

PATTERSON TOWN BOARD MEETING
PATTERSON RECREATION CENTER
65 FRONT STREET
PATTERSON, NEW YORK 12563
December 2, 2015

MINUTES

PRESENT: MICHAEL GRIFFIN, SUPERVISOR
KEVIN BURNS, COUNCILMAN
CHARLES W. COOK, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
PETER DANDREANO, COUNCILMAN
SHAWN ROGAN, 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 200 in attendance.

PRESENTATION – GARBAGE BIDS DISCUSSION/RESOLUTION

Mr. Griffin stated I just want to let everyone know that this is not a public hearing, this is an informational meeting. We are going to make a presentation. Shawn Rogan and Pete Dandreano were the Board members that were on the committee to study the garbage district issues and they will give an overview of what they did. There are some additional materials in the handout that was generated from my office that I will go over and then we will open it up to questions and comments. We would ask that if your question has been asked, that we don't have a repeat of that question and if your comment has been stated, please don't get up and state it again. We have a lot of material to cover. Phil, you have a presentation you would like to give as well.

Mr. Phil Capalbo stated sure.

Mr. Griffin stated I will now open it to Mr. Rogan and Mr. Dandreano.

Mr. Rogan stated thank you Supervisor Griffin. Both Councilman Dandreano and I met with Phil Capalbo, a CSEA Representative and a member of the Highway Department, as well as a member of the public, Bruce Majors and Frank Farrell, the Sanitation Administrator at the endorsement of the Town Board earlier this year. The purpose of that sub-committee was to look at existing and future sanitation services within Patterson to formulate a plan and look at all the different options that were available. We have a memo from the committee, which hopefully many of you have and I thought it would make sense and probably be more brief if I read through some of this.

Earlier this year at the request of the Town Board, a subcommittee was formed with the members that I just mentioned, to look at Sanitation District No. 1 and 2. For those of you that may not know, and we found this speaking to the community quite a bit, that didn't know the difference between Sanitation District No. 1 and 2. District No. 1 encompasses the Putnam Lake area and has been serviced many years by a private hauler. The current District No. 1 charges roughly \$191.00. Residents receive one garbage pick-up and one recycling pick-up per week. They also receive one bulk pick-up per year. Conversely, Sanitation District No. 2 is mainly comprised to the areas west of Route 22. There are a few areas up on the northern part of Putnam Lake. That area has been serviced by our municipal workers from the Sanitation Department for many years. The current District No. 2 currently charges approximately \$362.00 per year. Residents also receive one garbage and one recycling pick-up per week and one bulk pick-up per year on a call-in or an as needed basis. Mike didn't mention, but there are no discussions or plans to change or close the Recycling Center as we currently know it. If anything, we may look for ways to increase efficiencies or maybe even offer additional hours of operation. Starting back in February, the sub-committee met and they looked at several different things, like cost savings measures and the effectiveness of the work we do. One thing that became clear was that the service by our municipal workers as well as the service provided

by the private hauler, were both very acceptable. We didn't see a lot of complaints. Just a few here and there on both sides. The level of service that all Patterson residents have received has generally been deemed excellent. Some of the options that we discussed was to keep things the way they currently are. That would mean we would continue with having a private hauler pick-up in the Putnam Lake area and we would continue having our municipal workers pick-up District 2. The second option would be to expand our municipal services and have our Patterson Sanitation workers service the entire Town. That would mean we would not hire an outside contractor. The last option we looked at was having a private hauler service the entire Town. The sub-committee also discussed safety issues relating to the job. We all know that the sanitation job is a very dangerous job. It requires lifting heavy objects, holding onto the back of the truck and dangerous slippery conditions. One of the concerns we looked at because of the inherent dangers was the safety aspect. The decision was made to investigate options for automated garbage collection, as well. Bid documents, ultimately for putting out to a private hauler to find out what the services would cost moving forward, were prepared with both manual collection and automated collection, so the Town Board would have all the different options for what it would cost to go the different routes. The sub-committee also explored options for improving job safety for our municipal guys. One of the areas that was brought up by Frank Farrell and Phil Capalbo was the idea that we could retrofit some of the trucks, like an ancillary lift system. Phil will speak more to this. Something that lifts some of the containers and takes some of the burden off of the men. The sub-committee evaluated existing municipal trucks, and you will see this in the document that I am working from. One of the items that kicked off this discussion was the idea that we need to replace a garbage packer, which is approximately \$185,000.00. That brought about the question about looking at the way we do business and the cost of services.

Some of the findings of the sub-committee and on the spreadsheet you will see some of the prices that were obtained from three other people that submitted bids. You will see the existing municipal costs, as well projected for 2016, based on a few factors. We know what it costs us today for service, but we also have the potential of replacing the truck, we have potential increases in things like health insurance and retirement benefits and other related costs. Ultimately, the sub-committee made a recommendation to the Town Board. In District No. 1, the sub-committee found that at this time they did not believe that the municipal workers could expand their service to include garbage collection in both districts. We are not set up for it and we don't have the equipment. The recommendation is that the Town Board accepting the lowest responsible bidder for Putnam Lake that has been serviced by a private hauler for many years. The recommendation for District No. 2, was that the sub-committee found that the Town Board should consider one of two options. The first option would be to continue business as usual with our municipal workers with a projected future cost of somewhere between \$364.00 and \$405.00, based on the schedule provided in the spreadsheet. The second option would be to hire the lowest responsible bidder and hire out a private hauler.

Mr. Peter Dandreaano stated Shawn did a good job explaining all the details. I just want to reiterate that this committee was formed to gather information and to bring information to the Town Board and also the public. We would like you to look over the numbers and tell us what you think.

Mr. Griffin stated I won't go into great details about the letter that is in the handout. In 1994, when I became Town Supervisor, our mortgage tax money, which was one of our single biggest sources of revenue, was about \$265,000.00 annually. In the early 2000's, it was in the \$600,000.00 to \$800,000.00 range and we were putting that money aside for a rainy day fund balance. In the past couple of years, our mortgage tax numbers have been below the 1994 and 1995 numbers. One year we didn't even break 200,000, so that is a huge drop in our revenue income. Along with the fact that the County does not share sales tax in Putnam, so our main sources of revenue are three. Number one is property tax, two is mortgage tax and three is revenue from the courts, the building department, etc. Those numbers have stayed reasonably steady through the years, but to keep the Town basically even, every year our medical insurance costs go up somewhere between eight and ten percent. Just to have a zero percent budget, we have to find \$70,000.00 more than we had to find the year before. This past year however; has been very difficult. In February, the Patterson Fire Department and the Putnam Lake Fire Department stated they no longer had the personnel to provide ambulance service in the Town. At that point, they did get us to July and from July on we have been paying \$21,000.00 per month, so that when someone calls 911 an ambulance shows up. Thank you to the Patterson

Fire Department, they do five nights a week, which saves us about \$8,000.00 per month. That is very helpful. However; going forward, next year we had to budget \$275,000.00 more than we budgeted this year to provide ambulance service. This year we will spend about \$120,000.00 for ambulance that we did not have in our budget. That is money that will have to come out of the fund balance. Next year, will have \$275,000.00 and the \$70,000.00 in standard increases, so we are looking for \$300,000.00 plus in additional monies that needed to be found in the budget. I spent a lot of time looking at the budget and looking at the fund balances with our Town Comptroller, Patricia Brooks and at a current projector in five years we will be in negative territory. We have taken a hard look at all our expenses and costs and where there are opportunities to save money. We have a four year projected out plan for savings in the Assessors Department and a number of other things. When we received the numbers for the bids, one of the things we looked at was true cost of employment. There is a sheet in the handout that talks about analysis and employment costs for Refuse District 2. It's about \$66.83 per hour for an employee, and \$110,000.00 per year. If you also take into consideration retirement benefits, which New York State said you have to calculate your liabilities for an individual that works for you until the age of 79. The cost per hour then goes up to \$80.64 per person. We wanted to get a clear picture of true cost of labor. When you look at the private sector of the \$159.00 per year versus the potential for \$400.00 a year, it generates a savings to the taxpayer's of about \$200.00 plus a year, about \$1,000.00 per household over five years and about \$2.5 million dollars to the collective, which is about 2,600 families. When we looked at the potential savings of \$2.5 million over five years, we felt that it was essential to give the information to you so everyone understands what the picture really looks like. We have constant escalating costs in the Town. We have dwindling fund balances, limited ability to raise money other than property tax, we are capped at 2% by the State of New York. The picture for the Town of Patterson going forward isn't particularly a good one. The economy doesn't improve dramatically, our mortgage tax money doesn't improve dramatically, we are going to continue to burn our reserves to a point that there are no more reserves and the bills aren't going to be going away. What we are doing now is looking at every possible way to save money going forward and this is one thing we wanted to present to the public. It has become very controversial, so we wanted to give everyone an opportunity to hear the numbers, ask questions, make your statements and hopefully we can come to some sort of a conclusion. We have had five negotiating sessions with the CSEA and we are at impasse. They had asked for about \$260,000.00 in wage and benefit increases. We asked for about the same amount in concessions. Neither is willing to consider. One of the issues with the garbage is if the union has been performing that work for any significant period of time, labor law in the State of New York gives them the right of exclusivity. That means they are the only ones that can do the job. They would have to give us permission to go to privatization. We offered to compensate each employee \$5,000.00 per person. That was rejected. The latest contract offer of 2%, 2% and waive exclusivity was rejected, so we have three options which is detailed in your handout.

Mr. Griffin opened up the meeting to the audience.

Mr. Phil Capalbo, Patterson Highway Department stated I sat on the Sanitation Sub-Committee with Pete Dandreaano, Shawn Rogan, Bruce Majors and Frank Farrell. I knew there was a lot of ways this could go tonight, wasn't sure where it would go, but I was really hoping it wouldn't get into contract negotiations. I spoke to Shawn about that at length a good week ago and we could go on for hours about that. The \$260,000.00 that Mr. Griffin brought up, I think needs to be addressed right away, because it will get lost in this whole mess. Both parties came to the table, the Town had thirteen pages of give backs they were looking for, we had five pages. They total ours up and had \$260,000.00 worth of concessions that we were looking for. They had one page on the longevity schedule that would require a man over his expectancy to work here, until he retires, about \$53,000.00 a man over a half of a million dollars it would have been in give backs. They don't mention that. That was one of the thirteen pages. The reason I say this is, those pages are wish lists. We both come to the table with wish lists. We do it for a reason, because sometimes the budgets are such that there is no money to give, so you have other things in line on your wish list that says; ok, maybe we can get comp time or maybe we can give you something off of your health care. There are a lot of things that change. Those wish lists are not a totalitarian number that everyone wants. What he didn't mention is in the contract previous to the one we are trying to negotiate now three years ago. The Union felt compassion for the economy, which does bite right now. We understand it. We understand that if you can't afford to live, we don't have jobs. We are doing everything we can to make it feasible to do our jobs. We are cutting costs at Highway all the time and we are just now getting down to the brass

hats to finding ways to save money in Sanitation. In the last contract, we gave back overtime language, gave into our health care that we didn't previously do before and we gave up the vacation schedule for new hires, which was a big give back for the Union men. The pension costs for the Town's payments have gone close to 3% this year and will also be down close to 3% projected next year. I would also say that the give backs in the last contract, which also had a man cut from the budget from the Sanitation Department, probably did not reflex one dollar of reduction in anyone's sanitation costs, but we gave back those things. We are not unrelenting. We are very willing to work with the Town. Having said that, my position for the Sanitation Committee is a little bit different, because I am a Union man and I am happy to work for five members that have jobs over there, plus works for the taxpayer, to find out the best cost effective way to do this. I can tell you, we had many debates and good heated discussions. If you ask Bruce Majors, we were going at it time and time again. If I didn't look at these things the way I've been looking at them now, I can't even tell you the amount of things I know about Sanitation that I didn't think existed. There is so much more than just throwing garbage and dumping garbage. The costs that are involved are big. That being said, I am going to move on because Shawn touched on a lot of the stuff that has to do with the bid process and came up with the numbers that you are looking at from all three carters.

First of all, I would like to thank the public for coming out tonight. We received a lot of support through emails and people calling us. It has been immense, and I can't thank you enough. I want to thank the sub-committee; Shawn, Pete, Bruce and Frank for putting in a year's worth of time to do this. Phil introduced the Sanitation Department and explained how the department is run.

Mr. Andrew Falk stated I will be brief. We are not all going to stand up and speak, but who here has come out to support our Sanitation Department. Please stand up, (applause). Thank you very much. Supervisor Griffin, when you talk about the numbers, you talked about \$200.00 per household per year in savings. So, you are talking about .55 a day per household. It's nice to hear you talk about cost savings, but when this Town Board voted for next year's budget, you had enough money to give each and every one of you a raise. Where is the cost savings when you had the opportunity to dip into our reserves, because you spoke about how our reserves are dwindling, you dipped into our reserves to bring the budget in under the tax cap and when you saw that pile of money on the table, you took it and stuck it in your pocket. I am so proud of this Town of Patterson, I'm proud of our Sanitation Department, I'm proud of the Town that comes out and I'm ashamed of our Town Board that you are talking about privatizing (unable to transcribe). Do the right thing and protect the jobs of these men. Who is willing to pay .55 a day to keep our sanitation men, (everyone applauded). Thank you very much. We will be watching you. All of us who came out here today will be watching you. We will all hold you all accountable.

Ms. Bridget Kayser stated I have been a Patterson resident since 1996. My understanding is that we have less full time garbage men and less highway men. I don't know where their salary went and why there wasn't reduction from that. I think it just went back in the pot for part of the raises. I also have a concern that on the sanitation's property there are solar panels, which I don't believe go to Patterson. Is that true.

Mr. Griffin stated the rental comes to the Town of Patterson.

Ms. Kayser stated no, the power. Instead of renting the property, which is a liability to the Town, they should be getting the power and using it, instead of paying NYSEG. That would offset some of the things you are talking about for the sanitation, especially since you are using sanitation property. In the last few years, I believe, there has been an increase in construction of new homes in Patterson. Would that be true.

Mr. Griffin stated there is a very modest uptick. It does not reflect in our mortgage taxes.

Ms. Kayser stated no, but it reflects in how much more garbage less men are picking up and doing a better job with less men. That is what it does reflect. You cut jobs in sanitation and highway and they still maintain the job and service more properties or units. I believe that if it is Patterson property and the taxpayer's are paying for that property and there are solar panels on it, the energy from those solar panels belong in Patterson to offset what you want to bill us. Thank you.

Mr. Ken Harper stated you raised a question on the mortgage tax. How much of the mortgage tax goes to bid for our garbage pick-up.

Mr. Griffin stated it doesn't, it goes to General Fund.

Mr. Harper stated right, so how does the garbage fund impact your loss of revenue in terms of the general fund.

Mr. Griffin stated we have a tax cap and we have a tax rate that we can raise only a certain percentage. That number isn't divvied out of Highway General Fund, it is an overall tax cap. The tax cap is for the entirety of the Town. Any savings generated effects the tax cap.

Mr. Harper stated for District No. 2 garbage, which is what we are talking about, there is not going to be any impact on District No. 1, what-so-ever. Doesn't change your issue with regards to reduction of mortgage tax revenue, it's still the same problem. Even if we go along with what you are suggesting here, it doesn't address the issue that you are bringing up with regards to reduction of mortgage tax revenue, correct.

Mr. Griffin stated it affects the tax cap number what we can raise in terms of total taxes.

Mr. Harper stated I think what you are saying is that the two issues are unrelated.

Mr. Griffin stated no, actually what I am saying is that the two issues are very much related.

Mr. Harper stated we pay the garbage tax, we pay whatever the cost is.

Mr. Griffin stated the garbage is billed as a district charge, but the overall tax cap amount to be raised by taxes is not separated out by district, it's not separated out by General Fund, Highway Fund or anything else. It is a total number. The amount to be raised by taxes.

Mr. Harper stated I get a separate bill.

Mr. Griffin stated you get a separate bill, but the State of New York has told us that our tax cap for this year coming, 2016 was .78. That is how much we were allowed to increase taxes, unless we had savings from the prior years, which we did. The fact of the matter is, is that any money that we save along the way gives us tax cap space.

Mr. Harper stated so why should Garbage District No. 2 be the focus of this in terms of a Townwide issue regarding the tax cap.

Mr. Griffin stated we are looking at every possible way to try and save money.

Audience members stated why did you get a raise.

Mr. Griffin stated if you look at a 2% raise for the Town Board the dollars are almost inconsequential. We are getting off course here.

Mr. Harper stated I think you are mudding the waters with regards to two separate issues. If you want to talk about the Garbage District, then we will talk about the people in garbage District No. 2 and how we feel about paying what it costs for our garbage to be picked up. Extraordinarily well, I have no complaints. I'm thrilled to pay that .55 extra a day for that kind of service.

Mr. Kevin Trecico stated I'm a resident since 2001. I'm kind of curious. These guys do a great job. Living up here, my taxes, I have septic, I have a well, I have oil delivered to my house that I've paid for and I have once a week garbage and recycle pick-up and the Highway comes by and does a pretty good job when it snows. Why do you have to hammer these guys. I don't get this. I went to refinance my house and I'm getting taxed at \$155,000.00, but because of the banking, my house was appraised with an independent auditor at \$124,000.00. You are already charging me \$30,000.00 over. You are going to take one thing that I am actually getting service for.

Mr. Phil Calpabo stated I just wanted to touch on something I forgot to mention before. Everyone know that Rich Williams is the incoming Supervisor and we are looking forward to working with him. During the election process, Rich was trying to put out fires about the rumor that he wanted to get rid of the Sanitation Department.

Phil read the letter that Rich wrote.

Mr. Calpabo stated I would just like to appeal to Rich to please still stand on his statements and we will help to implement whatever we can to make cost savings toward that department. Thank you very much.

Mr. Griffin stated I think we covered all of the issues. Nothing is going to change with the sanitation pick-up for at least a year. That is entirely up to the Board. It is a decision that will have to be made next year. I will not be here to be involved.

Mr. Bellucci stated I have lived here for most of my 60 years. I would like to thank the Board for their hard work, I know their intentions are good. My father was an immigrant who came here for the work. He worked hard and these guys, I know most of them by face, and I see how hard they work and if I have to pay .55, or \$1.55 more, I'm happy to do that. I know people who have lost jobs and in America that is a big thing. I would like you to keep every one of their jobs and whatever we have to do to keep them. If you need a thousand signatures, I'll go tomorrow and get them.

Mr. Bill Hamilton stated both parties need to sit down and talk. They are fighting for their jobs and you need to fight for their jobs too, but you need to come together on it. You have to do it, these are our people. One other thing, I am Marine Corp Combat Veteran and whatever you are doing to that flag over there is disrespectful and I want it changed.

Mr. Griffin introduced the following **Resolution for Rejection of Bids of Suburban Carting Company for Residential and Recyclables Collection Services for Town Garbage Districts No. 1 and No. 2:**

R-1215-01

WHEREAS, by motion of the Patterson Town Board adopted by unanimous vote on July 22, 2015, the Patterson Town Clerk duly advertised for bids for residential and recyclables collection services for Town Garbage Districts No. 1 and No. 2 for one (1) year, three (3) year and five (5) year terms; and

WHEREAS, copies of information for bidders, general requirements, bid specifications, a non-collusive bidding certification and bid proposal forms (collectively, the "Bid Documents") were made available at the Patterson Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Advertisement for Bids and the Bid Documents specifically provide that the Town Board reserved the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities or defects in any bid in the interest of the Town; and

WHEREAS, three (3) entities submitted bid proposals in response to the Advertisement for Bids, namely proposals from (i) AAA Carting & Rubbish Removal, Inc. dated September 14, 2015 for each District; (ii) Panichi Holding Corp. d/b/a Royal Carting Service dated September 14, 2015 for each District; and (iii) Suburban Carting Company dated September 14, 2015 for Garbage District No. 1 and September 15, 2015 for Garbage District No. 2, all of which were opened by the Town Clerk after the close of the bidding process on September 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, all of the bid packages submitted were reviewed by the Town Board and it has been determined that the Bid Proposals of Suburban Carting are deficient in numerous respects for failure to comply with instructions of the Bid Documents including, without prejudice or limitation by reason of specification,

- (i) Failure to complete and sign the Indemnity Clause (Section 00350, Page 33);

- (ii) Deleted the "Questionnaire" form set forth at Pages 56-59, inclusive, of the Bid Documents, and replaced them with pages from a previously submitted "Advertisement for Bids", for Garbage District No. 1 only, in 2010, in violation of the specific provision of the Bid Documents prohibiting removal of the Questionnaire from the Specifications;
- (iii) Omitting from the replacement pages responses to Item 5 (prior addresses), Item 6 (details regarding the square footage of the Company's business premises), Item 7 (own or lease business premises) and Item 8 (zoning status), and Items 9(a) and (b) (possible criminal records of principals); and
- (iv) Submitted responses to Items in its replacement pages, most notably Items 16 (equipment) and 25 (gross revenues), information that while assumedly valid in 2010, cannot be relied upon as accurate for the current bid submission; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that the Bid Proposals of Suburban Carting omitted essential information at the time of opening, that the foregoing specified irregularities and deficiencies in the Bid Proposals are material and substantial and should not and cannot be waived, and that the Town Board is compelled to reject said Bid Proposals in the best interests of the Town,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby rejects the Bid Proposals of Suburban Carting Company submitted in response to the Advertisement for Bids referred to above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and the Town Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to advise Suburban Carting Company or its counsel of the adoption of this resolution; 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. Cook. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

Mr. Griffin introduced the following **Resolution for Acceptance of Bid of AAA Carting Company for Residential and Recyclables Collection Services for Garbage Districts No. 1:**

R-1215-02

WHEREAS, by motion of the Patterson Town Board adopted by unanimous vote on July 22, 2015, the Patterson Town Clerk duly advertised for bids for residential and recyclables collection services for Town Garbage Districts No. 1 and No. 2 for one (1) year, three (3) year and five (5) year terms; and

WHEREAS, copies of information for bidders, general requirements, bid specifications, a non-collusive bidding certification and bid proposal forms (collectively, the "Bid Documents") were made available at the Patterson Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Advertisement for Bids and the Bid Documents specifically provide that the Town Board reserved the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities or defects in any bid in the interest of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Instructions to Bidders reserved the right of the Town to award a Bid in whole or in part; and

WHEREAS, three (3) entities submitted bid proposals in response to the Advertisement for Bids, namely proposals from (i) AAA Carting & Rubbish Removal, Inc. dated September 14, 2015 for each District; (ii) Panichi Holding Corp. d/b/a Royal Carting Service dated September 14, 2015 for each District; and (iii) Suburban Carting Company dated September 14, 2015 for

Garbage District No. 1 and September 15, 2015 for Garbage District No. 2 , all of which were opened by the Town Clerk after the close of the bidding process on September 15, 2015; and WHEREAS, by Resolution #R1215-01, dated December 2, 2015, the Bid proposals for Garbage District No. 1 and Garbage District No. 2 of Suburban Carting Company were rejected for failure to comply with the instructions of the Bid Documents; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, consistent with its rights as set forth in the Bid Documents, wishes to award the lowest bid proposal for Garbage District No. 1 and reject all bid proposals for Garbage District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, AAA Carting & Rubbish Removal, Inc., has submitted the lowest bid for the residential and recyclables collection services for Town Garbage District No. 1 for five (5) year(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby accepts the Bid Proposal of AAA Carting & Rubbish Removal, Inc., for residential and recyclables collection services for Town Garbage District No. 1 only for five (5) year(s); 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. Cook. All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

REPORTS

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

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

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

None

MINUTES

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

Town Board Meeting Minutes - Work Session - September 14, 2015
Town Board Meeting Minutes - November 4, 2015
Town Board Meeting Minutes - November 18, 2015

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

AUDIT OF BILLS

Mr. Cook made a **motion** that the Town Board accept Abstract No. 22 as written.

General Fund \$326,261.76, Highway Fund \$200,069.77, Waste Water Treatment Plant \$9,510.35, Capital Fund \$93.75, Putnam Lake Light District \$1,107.73, Patterson Light District \$1,293.83, Putnam Lake Refuse District #1 \$20,454.55, Patterson Refuse District #2 \$60,363.33, Deerwood Drainage District \$18.38, Patterson Park District \$2,927.87, Putnam Lake Park District \$528.73, Alpine Water District \$1,357.72, Dorset Hollow Water District \$874.58, Fox Run Water District \$485.28, Grand Total Abstract \$625,347.63.

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

PETER DANDREANO

REQUEST FOR SUBSTITUTE HIRE

Mr. Dandreano made a **motion** to approve the request of the Town Clerk to hire a substitute receptionist, Diane Marino to fill in until the permanent receptionist returns from sick leave at a rate of \$11.00 per hour.

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

Mr. Dandreano made a **motion** to add two items to his agenda.

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

Mr. Dandreano stated the Putnam Lake Park District has worked very hard for the walking path from Lake Shore Drive to 110 Lake Shore Drive. They cleared a lot of brush. They would like to have the brush chipped and removed.

Mr. Dandreano made a **motion** to approve Bill Henry Tree Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,250.00 to chip the brush in Putnam Lake.

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

Mr. Dandreano stated they would also like to add along the path a dog waste depot dispenser and bags. They would like to put five along this path.

Mr. Dandreano made a **motion** to approve \$295.00 for the dog waste depot.

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

CHARLES COOK

RECREATION REQUEST(S)

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve the request of Matt Chibbaro, Recreation Director to hire Matt Chibbaro, Jr. as a Junior Staff Member at a rate of \$8.00 per hour and Brett Weiss at a rate of \$8.23 per hour for the Recreation Center.

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

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve Matt Chibbaro's request to purchase trophies for the football program, awarding the bid to Trophy Depot in an amount not to exceed \$708.88.

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

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve Matt Chibbaro's request to purchase sixteen (16) dri-fit staff shirts with the logo of the Town from Steve Dinucci in an amount not to exceed \$166.00.

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

Mr. Cook made a **motion** to approve Matt Chibbaro's request to purchase thirty (30) Youth Coach Basketball "T" shirts, awarding the bid to Steve Dinucci in an amount not to exceed \$155.00.

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

SHAWN ROGAN

VETERANS MEMORIAL PAB REQUEST(S)

Mr. Rogan made a **motion** to approve the request of Cari Weizenecker, Veterans Park Chairperson to purchase twelve (12) heavy duty folding picnic tables from Home Depot for the park in an amount of \$4,500.00.

Seconded by Mr. Dandreano.

Mr. Griffin stated discussion. They can't accept delivery of that until 2016.

All In Favor: Aye. Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Rogan read all the announcements occurring in Patterson.

MICHAEL GRIFFIN

PARTNERS IN SAFETY – CONTRACT RENEWAL

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** to renew the contract with Partners in Safety for Drug and Alcohol testing for 2016.

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

NYCONN SECURITY – UPGRADE PROPOSAL

Mr. Griffin made a **motion** to award NYCONN Security to upgrade security in Town Hall in an amount not to exceed \$1,350.00.

Seconded by Mr. Cook. 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 authorize the final payments to the Patterson and Putnam Lake Fire Departments for 2015.

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

KEVIN BURNS

AWARD AUCTION BID RESOLUTION

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

R-1215-03

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Department has placed a 1986 Chevy Blazer, a 1985 Chevy Pickup, Loader Tires and Rims, and Eleven (11) Picnic Tables (collectively the "Equipment") for sale at auction with Auctions International, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Department has received the following high bids on the Equipment:

1986 Chevy Blazer	\$3,750
1985 Chevy Pickup	\$3,450
Loader Tires and Rims	\$570
Eleven (11) Picnic Tables	\$783; and

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent has recommended that the Town Board accept the high bids and authorize the sale of the Equipment for the above listed amounts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Patterson hereby approves the sale of the Equipment at the high bid amounts as set forth above; 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.

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

Mr. Burns made a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer No. 36 through 39:

Budget Transfer No. 36

From:	DA.5110.400	General Repairs Contractual Expense Account	(\$12,000.00)
To:	DA.5130.400	Machinery Contractual Expense Accounts	\$12,000.00

Budget Transfer No. 37

From:	GWTP.8130.404	Sewer Treatment Contractual - Chemicals Expense Account	(\$2,500.00)
To:	GWTP.8130.403	Sewer Treatment Contractual-Bldg & Grounds Expense Account	\$2,500.00

Budget Transfer No. 38

From:	SWA.8310.400	Water Administration Contractual Expense Account	(\$800.00)
To:	SWA.8320.400	Water Source of Power Contractual Expense Account	\$800.00

Budget Transfer No. 39

From:	A.1410.100	Town Clerk Personal Services	(\$1,100.00)
	A.7140.100	Recreation Center Personal Services	(\$300.00)
	A.8021.100	Planning Board Personal Services	(\$600.00)
		Expense Account	
To:	A.1620.100	Building Personal Services – Town Hall	\$1,000.00
	A.1623.100	Building Personal Services – Rec Center	\$300.00
	A.5010.100	Superintendent of Highway Personal Srvc	\$100.00
	A.8020.100	Planner Personal Services	\$600.00
		Expense Accounts	

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

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Mr. Russ Goff, Highway Superintendent stated I wrote a request for a budget transfer last week and I haven't heard any mention of that.

Mr. Griffin stated I am going back and forth with the Town Comptroller on whether or not we can actually make budget transfers prior to that budget taking effect. I'm not concerned, I already spoke to the incoming Supervisor and the Town Board and they are supportive of what you are asking for. I don't think it will be an issue. We do need a legal opinion as to whether or not they can actually act on budget transfers prior to that budget taking effect. If we can, we will do it at the December 16, 2015 meeting, otherwise we will have to do it at the Organizational Meeting.

Mr. Goff stated the budget gets passed when.

Mr. Griffin stated the budget has been adopted, but it doesn't take effect until January 1, 2016.

Mr. Goff stated ok, thanks.

Mr. Griffin stated not to worry.

Ms. Bridget Kayser stated someone told me that the solar power where the Sanitation Department is isn't even staying in Putnam County. Is that true.

Mr. Griffin stated yes, Trinity Pawling bought all the power from Phase I and the Jehovah's are going to buy all the power from Phase II.

Ms. Kayser stated why aren't we using the power.

Mr. Griffin stated it doesn't go where you want it to go.

Ms. Kayser spoke but unable to transcribe.

Mr. Griffin stated it goes to the grid.

Mr. Burns stated the project put in was about a two million dollar project, which we did not incur. We leased the land to a contractor who installed the panels, they pay us a rent and they sell that electricity on the grid.

Ms. Kayser stated how much do we get every year to put towards our budget.

Mr. Rich Williams stated I negotiated the agreement. It is a lot more than we are currently paying or would be paying with NYSEG. They offered it to some local businesses, the local businesses weren't interested, and schools weren't interested, so they reach out farther. I have been working with Russ and Russ is very interested, we have a new salt building out there and Russ is very aggressive and proactive on this issue. We made sure when it went up it was (inaudible) the right way.

Ms. Kayser stated we are paying less to NYSEG.

Mr. Williams stated yes. We had a landfill that wasn't being used, we were doing the maintenance on it. We are currently getting \$10,000.00 per year in revenue with a 3% escalating (inaudible) and they are doing the maintenance.

Ms. Kayser stated this is why I ask questions, because misinformation is bad. Thank you.

Mr. Griffin asked all audience members to stand for a moment of silence for all the victims in Colorado and California.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Cook made a **motion** to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Antoinette Kopeck, Town Clerk