

PATTERSON TOWN BOARD MEETING
PATTERSON TOWN HALL
1142 ROUTE 311
PATTERSON, NEW YORK 12563
October 22, 2014

MINUTES

PRESENT: MICHAEL GRIFFIN, SUPERVISOR
KEVIN BURNS, COUNCILMAN
CHARLES W. COOK, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
PETER DANDREANO, COUNCILMAN
ANTOINETTE KOPECK, TOWN CLERK
DONALD M. ROSSI, TOWN COUNSEL

ABSENT: SHAWN ROGAN, COUNCILMAN

Salute to the Flag and Roll Call.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – MANCINI SUBDIVISION

See Public Hearing minutes.

AUDIT OF BILLS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to accept Abstract No. 19 as written:

General Fund \$17,605.77, Highway Fund \$12,992.84, Waste Water Treatment Plant \$266.43, Capital Fund \$1,142.49, Putnam Lake Light District \$1,103.73, Patterson Light District \$1,253.89, Patterson Refuse District #2 \$140.15, Deerwood Drainage District \$18.36, Patterson Park District \$3,723.33, Putnam Lake Park District \$3,203.07, Alpine Water District \$329.00, Dorset Hollow Water District \$42.00, Fox Run Water District \$818.31, Trust & Agency \$300.00, Grand Total Abstract \$42,939.37.

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

KEVIN BURNS

AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL – AWARD BID

Mr. Burns introduced the following **Resolution for Sale of Highway Department Auction Items:**

R-1014-06

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Department has offered various items for sale at auction through Auctions International, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in a certain e-mail dated October 22, 2014 from Margaux Miller, Highway Secretary, the Town Highway Superintendent has recommended the acceptance of bids on said items as described in a certain other e-mail from Auctions International dated October 21, 2014, a copy of which is annexed hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby approves the sale of the items at the prices therefore as set forth in the annexed e-mail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Highway Superintendent and the Town Supervisor are hereby authorized 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.

HIGHWAY SALT AND SAND BUILDING – FOLLOW-UP

Mr. Burns introduced the following **Resolution Authorizing Submission of a State and Municipal Facilities Program Grant for Constructing a Salt/Sand Mixing & Storage Shed:**

R-1014-07

WHEREAS, the Town of Patterson intends to construct a salt/sand mixing and storage building (hereinafter the Project) that will be located at the Town's Highway Facility for an amount of \$370,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Patterson Town Board has applied for, and been selected to receive, through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), a State and Municipal Facilities Program grant in the amount of \$150,000 to be utilized for the construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive the grant, the Town is to submit certain documentation and in addition, to verify the existence of committed funding resources sufficient to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to obtain the grant and to approve and ratify the submission of the grant application and all prior action taken by Town Officials in connection therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby approves the submission of the Project Information Sheet and other application documentation as required by DASNY, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all other documents and take any and all other action as may be necessary or convenient in order to give full effect to this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby approves and ratifies all acts heretofore taken by the Town Board, Town Supervisor, and any and all other Town Officials in connection with the subject grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson agrees, upon approval of the State and Municipal Facilities Program grant in the amount of \$150,000, to fund the remaining portion of the cost of the Project, and that funds will be available to initiate the Project's fieldwork within six (6) months of written approval of its application.

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

Mr. Burns introduced the following **Resolution for a Determination of Significance under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for Construction of a Salt/Sand Mixing & Storage Shed:**

R-1014-08

WHEREAS, the Patterson Highway Department proposes the construction of a 60' by 104' salt/sand mixing & storage building that will be located at the Patterson Highway Garage, 281 Cornwall Hill Road, 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 an UNLISTED ACTION, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson on September 24, 2014 circulated their intent to assume lead agency status for the purpose of conducting the environmental review of the Project, and

WHEREAS, the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) is an involved agency under the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, DASNY's proposed action would consist of its authorization of the expenditure of approximately \$150,000.00 of the proceeds of the SAM program bond issuance for the proposed project.

WHEREAS, the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) in a letter dated October 9, 2014 indicated that DASNY has no specific issues to be addressed regarding the proposed project at the time of the issuance of the letter, and

WHEREAS, no other involved agency has raise an objection to the Town Board of the Town of Patterson acting as lead agency in the review of the Project, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson has reviewed the Environmental Assessment Form submitted for the salt/sand mixing & storage building for the Patterson Highway Facility, as well as other supporting documentation for the project, and

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. There will be no 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 of the Town of Patterson, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.7, issues a NEGATIVE Determination of Significance in the matter of the salt/sand mixing & storage building for the Patterson Highway Facility.

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

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer No. 34 through 37:

Budget Transfer No. 34

Decrease:	H.0902	Fund Balance Designated Capital Projects	(\$9,830.51)
Increase:	H.5031	Interfund Transfer	\$9,830.51
		Revenue & Fund Balance Accounts	
Decrease:	SMQR.9740.600	Capital Notes, Principal	(\$9,830.51)
Increase:	SMQR.9950.900	Transfer, Capital Projects Fund	\$9,830.51
		Expense & Fund Balance Accounts	

Budget Transfer No. 35

Decrease:	A.0599	Appropriated Fund Balance – Landfill Reserve	(\$68,479.00)
Increase:	A.5031	Interfund Transfer	\$68,479.00
		Revenue & Fund Balance Accounts	
Increase:	H.0902	Fund Balance Designated Capital Projects	\$68,479.00
Increase:	H.9901.900	Transfer, Other Funds	\$68,479.00
		Expense & Fund Balance Accounts	

Budget Transfer No. 36

From:	A.1990.400	Contingent Account	(\$1,650.00)
To:	A.1320.400	Auditor Contractual	\$1,650.00
		Expense Accounts	

Budget Transfer No. 37

From:	RP.9060.800	Hospital & Medical Insurance	(\$8,000.00)
To:	RP.8160.400	Sanitation Contractual	\$8,000.00
		Expense & Fund Balance Accounts	

FUND TRANSFERS

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to move \$9,830.51 from the Quail Ridge Road Improvement Fund to the Capital Fund to finalize the Quail Ridge Capital Project. All monies have been accounted for and the bond has been issued. The following is an accounting of all revenues and expenses for the project:

Revenue:	
Serial Bond	\$88,000.00
Expense:	
Construction	\$83,644.75
Engineer and Legal	\$11,533.75
Bond Counsel	\$ 1,356.44
Interest	\$ 1,295.57
Sub Total Expense:	\$97,830.51
Amount owed to Capital:	\$(9,830.51)

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

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to authorize the transfer of \$68,479.00 from the Capital Fund, Special Reserves to the General Fund. This would be to utilize a special reserve that was recorded in 1994. The Town Comptroller is requesting authorization of \$68,479.00 for the following:

2014 Total Expense:	State Loan Principal	\$60,000.00
	State Loan Interest	\$ 2,179.00
	Landfill Closure Costs	\$ 6,300.00
	Total to be paid by Reserve:	\$68,479.00

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

PETER DANDREANO

Mr. Dandreano stated at the last meeting we spoke about some concerns for pedestrian safety on Fairfield Drive. County Legislature, Ginny Nacerino sent a letter to Mary Ellen Odell with her concerns and Ms. Nacerino received a memo from Ms. Odell and Commissioner Penna. It looks like the County and Highway Facilities will look into this and have their engineer study this and hopefully we will have a resolution on the safety of that location.

Mr. Griffin stated excellent, very good.

BAMBOO LOCAL LAW – FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION

Mr. Dandreano stated we have been discussing this for a few meetings now. The last time we left off, Shawn Rogan asked if we could contact other municipalities that have this law to see how they are working with it.

Mr. Donald Rossi, Town Attorney stated we did reach out. Emily Naughton of our firm reached out to a couple of different municipalities. The model law that has been used initially in Mamaroneck turns out it had not been adopted, but we spoke to the Town of Hempstead on Long Island and apparently the Sanitation Commissioner handles various types of enforcement proceedings. He gave us quite a little bit of insight into the enforcement aspects of the law and the main thing that he emphasized to us was that he recommended against our law having provisions that I would generally call “self-help” for the Town to actually take on the potential responsibility to remove bamboo. He noted, that in addition to it being very difficult and also very expensive, it is also very dangerous because they have spike like protrusions that could present a problem. With Rich’s assistance, we have pared down the law to permit for enforcement and for the Town to compel landowners to remove it. We took out the section dealing with the Town being able to step into do it itself, so to avoid the possibility of someone trying to compel the Town to take on the responsibility. We fell it has been improved quite a bit and that is what is before you.

Conversation ensued.

Mr. Dandreano introduced the following **Resolution Introducing Local Law I-2 of 2014 and Providing for Public Notice and Hearing – Bamboo:**

R-1014-09

BE IT RESOLVED that an amendment to Patterson Town Code Chapter 53, entitled “Bamboo”, is hereby introduced by Peter Dandreano, as Introductory Local Law No.I-2 of the year 2014 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 November 19, 2014, 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. Cook. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH – SIGN REQUEST

Mr. Dandreano stated we have people who want to donate to pay for the signs, so there is no issue with money. The signs have to be delivered to a police department. A private citizen can’t just order them and have them delivered to their house. The Sheriff’s office said “no

problem” having them delivered there. The only issue is, how do they receive those donations and pay for those signs.

Mr. Cook stated all the signs are within the Putnam Lake Park District. I don’t think we have to ask people for donations. Let it come out of the park budget.

Mr. Burns stated how much are we talking about.

Mr. Dandreano stated a few hundred dollars. We have some people who really wanted to step up and make donations. Some local businesses would like to donate.

Mr. Burns stated the way to do it would be to have those private entities get together and purchase the signs and make them available for places like Scotties, Putnam Lake Market and have some kind of sponsor, “this sign is sponsored by” and give them a little credit.

Mr. Cook stated I’m not sure you can do that.

Mr. Burns stated it’s a private entity.

Mr. Cook stated but the Neighborhood Watch is a Town.....

Mr. Dandreano stated I guess that is what we have to define.

Mr. Burns stated the Neighborhood Watch is a bunch of private individuals who agreed to look out for one another in a neighborhood. Would there really be implications to the Town.

Mr. Dandreano stated we just helped to get it rolling.

Mr. Cook stated for a couple of hundred dollars we shouldn’t ask the people.

Mr. Don Rossi stated I would lean toward taking the donations to pay for the signs. I don’t know if the neighborhood watch would be considered an appropriate Park District expenditure.

Mr. Griffin stated I don’t have a problem with the donations to purchase the signs, I’m just not sure I would want to say “sponsored by”.

Mr. Burns stated I was thinking to put it on the sign.

Mr. Griffin stated if they want to coordinate it through the Town, I think we can go ahead and purchase the signs and figure out how to put them up.

Mr. Dandreano stated so we can receive the donations.

Mr. Griffin stated yes.

Mr. Dandreano stated I think it is good that the businesses and residents want to take ownership and donate.

Mr. Griffin stated you can work with the Sheriff’s Department on where to place the signs.

CHARLES COOK

MARCHESE LETTER – WAIVER OF FEES

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to waive building permit fees by the Building Inspector for Marchese for work done on her home as outlined in the October 21, 2014 memo.

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

NYSEG EASEMENT – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Mr. Cook introduced the following **Resolution Solar Lease Agreement with PatterSun, NY LLC Grant of Easements (NYSEG)**:

R-1014-10

WHEREAS, pursuant to a certain Lease Agreement dated as of July 23, 2014, PatterSun, NY LLC (“PatterSun”), an affiliate of BQ Energy, LLC, leased certain land from the Town of Patterson located at 271 Cornwall Hill Road, Patterson, New York (the “Premises”) for the installation and operation of a solar electric generating facility (the “Facility”); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the installation and operation of the Facility, it is necessary to grant certain easements to New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (“NYSEG”); and

WHEREAS, following negotiations with the Town Attorney, NYSEG has prepared and submitted to the Town the necessary easement documents, and full and complete copies thereof are annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson desires to grant said easements to NYSEG in the form submitted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby approves the grant to NYSEG of the two (2) easements in the form annexed hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby authorizes and directs the Supervisor to execute said easements and all other documents necessary to give effect to this Resolution, consistent with the terms hereof and in such form as is satisfactory to the Town Planner and Town Attorney.

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

MANCINI SUBDIVISION – VARIANCE REQUEST

Mr. Cook made a **motion** that the Town Board approves naming the Planning Board as lead agency for SEQRA purposes with regard to the Mancini Subdivision.

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

SHAWN ROGAN

ABSENT

MICHAEL GRIFFIN

Mr. Griffin stated there was a request made to invite the Fire Department in to see if there was any questions or if they wanted to discuss their budgets with the Town Board before the final adoption. I see tonight we have Chief Spindzor from the Patterson Fire Department and Robert Shultz, President of the Putnam Lake Fire Department. Does anyone have any questions.

Mr. Cook stated I do. We can start with Putnam Lake. Thank you for coming here tonight. With regard to EMS, the money that is budgeted, is that for training.

Mr. Rob Shultz, President of Putnam Lake Fire Department stated no, that is for EMS equipment, supplies, bandages, collars etc.

Mr. Cook stated ok. Next, fire equipment, is that for a new truck.

Mr. Shultz stated no Sir that is for gear, saws, hoses and anything we use on the fire ground or anything that might need to be replaced.

Mr. Cook stated ok. Debt services, what is that.

Mr. Shultz stated that is the mortgage or loans we have out. We are actually financing a compressor system to refill our (inaudible) because the unit itself is about \$55,000.00 and we didn't want to ask the Town for \$55,000.00 to replace this system, so we will finance it and make payments over the next three years.

Mr. Cook stated training.

Mr. Shultz stated that is any class that will require us to travel to a different Town, County or different State for fire, EMS personnel to go to a class or conference.

Mr. Cook stated the Admin.

Mr. Shultz stated the Admin. is paying bills, stamps, any bank fees, copy paper, ink for the printer or things like that.

Mr. Cook stated and Capital Expenditures.

Mr. Shultz stated that used to be an expenditure for vehicle replacement or if something on the truck breaks. Anytime you put fire equipment in front of anything the price doubles. That is just in case we have a failure of our hydraulic system or a pump or any kind of major system that we use on the truck or something along those lines where it wouldn't be locked in so much as vehicle replacement we can use that money to replace and repair the existing equipment.

Mr. Cook stated thank you.

Mr. Griffin stated uniforms, is that turn-out gear.

Mr. Shultz stated no, that is the dress uniform. Turn-out gear is under fire equipment.

Mr. Griffin stated thank you Rob.

Mr. Matt Spindzor, Chief of Patterson Fire Department stated Good evening.

Mr. Cook stated thanks Matt for coming in. You have the turn-out gear like Putnam Lake, right.

Mr. Spindzor stated right. That turn-out gear line includes personnel protective equipment, turn-out gear itself, coats, pants, gloves, boots, helmets, hoods and some need to be replaced throughout the year. Unfortunately, the National Fire Protection Association has set a ten year limit on the life expectancy of DPE. We purchased a number of sets of bunker gear, helmets, boots back in either 2004 or 2006 with Federal Grant money and a lot of the equipment is now in need of replacement.

Mr. Cook stated line 11 equipment.

Mr. Spindzor stated the budget is broken out between Administration, Fire and Rescue, which is EMS. There is a small amount for administrative equipment.

Mr. Cook stated category 35, training and education, is that for fire and EMS.

Mr. Spindzor stated it is broken out separately, so that the training and education line under fire is strictly for fire training and the other side is for EMS under rescue. That includes classes outside the State and training supplies, EMT class and text books.

Mr. Cook stated line 38, social, is this to entertain the Supervisor and close friends and family.

Mr. Spindzor stated that is for the annual installation dinner which you are invited to and there is a small amount on the fire and rescue side for hosting the Putnam County Fire Chief's Association meeting, which is a monthly meeting.

Mr. Cook stated your mortgage relates to building equipment.

Mr. Spindzor stated yes, the building and the pavilion.

Mr. Cook stated vehicle replacement fund, do you plan on buying a truck.

Mr. Spindzor stated we have a schedule and depending on the type of vehicle, it is anywhere between a 7 and 20 year replacement. Every year we set money aside for those various vehicles. We are actually in the process of convening an apparatus committee to purchase a new vehicle. We actually have a couple of vehicles that are behind schedule and we are actually looking to pare down the fleet. We will try to combine at least two vehicles into one to reduce costs.

Mr. Cook stated what is a cascade system.

Mr. Spindzor stated it is a fill system for the (inaudible) bottles. We have a compressor that filters the air and compresses it to 4500 psi and that air is stored in 6,000 psi bottles, so when we come back from a fire, we will take those cylinders and we can fill numerous cylinders off that system without having to run the compressor because it can take a long time to fill each one of those bottles individually.

Mr. Cook stated my last question, what is the "One Hundred Year Fund."

Mr. Spindzor stated we started to set money aside a number of years ago for the Centennial, which will be 2021. There are some things planned but there were talks about a parade, dinner and some other things. Mahopac just celebrated their Centennial this year.

Mr. Cook stated thank you. For both of you, you haven't been sending us the reports that we should be getting.

Mr. Spindzor stated I did provide one for you in the second quarter. I have one for the third quarter, which I will email to you.

Mr. Cook stated we haven't had any from you.

Mr. Shultz stated the reports have nothing to do with me, but I will talk to the Chief and have him get those reports over to you.

Mr. Cook stated they are quarterly reports, so we need to be up to date.

Mr. Burns stated thank you both for coming and thank you for your service. We all appreciate the service that you render the Town. Patterson Fire Department was at my house this morning because my father fell out of bed and needed to be helped. That being said, it is a challenge for us doing our due diligence just making sure that we are looking critically at the budget and making sure the budgets are what you need and you are getting what you need and also being diligent with the taxpayer's money. One of the things that I think may be helpful is if we started this process earlier, and maybe you can take back to your membership, for us the Putnam Lake budget is about five percent of the Town's budget and I think Patterson's is about eight percent, so between the two of you it is a thirteen percent budget for the Town. We can't audit your books, so maybe in June your membership could work with the Comptroller so we have a sense of where you are mid-year.

Mr. Shultz stated our budget is due September 1st. We meet in July and a couple of times in August to have the budget ready for September. We have no problem putting our numbers together early.

Mr. Burns stated I think it would be helpful if Trish sat down with you. Thank you.

Conversation ensued.

Ms. Patricia Brooks, Town Comptroller stated I just wanted to clarify the audit requirement from the State has been since 2007. Both fire departments were notified in 2008 for 2009 of the requirements.

Mr. Griffin stated we have some adopted budget changes. We moved money from the Contingency Account to compensate for Mr. Williams request for additional compensation for his staff.

Ms. Brooks stated correct.

Mr. Griffin stated the retirement stuff would reflect the increase in the salaries, so basically we took \$21,058.00 from Contingency and moved it over to the Planner's Personal Services line. That is the only change that has been made from the preliminary to the final.

Ms. Brooks stated everything else is the same and it is still 1.49% increase in taxes.

Mr. Griffin stated thank you. I am very pleased to have you on the team. It makes our life a lot easier.

2015 FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION - RESOLUTION

Mr. Griffin introduced the following **Resolution Adoption of the Final Budget for 2015:**

R-1014-11

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson is currently in the process of finalizing the budget for the 2015 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson has met at the time and place specified in the Notice of Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget has heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon, and

WHEREAS, the General Fund appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$3,918,152.00 to \$3,918,152.00 and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$3,068,290.00 to \$3,068,290.00 and

WHEREAS, the Putnam Lake Fire Protection District appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$527,670.00 to \$527,670.00 and

WHEREAS, the Patterson Fire Protection District appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$989,700.00 to \$989,700.00 and

WHEREAS, the Patterson Hamlet Sewer District appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$416,007.00 to \$416,007.00 and

WHEREAS, Capital Fund appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$550,000.00 to \$550,000.00 and

WHEREAS, the Patterson Library appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$738,552.00 to \$738,552.00 and

WHEREAS, the Putnam Lake Lighting District appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$22,025.00 to \$22,025.00 and

WHEREAS, the Patterson Lighting District appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$25,425.00 to \$25,425.00 and

WHEREAS, the Putnam Lake Refuse appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$251,636.00 to \$251,636.00 and

WHEREAS, the Patterson Garbage District appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$1,013,147.00 to \$1,013,147.00 and

WHEREAS, the Dorsett Hollow Drainage District appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$3,300.00 to \$3,300.00 and

WHEREAS, the Deerwood Drainage District appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$2,100.00 to \$2,100.00 and

WHEREAS, the Quail Ridge Road Improvement District appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$14,800.00 to \$14,800.00 and

WHEREAS, the Patterson Park appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$108,010.00 to \$108,010.00 and

WHEREAS, the Putnam Lake Park District appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$217,385.00 to \$217,385.00 and

WHEREAS, the Alpine Water District appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$35,630.00 to \$35,630.00 and

WHEREAS, the Dorsett Hollow Water District appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$27,405.00 to \$27,405 00 and

WHEREAS, the Fox Run Water District appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$59,235.00 to \$59,235.00 and

WHEREAS, the Debt Service Fund appropriation reflected in the Preliminary Budget has been amended from \$81,341.00 to \$81,341.00 and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2015 Budget as amended and revised is hereby adopted as set forth in Schedule "A" which is attached hereto and made part hereof.

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

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2015 – DISCUSSION

Mr. Griffin stated everyone was given a copy of the meeting schedule for 2015. Take a look at it and let me know if you have any questions or changes. There was some talk about eliminating a July meeting.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES & ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY – DISCUSSION /ADOPTION

Mr. Griffin stated Sue Brown is our Director of Personnel and pretty much everything else that needs to get done regarding insurance, safety committee etc. She brought to my attention that our Controlled Substances & Alcohol Testing Policy was deficient. She worked with HR Consultants to get us a brand new policy. Everyone look it over and if you want we can bring this up again at the next Town Board meeting. Sue have you made all the changes that you wanted.

Ms. Sue Brown stated yes.

Mr. Cook stated I would respectfully ask that you hold this until the next meeting. I haven't had a chance to review it.

SOLAR FARM REQUEST – REFUND

Mr. Griffin stated we have a memo from Robert McCarthy, Director of Codes requesting a refund of the Building Permit fees associated with Mr. Reginald Powe.

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** to approve Mr. McCarthy's request to refund \$254.00 to Solar Farm.

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

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** to add one item to his agenda regarding the water system for the Town.

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

Mr. Griffin stated we have been notified by our Health Department that once again we have issues with our water in the Town Hall. We have a recommendation from Paul Fava, Maintenance and Building Supervisor to put an ultraviolet system on the Town Hall water supply. He is recommending that we use Old Faithfull Pump.

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** to approve the request of Mr. Fava to use Old Faithfull Pump and install a UV system on the Town Hall water supply in an amount not to exceed \$4,182.00.

Seconded by Mr. Burns.

Mr. Burns stated discussion. Do we also provide water to the court.

Mr. Griffin stated yes, the one well provides water to both buildings and they have their own separate UV and filtration system over there. They are set.

All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Burns stated I know in this budget we did not include any funds for consideration of the Master Plan, largely because we had budget constraints. It seems to me we should have a joint meeting between the Planning Board, Zoning Board and the Town Board that maybe we should put on our schedule earlier than later to discuss the Master Plan.

Mr. Griffin stated yes, there is a substantial amount of money in Contingency and we still have a fairly substantial Fund Balance, so if a request for a modest amount of money were to be made, I don't think it would be impossible to find some seed money to get started.

Mr. Burns stated ok, thank you.

Mr. Cook stated a resident commented to me that on Route 164 by the one lane bridges, there is adequate signage etc., but if you are going east and you start up by the old Town Hall and you hit that first bridge, there is a flashing light. There is none coming in the opposite direction and there is none on the second bridge in either direction. Pete, could you get someone to look into that.

Mr. Dandreano stated we did look at that. I went out there personally with Rich Dillman from the DOT and a representative from the County Highway Department. We sat out there and watched the traffic. They determined with all the signage and the way it is set up nothing else should be done at this time. They refreshed the signage.

Mr. Dandreano stated the rail road overpass on Route 311, which is great because it prevents commercial traffic going through, but a couple of residents brought to my attention the rock retaining wall on each side of the tracks looks like it is crumbling down. Who owns that property.

Mr. Burns stated one of the trestles came down.

Mr. Griffin stated some parts of it, but the one bridge got hit and they reset it. It is in tough shape. I have no problem letting Metro North or Conrail know.

Mr. Williams spoke but unable to transcribe.

Mr. Griffin stated they don't own under the tracks anymore. So, when we do something under the crossings, we don't have to talk to Conrail.

Mr. Williams stated as far as I know Conrail is out of it all together.

Mr. Dandreano stated it is actually more on the side of the tracks.

Mr. Griffin stated we have a good relationship with Jeff Hamel, so I will reach out to him and find out who would be the appropriate individual to speak to. We don't want them to take that bridge down.

Mr. Burns stated isn't that supposed to be the bike path.

Mr. Griffin stated it was supposed to be, but the prior Administration; not Mary Ellen Odell, mismanaged the grant to the point where they didn't act on it and they lost it.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Mr. Williams stated Senator Ball was gracious enough to secure a \$50,000.00 grant for Putnam Lake. Initially it came in as \$50,000.00 for a carp gate. It was decided not to go with the carp gate and Mr. Cook was good enough to go and work with Mr. Ball's office to get the grant changed around to other amenities for the Putnam Lake area, including equipment and the study. I have all that paperwork to file with DASNY showing that the grant is for the revised items. DASNY called me and said we don't have anything on that grant, we have everything for a carp gate. So, we could go forward with the carp gate or we can try to get it again. The problem is Mr. Ball will be gone in two months and we won't have that support anymore. The PAB was okay with switching it back to the carp gate. My recommendation to the board is to not try to get it switched back to the equipment because of the timing issue, but to go forward with the carp gate, secure it through DASNY and then if everyone decides they don't want to go forward with the carp gate or DEC doesn't approve it, a significant amount of time will have passed, so our new Senator will be in Albany and will be able to help us out to change this around.

Mr. Dandreano stated I think if the carp gate is a sure thing and the Advisory Board wants to look into that instead of rolling the dice, I think we should go along with the carp gate.

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to add one item to the agenda.

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

Mr. Cook introduced the following **Resolution for Putnam Lake Carp Gate Project SEQRA Lead Agency Notice:**

R-1014-12

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson proposes to construct a carp gate at the Putnam Lake dam located along Fairfield Drive, 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 an UNLISTED ACTION, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to conduct a coordinated environmental review of the Project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson declares their intent to assume lead agency status in the review of the aforementioned Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the town of Patterson authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor to circulate notice of the Town's intent to all other involved agencies.

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

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. Dandreano. All in favor: Aye. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Antoinette Kopeck, Town Clerk