

PATTERSON TOWN BOARD MEETING  
PATTERSON TOWN HALL  
1142 ROUTE 311  
PATTERSON, NEW YORK 12563  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

MINUTES

PRESENT: MICHAEL GRIFFIN, SUPERVISOR  
KEVIN BURNS, COUNCILMAN  
CHARLES W. COOK, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR  
ROBERT MCCARTHY, COUNCILMAN  
ANTOINETTE KOPECK, TOWN CLERK  
DONALD M. ROSSI, 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 11 in attendance.

REPORTS

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

Code Compliance - August  
Code Enforcement - None  
Dog Control Officer - August  
E.C.I. - August  
Putnam Lake Fire Dept. - None  
Patterson Fire Dept.-None

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the following Supervisor's Reports for July.

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

MINUTES

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve the following minutes:

Bid Opening – Preventive Maintenance Repair and Emergency Service of Standby  
Generators – September 6, 2013  
Town Board Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2013

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

AUDIT OF BILLS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to accept Abstract No. 15 as written:

General Fund \$77,475.00, Highway Fund \$106,504.63, Patterson Fire District \$1,836.66,  
Waste Water Treatment Plant \$19,334.80, Library \$788.67, Putnam Lake Light District  
\$1,100.73, Patterson Light District \$1,135.36, Putnam Lake Refuse District #1 \$20,454.55,  
Patterson Refuse District #2 \$13,734.54, Deerwood Drainage District \$18.37, Patterson Park  
District \$6,061.76, Putnam Lake Park District \$7,884.43, Alpine Water District \$1,035.69,  
Dorset Hollow Water District \$1,556.58, Fox Run Water District \$864.21, Trust & Agency  
\$300.00, Grand Total Abstract \$260,085.98.

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

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to accept Abstract No. 16 as written:

General Fund \$42,005.57, Highway Fund \$53,330.47, Waste Water Treatment Plant \$6,303.28, Capital Fund \$135.11, Putnam Lake Light District \$409.34, Patterson Light District \$516.11, Patterson Refuse District #2 \$28,480.84, Patterson Park District \$1,047.64, Putnam Lake Park District \$424.00, Alpine Water District \$407.42, Dorset Hollow Water District \$946.50, Fox Run Water District \$558.10, Trust & Agency \$2,705.00, Grand Total Abstract \$137,269.38.

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

#### CHARLES COOK

#### ETHICS BOARD – LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION/ALTERNATE APPOINTMENT

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve Deborah Taylor to the position of Alternate on the Town Board of Ethics.

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

#### NYS LIFELINE DISCOUNT TELEPHONE SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Cook stated we received a letter from the State of New York, Department of Public Service advising us that this week has been designated as National Telephone Discount Lifeline Awareness Week. Anyone interested in receiving pamphlets on this subject, which speaks to helping people enroll in this lifeline discount program is designed to make basic telephone service more affordable for income eligible consumers. There is a website, [www.askpandc.com](http://www.askpandc.com) or 518-474-1788.

#### RECREATION REQUEST(S)

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the printing of fall program flyers that gets distributed to the schools. The lowest bidder was AVP in the amount of \$840.00.

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

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the purchase of adult basketball t-shirts from Steve Dinucci in the amount of \$620.00.

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

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the purchase of 40 cheerleader uniforms from Steve Dinucci in the amount of \$440.00.

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

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the following request by Matt Chibbaro, Recreation Director:

Flag Football:	\$80.00 – has jersey \$90.00 – need to order jersey
Guitar:	\$80.00 – beginner class \$80.00 – jam class (new class)
Little Cooks:	\$99.00
Youth Basketball:	\$60.00 – ages 3 / 4 \$70.00 – ages 5 / 6 \$80.00 – ages 7 / 8 \$85.00 – ages 9 / 10 \$95.00 – ages 11 / 13

Patterson Recreation members may deduct \$5.00 off above program prices.

Recreation member discount does not apply to the following programs:

Pizza Night:	\$12.00
Pokeman:	\$ 7.00
Cheer:	\$75.00 – has uniform \$90.00 – need to order jersey
Tumbling Time:	\$80.00 (new program)
Bowling:	\$75.00 (new program)

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

#### ROBERT MCCARTHY

#### PVPAB REQUEST(S)

Mr. McCarthy made a **motion** to approve Cari Weizenecker's request that Sam Callahan be paid Head Guard salary for his coverage as a lead guard in the amount of \$15.00 per hour.

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

#### STANDBY GENERATORS PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – AWARD BID(S)

Mr. McCarthy introduced the following **Resolution for Acceptance of Bid for Generator Preventative Maintenance:**

#### **R-0913-01**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson has duly advertised for bids for the provision of generator preventative maintenance for the 2013-2014 season, consistent with the Town's Procurement Policy; and

WHEREAS, Peak Power Systems, Inc. submitted the lowest bid proposal dated September 6, 2013, a copy of which is annexed hereto and hereby made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson wishes to accept the aforementioned bid proposal submitted by Peak Powers, Inc. which includes a bid amount of \$5,338.50;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby accepts the bid of Peak Power Systems, Inc. for generator preventative maintenance for the 2013-2014 season; and

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

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS – SWING IN PATTERSON/COMMUNITY TAG SALE

Mr. McCarthy stated the Swing in Patterson band will perform at the Recreation Center on November 16, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Dinner will be \$35.00 per person and will be served from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. They go on sale on November 4, 2013. General admission is \$20.00 per person in advance or at the door. Sue also has tickets at Town Hall.

Mr. McCarthy stated the community tag sale will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at the Recreation Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Spaces are available for rent for \$25.00 per space.

Mr. McCarthy stated there will be a free screening of the movie "Contagion" on September 20, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Emergency Services Building, Donald B. Smith Campus. You must reserve by September 16, 2013 to guarantee your seat. Walk-ins will be accepted if space permits.

#### MICHAEL GRIFFIN

#### 2013 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mr. Griffin stated if anyone has any questions on the budget, the Town Comptroller is here to answer them. The budget represents a 2% and we are under the cap of slightly less than 2% for what the State requires. It represents a 2% increase for the employees across the board. It is an 8% increase in medical insurance, however we did drop the medical insurance for the Town Judge and this budget reflects that. The Town Board still has to make that official. Councilmen will also no longer be entitled to medical insurance starting in January. The State reduced our contribution to the Retirement Fund by almost a penny. For the Sanitation Department the budget reflects five employees not six. We are using about \$102,000.00 from Fund Balance. Highway will be using about \$13,000.00 and change from Fund Balance which is exceptional. Russ put together a great budget and saved us a lot of money. That is the lowest amount of Fund Balance that has been used in a long time. Kudos to the Highway Department and Russ Goff. The issues with the Court Clerks I will leave that for the Town Board. If anyone has any questions, I will be more than happy to answer them.

Mr. Burns stated we are having a Work Session on Monday at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Griffin stated yes, on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### DEP VARIANCE

Mr. Griffin stated people have been following the on-going saga. We have been trying to get the library, Cartwright and the A&P into our sewer district and to do that it requires permission from New York City Department of Environmental Protection. After many hours of conversation with the DEP, and submittals of copious amounts of useless information they already had everything we told them.

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** to approve the variance as set forth in the memo of July 24, 2013 and authorize the Supervisor to sign any and all documents to give effect.

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

#### PATTERSON/PAWLING ASSESSOR'S AGREEMENT

Mr. Griffin stated we can't really do this tonight because Pawling is meeting tonight to approve their version. Don can you give an update on this.

Mr. Don Rossi, Town Attorney stated the only open items deals with the term of the agreement and also the cap on the percentage increase each year. I spoke with Supervisor Kelly and contrary to what we had originally proposed, he asked for a two year term and a cap of 2% increase on an annual basis. That is where it stands.

Mr. Cook stated are they agreeing at all to pay for the "benefit umbrella", contributions to retirement, health insurance.

Mr. Rossi stated they did not raise any issues with regard to it. Only the term and the cap.

Mr. Griffin stated they will pay 2/5ths percentage of all of all those expenses.

Mr. Major stated all costs.

Mr. Griffin stated medical benefits, retirement, yes.

Mr. Major stated may I submit this to you. This is a chart in essence the Town of Patterson will be providing a benefit to the Town of Pawling. If you look at these numbers, I took the time to pull up the New York State numbers and to give you a sense the Assessor, who I believe does a good job and I hope he is not watching because we know all Assessor's do a terrible job. They always over assess us. He has received State awards, I believe the last two years in a row. He deals in parcels. That is his business. If you notice here the Town and Village of Pawling which he services both, they have 4,086 parcels and the Town of Patterson has 4,827 parcels. In essence, 45% of his total work load falls within the Town and Village of Pawling and somewhere around 54% give or take is work within the Town of Patterson. When you look at the assessment, which is the next chart down, they are not going to pull assessment, their assessed valuation is 48.92%. If you equate that out to 100% assessment of the total assessment he is at \$2,653,000,000.00 annually is the total amount of dollars being collected as a result of him. Pawling is 46% versus 53%. Each parcel evaluation is \$300,842.00 versus an average parcel in Patterson of \$297,000.00 which basically means that each parcel there is worth about \$3,000.00 more than any of our parcels. They are getting a great deal at 40%. They should probably be paying 45%. I would like you to look at this. I don't have a problem if you are paying all these other numbers but the question I have is this is a two year agreement and he is on the web page so they are looking to keep him. When it goes to four years, or six years and he retires does he retire as a Patterson employee at 60% and a Pawling employee at 40%. The other associated costs of a retiree like health insurance who is going to bear those costs. They have more money than us and we are paying more money than them.

Mr. Griffin stated ok. We expect to hear from Supervisor Kelly tomorrow as to what his Board has agreed to. Our original proposal was to run concurrent with Chris' term which is six years. They are going back and forth between two and four. I spoke to Chris today and he said he has no problem with a four year term. The two percent increase has to do with raises. The money is not the issue, the security of the longevity is the issue. Thank you Bruce, this is a very interesting representation. He is an employee of the Town of Patterson and it will be our responsibility for evermore. We are leasing or renting him to the Town of Pawling. He is our employee and that is the way it's been and the way it is going to stay.

Mr. Major stated that's great. He used to be Kent and Patterson and I think that is great. Generally, when a business leases something they make money on it. I'm not suggesting that we make money off of them, all I am suggesting is that there are some legacy cost to him down the road that maybe not in this contract but in future contracts. I would hope that the 2% cap is only on salary because like you said, health insurance goes 8% and they turn around and say "sorry, we only have to give you 2%", it just doesn't make sense.

Mr. Griffin stated the cap is on his salary increases.

Mr. Cook stated whether it comes out to be 40% or 45% if that is going to be the salary, they also have to pick up 2/5ths, in my estimation, the other reimbursable expenses, like a surcharge, we will continue to have him on the payroll, etc. Part of the money they send us should include this surcharge of benefits.

Mr. Burns stated pension contribution, contribution to medical we are getting 2/5ths of that back.

Mr. Cook stated but that is not what the agreement says.

Mr. Rossi stated no, it's not. We do not have that in the latest draft, we have to include it.

Conversation ensued.

#### PATTERSON IDA DISSOLUTION

Mr. Griffin stated the Patterson IDA has been on the books for many years and it has been inactive for as long as I have been Supervisor. There is a bill being under consideration in the New York State Senate and Assembly about doing away with IDA's that are non-functional or haven't done projects in years. I want to make sure the Town Board has no objection to allowing the IDA to be dissolved. It hasn't done any projects in probably 30 years. There is no objection so we will wait for the legislation or at the next meeting we can

formalize it. It is no longer needed and the State wants to do away with it so I don't see any reason why we wouldn't accommodate them.

Mr. Rossi stated I don't really see a downside because the County IDA would still be in place. It would be able to assist in projects that might be appropriate for the (inaudible).

Mr. Griffin stated all the projects that have been done in Town with IDA money have all been County projects. They are better equipped to handle it than we are. For years they were paying \$2,025.00 a year for an annual audit, which wasn't too tough when it was zero zero in and zero zero out.

Mr. Rossi stated are there any pending IDA projects in the Town.

Mr. Griffin stated none that I am aware of. Rich do you know of any.

Mr. Williams stated no, we don't have any IDA projects.

Mr. Rossi stated that would be the only complicating factor, if there was one.

Mr. Cook stated we will do a resolution at the next meeting.

KEVIN BURNS

STAR REGISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Burns stated there is new legislation that is now requiring all homeowners receiving a basic STAR exemption to register annually with the New York State Tax Department in order to continue receiving the exemption. This will start in 2014.

CONFERENCE REQUEST(S)

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve two conference requests as submitted.

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

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer No. 27 and 28:

**Budget Transfer No. 27**

From:	FL.9025.800	LOSAP Service Awards	\$(1.00)
To:	FL.9040.800	Workers Compensation	1.00
	Expense Accounts		

**Budget Transfer No. 28**

Increase:	DA.4960	Federal Aid – FEMA	\$71,538.56
	Fund Balance		
Increase:	DA.5110.400	General Repairs Contractual	\$40,000.00
	DA.5130.400	Machinery Contractual	\$31,538.56
	Expense Accounts		

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

ZBA APPLICATION FEE REFUND REQUEST

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board to refund \$500.00 for a Special Use Permit and \$33.12 for postage to Beverly and Daniel Opromolla.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Cook stated are we meeting soon or Mike do you see it as part of the Budget Work Session things like the Michael Richardson report on the Sanitation Department or the library contract and also, the emergency generator for this building that we had a recommendation on.

Mr. Griffin stated yes, those are all things that would have the budget impact and would have to be taken into consideration.

Mr. Cook stated ok, we can bring that up in the Work Session. Do we also want to do RFP's for legal services.

Mr. Griffin stated I know we spoke about engineering. I don't think that would be too difficult. The Comptroller's suggestion was to put out the bid for our Auditing Services. I think we have one more year on the contract.

Ms. Patricia Brooks stated it ends in 2013.

Mr. Griffin stated the Fire Department wants to put up a sign that would be lit and you can put messages on it. There have been some issues raised. It doesn't meet current zoning codes. After spending some time with the Planning and Zoning Board's it is now at the Town Board. We received a request from the President and she sent us a potential code change for Section 154.67-A2 Exemptions. It exempts the Fire Department from Planning and Zoning. At this point, I would say that we received it and that we will take a look at it and we will bring it up at the next meeting.

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** that the request from the Fire Department for a code change exempting the Fire Department from Town zoning and planning and we refer this to the Planning Board for opinion.

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

Mr. Major stated isn't there a large piece of property there. Why is there a problem with the sign.

Mr. McCarthy stated its two separate properties.

Mr. Major stated why is it two separate properties.

Mr. Paul Smith stated four different things for the variance and we would have to show a hardship which we can't because we are not a business.

Mr. Major stated why can't you merge those properties. Over in Putnam Lake they have asked people to merge lots which is very important.

Mr. Smith stated they don't want to because down the road (inaudible).

Mr. Major stated who purchased that lot.

Mr. Smith stated the Fire Department.

Mr. Major stated whose money was used.

Mr. Smith stated the Fire Department.

Mr. Major stated did taxpayer money go into that.

Mr. Smith stated that I can't answer.

Mr. Griffin stated the Fire Department is a private corporation. We contract with them for services every year. Money that we pay the Fire Department to provide services to us is that

considered taxpayer's money after we give it to the Fire Department for the purposes of which they have provided the services.

Mr. Major stated I guess this is what my point is, when they purchased that piece of property did they purchase it within their existing budget or did it require them coming to the Town for additional funds.

Mr. Griffin stated negative, no. However they managed it they didn't come to us for any more money.

Mr. Cook stated more than likely the money that the Town assigns to them via contract I would guess they would have to go out and bond it and pay it out of the monies that the Town gives them.

Mr. Major stated tax dollars are going all these different places and when the residents see their money on their tax bill going to the Fire Department, they are expecting that money is going to the Fire Department so they can provide a great service, which they do. When I hear that they are not going to put the two parcels together, is that because they are going to put in a haberdashery shop or something that is not related to providing services to the community.

Mr. Rossi stated Bruce the Fire Department by virtual of it's by laws and certificate of incorporation had to use funds for appropriate authorized purposes. I don't think they have the freedom to use that property for a general business unrelated to the Fire Department.

Mr. Major stated could they sell it to a general business.

Mr. Rossi stated I'm not familiar with the deed and other agreements that might be related to the purchase of that lot. Assuming there are no restrictions on their purchase, I think they could sell the lot. I think it is a piece of real property and they have the authority to buy and sell pieces of property.

Conversation ensued.

#### PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Mr. Bob Conrad stated I would like to know what the justification is for the library for such an increase of \$134,000.00.

Mr. Griffin stated it's about 21%.

Mr. Conrad stated that is kind of steep.

Mr. Griffin stated the problem is that the New York State Education Law provides that they can go directly to the residents for funding. They put it on the ballot for referendum many years ago because they met the required number of signatures. It was passed by the residents and subsequently raised again by the residents and I think they did this four times and passed two out of three so far. This is the biggest raise they asked for.

Mr. Conrad stated they have been getting some big raises over the last couple of years.

Mr. Griffin stated I know they want a backup generator and a number of other services. They have some literature of what they are going to do so you can go to their website. They met the requirements and the petition was verified by the Town Clerk, certified and now they will be on the ballot.

Mr. Conrad stated your budget is not complete yet.

Mr. Griffin stated no, that is not a line item in our budget. It reflects in our budget but it's not.....

Mr. Conrad stated but where do they get the money.

Mr. Griffin stated if you look at your tax bill there is a specific line item in your tax bill for the library. Same as a line item for the Fire Department, a sewer charge or water charge.

Mr. Robert Odell stated they need a super majority, don't they.

Mr. Griffin stated I don't believe they do. I think they need a simple majority vote.

Mr. Cook stated I think you should ask the Library Board of Trustee's these questions.

Mr. Griffin stated I think the Town Attorney could research it as well.

Mr. Williams stated the answer is we don't know. We are not sure if they are part of the library system therefore treated by Education Law or they are not. Depending on what answer we get from the Comptroller which Trish is looking for.

Mr. Cook stated the library is under the Education Law.

Ms. Patricia Brooks stated they were originally when the two percent cap was passed they were included in our cap and then the next year we were told that they were a separate cap. They have to meet the super majority, I would assume so, but I don't know. They are kind of like in between. They are not the school district and they are not the Town. If we superseded the two percent cap we would have to pass a local law allowing us to do that and we haven't passed that. I don't see how they could, but I don't know.

Ms. Irene White stated I live at 215 Haviland Drive and the Park Advisory Board stated I cannot park where I have been parking for 50 years. They are saying it is park land. They said I can park there during the day but not at night. I can't put a driveway on the other side of my house because that is my septic tank. I tried to get a hold of the Advisory Board to talk to them about it.

Mr. Williams stated I had conversations with Nick Lamberti, Code Enforcer about this and we are going to come out there and meet with Ms. White and take a look at the situation. There are a number of situations like this and we are going to look at them on a case by case basis and work something out.

Ms. Dede Lifgrin stated the Park District had a great first year. Everyone seemed to be happy with the beach improvements and the operations and the work around the park land. The lifeguard team that we transitioned from the PLCC seemed to work well. Many of them will be leaving so we will advertise for more lifeguards for next year. The swim team and softball team had a great first year. As far as the lake goes, our first year of water quality testing indicated some serious and complex problems that are going on in the water. One of the most obvious, which many of the residents probably noticed was a constant bloom of algae. As it turned out from testing this particular algae is of a different variety of blue green algae and is putting out a type of toxin that was a concern. As a result the beaches were closed down for a couple of weeks in August. We have been taking water samples every other week and sent them into the DEC for testing. Now that the algae have been very established, that will be one of our goals for next year to try to prevent it from getting this bad again. That will depend on end of year reports after all the testing is complete. The good news is that with the weather getting colder the algae is dying off as are the toxins. Once that happens, which is relatively a short period of time we should have many weeks in the fall to use the lake.

Mr. Major stated on the sewer extension, now that you signed the agreement where we are with construction. Will the A&P, the library and Cartwright trenches be opened at the same time?

Mr. Griffin stated there are some fine tuning on the details but yes, they will be simultaneously built and right now they are working on using the same contractor to do both projects. We had a meeting today and there is still some discussion about the costs associated with the library and Cartwrights. It is our intention to move forward. We are hoping it will be this year and completed before the end of December.

Mr. Major stated because it will start to freeze and you won't be able to dig.

Mr. Griffin stated that and blacktop plants close and there is a lot of extensive work that has to take place in the A&P involving tearing up their parking lot. The bigger part of the project is getting Dunkin Donuts down to a collection point and there is a section where the entry

road from Route 311 will have to be closed because there will be an extensive amount of work there because the sewer line crosses in that vicinity.

Mr. Major stated what about Thunder Ridge.

Mr. Griffin stated that is still quite a ways off. New York City DEP is still working it out amongst themselves. That is probably a year or so away.

Mr. Major stated will it include the restaurant. That restaurant looked pretty busy; it's by a stream across the street from a wetland. We know restaurants are high polluters.

Mr. Griffin stated at this point that would be up to the DEP whether to consider it or not. I know the restaurant owner has expressed an interest in being tied in. Whether or not the city will consider it is a whole other situation.

Mr. Major stated as it relates to the appraisal for Clover Lake, Kevin you indicated that you would speak with Tim Curtiss.

Mr. Burns stated he said that they were considering doing the offer of judgment. He thinks the matter is going to settle. He is familiar with the offer of judgment and said it was a good tool and it was something they could do and he said he would consider doing it.

Mr. Major stated I know someone is here from the Fire Department and I have a question. I looked back and I didn't go too far back, but I went back all of last year and this year. Every month we have our meeting agenda and we list both Fire Departments under reports and it says none. So for nineteen months in a row I see it on the agenda and I'm kind of curious to why it is on the agenda if we are not getting reports. My question is what reports, if any, are from the Fire Department to the Town.

Mr. Griffin stated there are a variety of things that are required. About four years ago the State passed a requirement that Fire Departments are to be audited on an annual basis and I have to find out if that applies to protection districts.

Mr. Major stated audited by who.

Mr. Griffin stated independent auditor.

Mr. Major stated and are those audits to be turned over to the Town.

Ms. Brooks stated the Town Clerk.

Mr. Major stated I think I identified the problem and made you aware of it. The other thing is we are getting a lot of generators. Even in my neighborhood we are getting a lot of generators. It's the "IN" thing. I think that's great. The library wants a generator and they gave us a very good reason. This way I can go to the library when I don't have power and I can use the computers and charge my cell phones and things like that. The Fire Department needs generators, no question asked. The Town, we had a generator and it didn't provide the services that should have been provided because this building has to close because the phone doesn't even work. So I understand that. We hear and know about messaging. I think that is important also but I think someone raised a point, will this become a Los Vegas strip. We have a Fire Department here, the library and the Town here. I think the emergency messaging is of a paramount importance. Maybe it's time for the Town to look at our emergency response needs and messaging needs and come up with a plan that provides the services that we need for the Town with someone in charge.

Mr. Major stated a proposal was submitted by Mr. Richardson back on August 5<sup>th</sup> regarding Garbage District No. 2. I know the employees of the garbage district sent a letter earlier on and has this Board set up Executive Session and discussed his memo to any extent.

Mr. Burns stated no, I think it is going to be a subject matter at the Work Session on Monday.

Mr. Major stated I understand that Mike you finally met with them earlier today. I think that is good. You have employees who were told by their manager we are going to go with private sanitation. I think it is important that they be made aware of what system is going to

go forward. I think it is only fair to them and you folks set up a plan of what you are going to do.

Mr. Major stated I submitted a FOIL request and I received five years worth of expenditures and I reviewed the maintenance expenditures for the last five years for Garbage District No. 2. I had requested to look at the inspection logs for the vehicles and I did not receive it. A second letter was sent to the Manager of Garbage District No. 2 and they were not provided. I was told he was on vacation. Those records are supposed to be at the facility, not at his or her home. I'm not suggesting they were there but looking at those maintenance reports and the fact that I haven't seen the inspection reports on the vehicles one can only conclude that garbage vehicles were on the road that weren't inspected and some vehicles were on the road that required maintenance that wasn't done. First of all it is a violation if they take a vehicle out that is not inspected. It puts the community at risk if those inspections weren't done because there were defects on the vehicle. It puts us the taxpayer's within Garbage No. 2 and the Town at large in jeopardy in a lawsuit if something happened with that vehicle. I don't see any difference with that and a year or two ago you let a highway worker go because he tested positive for marijuana. Who is being accountable for that.

Mr. Griffin stated would you all please rise and join me in a moment of silence for all those who lost their lives and those who serve their Country and the families that still pay the price and suffer the emotional toll. Today is the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11. Thank you.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Burns made a **motion** to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted

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Antoinette Kopeck, Town Clerk