

PATTERSON TOWN BOARD MEETING  
PATTERSON TOWN HALL  
1142 ROUTE 311  
PATTERSON, NEW YORK 12563  
July 8, 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.

Kevin Burns absent for Roll Call.

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

REPORTS

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

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

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

None

MINUTES

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

Bid Opening – Putnam Lake Sluice Gate – July 6, 2015  
Public Hearing – Alternate Board Member – April 22, 2015  
Town Board Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2015  
Town Board Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2015  
Town Board Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2015  
Town Board Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2015

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

AUDIT OF BILLS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** that the Town Board accept Abstract No. 12 as written:

General Fund \$48,619.24, Highway Fund \$36,763.45, Waste Water Treatment Plant \$7,974.74, Capital Fund \$20,545.00, Putnam Lake Light District \$425.52, Patterson Light District \$537.34, Putnam Lake Refuse District #1 \$40,909.10, Patterson Refuse District #2 \$29,634.05, Deerwood Drainage District \$18.38, Patterson Park District \$3,537.28, Putnam Lake Park District \$1,081.55, Alpine Water District \$748.10, Dorset Hollow Water District \$1,185.52, Fox Run Water District \$1,062.51, Grand Total Abstract \$193,041.78.

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

CHARLES COOK

GOLDEN AGE SENIORS REQUEST

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the request from the Golden Age Seniors for a trip on the River Rose Cruise Ship on July 23, 2015 in an amount of \$1,170.00.

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

NORTH COUNTY HOMES INC. REQUEST – ROAD DEDICATION

Mr. Cook stated North County Homes would like to dedicate Theodore Trail, Patterson, New York to the Town of Patterson.

Mr. Rich Williams, Town Planner stated what happens now is the Town Engineer and Highway Superintendent go out and review the road and do a punch list of the outstanding issues. They were out there today doing that. I have to supply them with some additional information. This is to make the Board aware that we received an offer of dedication on Theodore Trail and for the Town Board to authorize the Town Attorney to start the legal proceedings. This all has to get done by August 30, 2015.

Mr. Cook stated we could make the motion tonight, pending approval of the Highway Superintendent, Town Engineer and Town Planner.

Mr. Don Rossi, Town Attorney stated I think you can do that, Charlie, but I think we should say “authorize the Town Attorney to prepare the necessary documents subject to proceed of reports from the Town Engineer and potentially subject to conditions that they might find.”

Mr. Williams stated there has to be a positive recommendation from the Highway Superintendent.

Mr. Rossi stated if they determine that there are open items that have not been completed, then the process stalls.

Mr. Griffin stated if even there aren't open items, the Highway Superintendent still has the option to say yes or no. It doesn't have to accept the road.

Mr. Rossi stated I think that's correct.

Mr. Griffin stated I know it's correct, it is entirely up to him.

Mr. Rossi stated the filing of the subdivision plat amounts to an offer of dedication, which can be accepted or not.

Mr. Griffin stated yes, it's up to you Russ.

Mr. Cook made a **motion** pending a positive decision by the Highway Superintendent and the Town Board then have the Town Attorney prepare all the necessary documents to dedicate Theodore Trail to the Town of Patterson.

Seconded by Mr. Rogan.

Mr. Griffin stated discussion. You will be reviewing the documents, you won't be preparing them.

Mr. Cook stated I said preparing.

Mr. Griffin stated that was a word that Don has used, as well.

Mr. Rossi stated what I will do is confer with Rich to see how similar dedications have been accepted in the past.

Mr. Griffin stated usually the dedicators Attorney does most of the paperwork.

Mr. Williams stated not with all the paperwork, for example the title reports have to get done. The two Attorneys work together to get the paperwork done.

Mr. Griffin stated the bulk of the work is done by their Attorney.

Mr. Rossi stated I don't recall that we worked on any, since we have been Town Attorney. Do we do an order laying out Town Highway or do we do a natural deed.

Mr. Williams stated you do both.

Mr. Rossi stated ok. Coordinate the developer of the project to effectuate the dedication in accordance with the applicable provisions of the highway (inaudible).

All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

Mr. Cook deferred his Executive Session till the end of the meeting.

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve a change in the approval date for Emma Cassidy's starting work date from June 24, 2015 to June 20, 2015 and authorized the payment of five (5) hours that Emma worked on June 20, 2015.

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

Mr. Cook stated on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at the Patterson Recreation Center is a Family Friendly All American Concert by the Southern Dutchess Concert Band at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and sponsored by Brian Benedict from the Duffel Bag and the Town of Patterson.

#### SHAWN ROGAN

##### VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK – BEACH REPAIR

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to approve the request of the Park Advisory Board to do work on the north beach at the Veteran Memorial Park that has fallen into disrepair in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

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

##### BISCEGLIA – DONATION OF PROPERTY OFFER

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to authorize the Town Attorney to begin title search and bill of sale documents to effectuate the transfer of 184 Lake Shore Drive to the Town.

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

##### JURGENS – DONATION OF PROPERTY OFFER

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to authorize the Town Attorney to begin title search and bill of sale documents to effectuate the transfer of 42 Hazel Drive to the Town.

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

#### MICHAEL GRIFFIN

##### CLOVER LAKE/VANACORE – FOLLOW-UP

Mr. Griffin stated Counselor, have you had any more luck than I have in getting in touch with Mr. Curtiss. Last week, Mr. Curtiss told me the Vanacore people were not available and I called over there and Mr. Curtiss is not there, he is on vacation.

Mr. Rossi stated after his last email, he said he was going to follow-up. I'll follow-up.

#### MS4 O&M – DISCUSSION

Mr. Griffin stated the MS4 Operation and Maintenance, part of the Clean Water Act requires all of the Towns in the New York City Watershed to undertake phosphorus reduction and there is an East of Hudson Corporation, which involves nineteen, (19) Towns in Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester. Rich Williams has been involved in a lot of the work to put together the O&M plant and did a spread sheet on this.

Mr. Williams stated Mike and I were instrumental a number of years ago forming a land development corporation, East of Hudson Watershed Corp. to help nineteen (19) municipalities in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess address a component of the stormwater program that the DEC has mandated that the Town implement. That component is to install stormwater retrofits that is a very expensive component. As part of that, Mike and I were on a negotiating team where we secured \$40,000,000.00 to address the first five years. Along with all these retrofits that we have been installing comes the requirement that they be maintained over a period of time. The corporation is now wrestling with the how that maintenance is going to occur. I sit on a technical advisory committee that has been looking at the O&M and what the requirements are and how we are moving forward. Right now the direction is that we will assign numbers to all the municipalities based on our estimates or what it is going to cost us to maintain these stormwater retrofits and each municipality would either contribute or get money back. We are thinking our highway departments will do a lot of the maintenance and they will be able to voucher back their costs for maintaining the retrofits.

Conversation ensued.

#### TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE DISCUSSION

Mr. Griffin stated the Town Hall needs some maintenance on the building. Rich and Paul worked on specs to put out to bid. I put the brakes on that. We have a number of items that have come up. With EMS, we are looking at approximately \$166,000.00 of expenditures that we did not calculate or factor into this budget. We spent a lot on grievances, law suits etc. We are looking to scale back. The clock tower and doors at Town Hall need to get painted and that will be the extent of what we will do. It all depends on how those numbers come back. We did budget approximately \$40,000.00 for this building, we are into about \$48,000.00 in legal fees with Highway and Sanitation, plus we are going into contract negotiations, so there is a lot of reasons why this hasn't been moved forward.

#### TRANSCARE EMS SERVICES - UPDATE

Mr. Griffin stated they did start on July 1<sup>st</sup>. They have been very busy the whole time. To a certain extent it is working out. I spoke to Tony Sutton today, the Commissioner of EMS at the County and he assures me he is in constant contact with TransCare. There is no eminent danger of them shutting down services. They will continue to provide services for the Town and the County for the near future. We discussed the possibility of having an Emergency Management meeting to talk about "what if". I expect to hear back from him tomorrow as to when that meeting is scheduled. Patterson Fire Department has stepped up to the plate. They are doing five (5) nights a week and will help us with the costs significantly. The \$166,000.00 may not turn out to the full \$166,000.00. The other half of it is, we do need to figure out what we want to do. We did get another proposal in for a study, which was unbelievably different from the first, in terms of cost.

Mr. Burns stated from someone outside.

Mr. Griffin stated yes, from an independent contractor. It was not even a third of the original proposal, but a similar scope. We are waiting to see if we get anymore. By the next meeting, if we don't have any other firm proposals, we should consider going forward.

Conversation ensued.

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** to readvertise to rebid the Putnam Lake Sluice Gate.

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

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

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

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** to approve the Putnam Lake Park Advisory Boards request to authorize Allied Biological for treatment of the lake in an amount not to exceed \$7,550.00. They will take the money from the Equipment Line and will not go over their budget.

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

KEVIN BURNS

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK – TREE REMOVAL

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to authorize the Highway Department to remove the tree at the Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday, July 11, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. The Highway Department will bill that amount back to the Veterans Memorial Park Advisory Board.

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

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer(s) 12 through 14.

Budget Transfer No. 12

From: A.1990.400	Contingent Account	\$(145.00)
To: A. 1330.450	Tax Receiver – Training	\$ 145.00
Expense Accounts		

Budget Transfer No. 13

From: GWTP.8130.401	Sewage Treatment Operations	\$(253.00)
To: GWTP.8130.400	Sewage Treatment Contractual	\$ 253.00
Expense Accounts		

Budget Transfer No. 14

Increase: SP.0599	Allocation of Fund Balance	\$5,000.00
Fund Balance		
Increase: SP.7110.200	Parks Equipment and Capital Outlay	\$5,000.00
Expense Account		

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

PETER DANDREANO

TOWN HALL SECURITY SURVEY - DISCUSSION

Mr. Dandreano made a **motion** that due to the sensitive security nature of this discussion, I would like to move this to the Executive Session.

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

LOCAL LAW DOGS – DISCUSSION

Mr. Dandreano stated we had a Neighborhood Watch meeting a couple of weeks ago and we invited the SPCA to come to talk about animal cruelty. During the presentation, a discussion came up of when they spoke with us about writing them into our Local Law and giving them permission to enforce the local laws. They are not looking to take over our Dog Wardens position. If they get a call for an animal cruelty complaint or some kind of criminal complaint, and while they are out, either that complaint is unfounded or they come across someone in violation of one of our local laws, they would have permission to enforce it.

Mr. Burns stated I saw them at Shoprite riding around the parking lot looking to see if there were any dogs left in cars. Are they allowed to enforce or ticket for animal cruelty.

Mr. Dandreano stated they can enforce animal cruelty laws. They are looking for permission to enforce our Town Code.

Mr. Cook stated are we going to be charged for any of this.

Mr. Williams stated for them to be covered under their insurance for enforcing our laws it would be an increase in their insurance of \$100.00, so they were looking for \$100.00 from the Town per year to allow them to enforce our code. I spoke with some Board members and they felt \$100.00 was very reasonable. If we are going to go down that road, I would recommend that we have a very clear memo of understanding that they should sign before they get that \$100.00.

Mr. Dandreano stated they are certified Peace Officers.

Mr. Cook stated when they came here a couple of months ago they also had a copy of the code from another Town. We can look at that as information and reference.

Mr. Dandreano stated we should all look at it.

Mr. Griffin stated I would work with Alan on this.

Conversation ensued.

#### RECREATION REQUESTS

Mr. Dandreano made a **motion** to purchase 16 T-shirts and 16 hooded sweatshirts in an amount not to exceed \$328.00 from Steve Dinucci.

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

Mr. Dandreano made a **motion** to purchase 12 dozen softballs in an amount not to exceed \$396.00 from Anaconda Sports.

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

Mr. Dandreano made a **motion** to hire Nallely Estefany Lopez as a Recreation Assistant at a rate of \$8.00 per hour.

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

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Cook stated Rich, have we heard anything more on Thunder Ridge on the hook up to the waste water treatment plant.

Mr. Williams stated that will probably be on the agenda for the next meeting. They are getting very close to bidding it out, so we will have to start the proceedings for bringing that into the District.

Mr. Cook stated is there anything new on that memo we received from the Krichers on Farm to Market Road about the sign from the Putnam County Land Trust. You said you were going to speak with them.

Mr. Williams stated correct, I've had some conversations with the Putnam Land Trust. They engaged Incite Engineering to draw up the plan and they spoke about two weeks ago. Scott Blakely, who is a principle with Insite Engineering, who is working on the plan, so they can enhance their parking on site.

#### PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Mr. Andrew Falk stated I have a question for you Pete, you said the Recreation Center wants to hire someone at \$8.00 per hour. Isn't the New York State minimum wage \$8.75 per hour.

Mr. Cook stated yes, but the Federal Government is different, which we have been following as opposed to the changes in the New York State employment rates.

Mr. Griffin stated there are a bunch of different categories. If Sue and Trish approved it, it is okay. Nothing falls through the cracks with them when it comes to personnel.

Mr. Falk stated thank you.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION PERSONNEL

There being no further business, Mr. Burns made a **motion** to go into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

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

Mr. Burns made a **motion** close Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

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

Mr. Griffin called the meeting back to order at 9:10 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Burns made a **motion** to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Antoinette Kopeck, Town Clerk