

PATTERSON TOWN BOARD MEETING  
PATTERSON TOWN HALL  
1142 ROUTE 311  
PATTERSON, NEW YORK 12563  
October 21, 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 14 in attendance.

AUDIT OF BILLS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** that the Town Board accept Abstract No. 19 as written:

General Fund \$28,920.82, Highway Fund \$17,699.29, Waste Water Treatment Plant \$1,321.84, Capital Fund \$407,249.80, Putnam Lake Light District \$1,107.73, Patterson Light District \$1,217.24, Patterson Refuse District #2 \$627.88, Patterson Park District \$166.84, Putnam Lake Park District \$2,419.01, Alpine Water District \$117.41, Fox Run Water District \$8,951.60, Grand Total Abstract \$469,799.46.

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

SHAWN ROGAN

STEBBINS BRADLEY, PA – NOTICE OF TRUST DISTRIBUTION

Mr. Rogan stated we received a letter from the law firm Stebbins Bradley, PA stating there is a trust with an amendment in 2008 that basically stated that certain entities would receive payments. One was \$40,000.00 to the Patterson New York Cemetery Association.

Mr. Williams stated they are looking to donate \$40,000.00 to the Patterson New York Cemetery Association. We only have one cemetery association that I'm aware of and that is the Maple Avenue Association.

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to table this until further notice.

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

PEGASUS PROGRAM – WAIVER OF FEES REQUEST(S)

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to waive the fee of \$70.00 for the Pegasus Program to rent the Recreation Center.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Rogan read all the announcements in and around Patterson.

MICHAEL GRIFFIN

MTA POLICE MONO POLE PROJECT – FOLLOW-UP

Mr. Griffin stated we have an opinion from the Town Attorney that they don't think we have much of an argument with the MTA. It looks like they are going forward with the location that they specified. Perhaps we can go to them and talk to them about the reduction of the tower. I will call them.

EoH O&M AGREEMENT

Mr. Griffin stated I trust everyone had some time to look this over. If anyone has any comments, either share them here tonight or share them with me or Rich by email. I have a meeting tomorrow with the East of Hudson to discuss this in further detail.

GARBAGE BIDS MEETING – CHANGE OF VENUE

Mr. Griffin stated we will discuss this in Executive Session.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS – SET PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** to table this until the next Town Board meeting.

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

KEVIN BURNS

FIRE DEPARTMENTS AUDIT - DISCUSSION

Mr. Burns stated we received an inquiry from a concerned citizen. The email states that based on recent information concerning the procreation of taxpayer funds from the Town of Carmel's Mahopac Fire Department, I'm requesting that the Town of Patterson conduct a forensic audit of all taxpayer's monies paid to the Patterson Fire Department.

Mr. Burns stated Chief Spzindor, I think when you were here last time I mentioned that you could take back to the Board the possibility of working with our Comptroller. Could you set something up, so we can reassure the public that we are not in the same situation as Mahopac.

Mr. Griffin stated I can assure you that the audit is taking place as we speak. We will have results in a few weeks.

CONFERENCE REQUEST

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

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

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer No. 28 and No. 29.

Budget Transfer No. 28

From:	A.3510.100	Control of Dogs Personal Services	\$(2,920.00)
		Expense Account	
To:	A.3620.100	Code Enforcement Personal Services	\$ 2,920.00
		Expense Accounts	

Budget Transfer No. 29

From: A.1990.400 Contingent Account \$(4,532.00)  
Expense Account

To: A.1989.400 Other Contractual \$ 4,532.00

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

PETER DANDREANO

BEAR HILL ROAD – TRAFFIC ISSUE

Mr. Dandreano introduced the following **Resolution Authorization for Department of Transportation to Investigate Speed Limit on Route 311/Bear Hill Road:**

**R-1015-04**

**WHEREAS**, on September 23, 2015, the Town Planning and Zoning Department Received a letter from the New York State Department of Transportation (the "DOT") dated August 21, 2015 advising that the DOT has commenced an investigation as to whether a warning sign and speed limit reduction is warranted on Route 311 in the vicinity of its intersection with Bear Hill Road; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 1622 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law, upon request of the Town Board, the DOT may, by order, rule or regulation, establish maximum speed limits upon Town Highways; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that, in the best interest of the traveling public and for the general public health, safety and welfare, the Town of Patterson hereby acknowledges that such investigation is necessary and appropriate;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby requests that the DOT conduct its investigation as described above and that it thereafter reduce the speed limit and install such safety signs as it deems appropriate; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor to execute any and all documents, in a form satisfactory to the Town Attorney, and to take any and all other necessary or appropriate actions to give effect to this resolution.

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

RECREATION REQUEST(S)

Mr. Dandreano made a **motion** to approve 30 flag football coach t-shirts in an amount not to exceed \$155.00.

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

EMS COMMITTEE REQUEST

Mr. Dandreano made a request to form an EMS committee with two Councilmen and three or four others with EMS background.

Mr. Cook stated I will think about it and get back to you by the end of the week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LAND ACQUISITION – PUTNAM LAKE

Mr. Dandreano stated I will defer my Executive Session – Land Acquisition – Putnam Lake until the end of the meeting.

CHARLES COOK

BED & BREAKFAST

Mr. Cook stated the Town Planner and Planning Commission reviewed this. We received both comments.

Discussion ensued with Mr. Powe regarding bed & breakfasts.

Mr. Griffin stated I would suggest we ask Mr. Williams to craft some zoning and legislation and work with Mr. Powe to see exactly what his needs would be. We can bring this back to the Board in a few weeks and see if we can get this going.

Mr. Powe stated thank you very much.

HIGHWAY COST ANALYSIS REPORT

Mr. Cook stated one month ago the Town Board requested a study from our Personnel Consultant on the cost analysis on Highway. We received the report and had a discussion with the Highway Superintendent. There will be more discussions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

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

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Mr. Williams stated just so everyone knows, there is a program in New York State; Two Percent Tax Cap, in which if we stay below the two percent tax cap, everyone will get a rebate check for the increase in their taxes annually. This year there was second part to that. We needed to file an efficiency plan and I prepared it back in June. Last week, I received notice from the State that our efficiency plan has been approved. Since the Town Board has proposed a budget below the tax cap, that is good news for all our residence and they should be getting a check back next year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PERSONNEL

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

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

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

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

Mr. Griffin called the meeting back to order at 8:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:5n nn5 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,