox Run Water District \$954.74, Trust & Agency \$3,737.00, Grand Total Abstract \$89,725.22.

Seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Cook, yes; Mr. McCarthy, yes; Mr. Griffin, yes. Carried 3-0.

CHARLES COOK

PUTNAM COUNTY TASK FORCE FINAL REPORT

Mr. Cook stated as we know Putnam County conducted a study of all the public transportation systems within the County. They have presented their Task Force recommendations to the County Executive and the County Board of Legislatures. We have a copy of the Task Force Report. I have gone through it and have read the Task Force recommendations. It is quite extensive. This will now go to the Putnam County Transportation Advisory Board for them to study the recommendation and come forward

with their action plans to the County. If anyone wishes to review the report, we have one here at Town Hall.

CHANGE OF TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE – ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Cook stated our Budget Work Session meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2013, we are now moving it to Monday, September 16, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

RECREATION REQUEST(S)

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the purchase of Adult Basketball “T” shirts with numbers on the back to Steve Dinucci in the amount of \$620.00.

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

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the request of Matt Chibbaro to hire Estefany Lopez in the position of junior staff at the Recreation Center at the rate of \$7.50 per hour.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

Mr. Cook stated I will defer Executive Session – Personnel until the end of the meeting.

ROBERT MCCARTHY

PV PARK RENOVATION BID(S)

Mr. McCarthy made a **motion** to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the Veteran’s Memorial Park located at 65 Maple Avenue on August 7, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

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

BACK-TO-SCHOOL TAX BREAK ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. McCarthy stated Putnam County Executive Mary Ellen Odell proposed a sales tax holiday. It was passed by the County Legislature and will be held the week of August 16 through August 25, 2013.

LIFEGUARD POLICIES & PROCEDURES FORMS

Mr. McCarthy made a **motion** to approve the policies and procedures forms for the Veteran’s Memorial Park lifeguards.

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

GOLDEN AGE SENIORS’ REQUEST(S)

Mr. McCarthy made a **motion** to approve a trip for the Golden Age Seniors’ in an amount not to exceed \$2,195.00.

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

MICHAEL GRIFFIN

PLPAB REQUEST(S)

Mr. Griffin stated DeDe would you like to give us an update.

Ms. Dede Lifgren, PLPAB Chairperson stated the work is going forward with the lake study and with the labs. Right now, I’m sure people have noticed that we have algae on the lake and we are monitoring that.

The Health Department requires one head guard on a shift each time. In order to make sure we have all the shifts completed we would like to have one junior guard available to be moved up. He would have his junior pay for that position unless he moves up and takes on the roll of head guard. He is capable and the only reason why he isn't in that position now is because we think we have enough. We are using that as a fill in.

The other proposal is swim lessons. We have some families that have been on the swim team for some time. They are out of District and it is an unusual situation with the swim team cohesive with the same kids on board. These few families are caught in the middle so we would ask for an exception of those three families to be able to go on the swim team. It would be a temporary exception.

Mr. Cook stated I don't have the papers with me but who is the young man you want to be the sub-lifeguard.

Ms. Lifgren stated Tommy VanDoren.

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve Tommy VanDoren to the position of substitute lifeguard when the need arises at a rate of \$13.00 per hour.

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

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** to approve the PLPAB request to grandfather the three families in and also based on the fee structure that has been proposed.

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

Ms. Lifgren stated right now because of the timing and certain certifications are only given at certain times of the year we couldn't coordinate swim lessons under a Park District program. We would like to have the company that administers all the lessons up at Memorial Park do so. They applied for a permit to come on the property and give a lesson.

Mr. Cook made a **motion** for the Town to approve Hudson Valley Swim to provide swim lessons for members of the Putnam Lake beach users.

Ms. Lifgren stated the beaches are open full time now for the season and we expect to have a good year.

Mr. Cook stated great, good luck.

HIGHWAY REQUEST – SALE OF EQUIPMENT (ELGIN VAC-ALL-SWEEPER)

Mr. Griffin introduced the following **Resolution for Sale of Elgin Whirlwind Vac-Sweeper Truck:**

R-0613-08

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Department has offered for sale through Auctions International, Inc. the Town's Elgin Whirlwind Vac-Sweeper Truck (the "Truck"); and

WHEREAS, by e-mail dated June 25, 2013, the Town Highway Superintendent (the "Superintendent") has recommended the acceptance of the sum of \$10,100 for the Truck from one Ron Gambini of The Trans Group, said amount being the highest bid submitted therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby approves the sale of the Truck to The Trans Group for the price hereinabove set forth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent and the Town Supervisor are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents and perform any and all acts as may be necessary to give effect to this resolution.

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

TOWN HALL, RECREATION CENTER & JUSTICE COURT FLOOR REFINISHING –
AWARD RFP

Mr. Griffin introduced the following **Resolution Awarding Bid for Refinishing Floors and Awarding Bid for Burnishing Floors at Patterson Recreation Center, Town Hall and Justice Court:**

R-0613-09

WHEREAS, the Patterson Town Board has solicited proposals and received a bid for necessary refinishing of the floors at the Town Recreation Center, Town Hall and Justice Court, and a bid for the burnishing of said floors; and

WHEREAS, Ingegneri Cleaning has submitted the only bids for the foregoing services as set forth in the annexed Memo of Paul Fava, Director of Building Operations and Maintenance, dated June 17, 2013, a copy of which is annexed hereto and hereby made a part hereof (the "Memo"),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby awards to Ingegneri Cleaning the contracts for the above described work in accordance with the Request for Quotes and specifications contained therein for the amounts set forth in the Memo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby authorizes and directs the Supervisor to execute a contract or contracts with Ingegneri Cleaning for the above described work, and any and all other documents necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

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

INTRODUCTORY LAW I-5 - SIGNS

Mr. Griffin introduced the following **Resolution Introducing Local Law 1-5 of 2013 and Providing for Public Notice and Hearing – Signs:**

R-0613-10

BE IT RESOLVED that an amendment to Patterson Town Code Chapter 154, entitled "Zoning," is hereby introduced by Supervisor Griffin, as Introductory Local Law No. 1-5 of the year 2013 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 10, 2013, or as soon thereafter as maybe 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. McCarthy. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer No. 14 through 17:

Budget Transfer No. 14

Increase: SP.5710 Serial Bonds \$140,000.00
Revenue Account

Increase: SP.7110.200 Parks Equipment & Capital Outlay \$140,000.00
Expense Account

Budget Transfer No. 15

Increase: H.5710 Serial Bonds – Quail Ridge \$150,000.00
Revenue Account

Increase: H.5112.201 Highway Improvement – Quail Ridge \$150,000.00
Expense Account

Budget Transfer No. 16

Increase: SWF.4960 Federal Aid - FEMA \$2,700.00
Revenue Account

Decrease: SWF.8310.200 Water Administration – Equip & Capital \$(3,000.00)

Increase: SWF.8310.400 Water Administration – Contractual \$ 5,700.00
Expense Accounts

Budget Transfer No. 17

Increase: RP.0599 Appropriated Fund Balance \$10,000.00
Fund Balance

Increase: RP.8160.400 Sanitation Contractual \$10,000.00
Expense Accounts

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Griffin requested to add one item to the agenda a tax certiorari for Robert and Rita Herman per the Town Attorney.

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

Mr. Griffin introduced the following **Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceeding in the Matter of Robert & Rita Herman v. Town of Patterson, et al Supreme Court, County of Putnam Index Nos. 1463/06, 1592/07, 1995/08, 1991/09, 2318/10, 1858/11, 1756/12:**

R-0613-11

WHEREAS, the Town of Patterson is currently a party respondent in a certain tax certiorari proceeding entitled ROBERT & RITA HERMAN V. TOWN OF PATTERSON, ET AL, currently pending in the Supreme Court, State of New York, County of Putnam, in which the total assessed valuation of premises shown on the Patterson Tax Map as Section 35.7, Block 1, Lots 3, 4 and 5 as listed on the 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11 Assessment Rolls, and as Section 35.7, Block 1, Lot 4 as listed on the 2011/12 and 2012/13 Assessment Rolls is being contested ; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the Town of Patterson and the property owner have agreed to settle the proceeding by reducing the assessed valuation of the subject premises as follows:

Section 35.7, Block 1, Lot 3

<u>Assessment Roll Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Reduced Assessment</u>	<u>Amount of Reduction</u>
2006/2007	\$71,300	\$58,952	\$12,348
2007/2008	\$73,400	\$60,197	\$13,203
2008/2009	\$74,900	\$59,105	\$15,795
2009/2010	\$71,200	\$56,233	\$14,967
2010/2011	\$71,200	\$56,233	\$14,967

Section 35.7, Block 1, Lot 4

<u>Assessment Roll Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Reduced Assessment</u>	<u>Amount of Reduction</u>
2006/2007	\$585,700	\$480,056	\$105,644
2007/2008	\$615,000	\$502,041	\$112,959
2008/2009	\$665,100	\$529,965	\$135,135
2009/2010	\$665,100	\$537,049	\$128,051
2010/2011	\$665,100	\$537,049	\$128,051
2011/2012	\$900,000	\$675,000	\$225,000
2012/2013	\$891,000	\$675,000	\$216,000

Section 35.7, Block 1, Lot 5

<u>Assessment Roll Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Reduced Assessment</u>	<u>Amount of Reduction</u>
2006/2007	\$105,200	\$85,992	\$19,208
2007/2008	\$108,300	\$87,762	\$20,538
2008/2009	\$110,500	\$85,930	\$24,570
2009/2010	\$105,000	\$81,718	\$23,282
2010/2011	\$105,000	\$81,718	\$23,282 and,

WHEREAS, the Town Assessor has recommended that the Town Board accept the settlement proposal set forth above;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby approves and ratifies the settlement of the above described proceeding as recommended by the Town Assessor; and

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

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

Mr. Griffin stated we have a press release from NYSEG from Binghamton, New York stating that they will be receiving certain high voltage power lines from low flying helicopters over the next eight weeks. In the next few weeks if you see low flying helicopters in the area do not get concerned, they are just inspecting the power lines.

Mr. Griffin stated Cornell Cooperative Extension has invited everyone to the opening ceremonies Friday, July 26, 2013.

Mr. Griffin stated the All American Concert at the Patterson Recreation Center will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2013. It starts at 7:00 p.m. and admission is free.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Mr. Rich Williams stated I want to set the record straight that at least one individual has been running around stating that I am looking to dissolve our current Sanitation District. I just want to say that nothing is farther from the truth. I think our sanitation guys do an excellent job picking up. I think having a municipal sanitation District provides the Town with a number of advantages including having the flexibility to adjust programs and services as needed. There are certain opportunities that we could explore to make it more efficient. I am certainly concerned about the growing trend of escalating costs out there as I know the Town Board is. I know the Town Board is looking into restricting sanitation to make it more efficient. I'm not in favor of dissolving municipal sanitation until we have explored every other opportunity to keep it whole and intact. They are valued employees of the Town and I think they should be treated as such. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

There being no further business, Mr. Griffin made a **motion** to go into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

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

Mr. McCarthy made a **motion** to close Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Cook made a **motion** to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Antoinette Kopeck, Town Clerk