

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP ANNEX, 122 S. HOWELL ST., PINCKNEY, MI
OCTOBER 18, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting opened at 7:01 PM with Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Knopf.

ROLL CALL

Present: Guyon, Buerman, Klein, McCloskey, Knopf and Dobis
Absent: Benedetti
Others Present: Fire Chief Greg Amburgey; Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to approve the Regular meeting minutes of September 20, 2006 as presented. A synopsis was published in the Livingston Community News. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Ken Palka of Pfeffer, Hanniford & Palka was present to review the annual audit report for the year ending June 30, 2006. **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to accept the report as written and to authorize Palka to file with the State of Michigan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Knopf, McCloskey and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Dobis to pay the bills as presented – list attached. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Klein, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Knopf, and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

One person concerned with attorney expense.
Closed 7:13 PM.

REPORTS

1. Supervisor Knopf furnished a report on his activity since the last meeting (attached).
2. Chief Amburgey gave a report on fire runs during the month of September – 404 runs to date.
3. Trustee Dobis, Board Liaison to the Planning Commission, gave a report on the 9/27 & 10/11 meetings.
4. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, gave a report on zoning violations for the month of September.
5. Trustee Buerman, Board Liaison to the Friends of the Lakeland Trail – tunnel under M-36 expected to be completed in 2 weeks.
6. Sheriff furnished a report for September.
7. Trustee Dobis, Chair of the Township Square Maintenance Citizens Committee – two animal refuse stations were purchased.
8. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, liaison to the Huron River Watershed reported on activity for the month of September.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Wetland Ordinance Implementation: Supervisor Knopf will contact consultants for proposals to act as Township Wetland Consultants.
2. Outdoor Event and Gathering Ordinance: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to authorize Supervisor Knopf to engage the attorney to develop the ordinance. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Response from LCRC on No Parking Signs: Board reviewed a letter from Mike Goryl, Traffic and Safety Engineer for the Livingston County Road Commission stating that the guidelines for parking signs for roads around Hell could not be met at this time, and that for special events, the County Sheriff or Michigan State Police may be contacted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department: A. Code Blue 911 Stations – Tabled until November meeting for more information. B. Chief Amburgey informed the Board of needed maintenance on Tanker 52. Board agreed to have work completed with cost applied to Fire Department budget.
2. Storie Construction Trailer Permit Extension: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to table a decision until the November meeting after dates can be verified. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. International Burn Foundation, Inc. Event Request: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Guyon to table a decision until the November meeting when Mr. Charboneau could be present to explain his request. MOTION CARRIED.**
4. Township Hall/Square Sign: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Guyon to approve up to \$2,200 for a new two-sided sign for the square and one for the front of the hall out of the Capital Improvement budget. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Klein, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Knopf, and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
5. Appointment of Two Alternates to the Board of Review: Supervisor Knopf asked for interested persons to contact the Township office.
6. Pumpkins in the Park: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Klein to approve Pumpkins in the Park 10/31/06 4-8 PM. MOTION CARRIED.**
7. 2007 Sheriff Contract – Cost Amendment: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by McCloskey to approve the 6.36% (\$7,701) increase for an 18 month period, 12/15/06 to 6/30/08 for primarily personnel and operational. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Klein, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon and Knopf. Nays: Buerman. MOTION CARRIED.**
8. Litigation Opposing MDEQ Phase II Stormwater Discharge Permitting Process (MS4): **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Guyon to decline to contribute money in support of the litigation costs of Kalamazoo and Comstock Charter townships opposing the Phase II Stormwater permitting process and fees. MOTION CARRIED.**
9. Board Resolution Opposing Proposal #5 on November Ballot: Supervisor Knopf suggested the Board formally oppose Proposal #5 (establishes mandatory school funding levels), but received no support.
10. Community Wastewater Utility System Ordinance: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to authorized Supervisor Knopf to engage the Township attorney to write an ordinance protecting Township liability in the event a development sewer fails. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Klein, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Knopf, and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
11. Putnam Township Square Use Request Application: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by McCloskey to begin using the revised form. MOTION CARRIED.**

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

8:50 PM

Frank Morris requested a copy of a modified Land Use Permit for Joseph Gardella. Other audience members expressed concerns about the police contract cost and coverage.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting **adjourned at 9:05 PM.**

Sally D. Guyon
Putnam Township Clerk