

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP ANNEX, 122 S. HOWELL ST., PINCKNEY, MI
DECEMBER 20, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM with Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Rau.

ROLL CALL

Present: Rau, Guyon, Klein, Buerman, Benedetti, McCloskey, and Dobis
Absent: None
Others Present: Fire Chief Greg Amburgey; Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Buerman to approve the Regular meeting minutes of November 15, 2006 as amended. A synopsis was published in the Livingston Community News. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Buerman to approve the Special meeting minutes of November 1, 2006 as amended. A synopsis was published in the Livingston County Press and Argus. MOTION CARRIED.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

REPORTS

1. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.
2. Chief Amburgey gave a report on fire runs during the month of November – 471 runs to date.
3. Trustee Dobis, Board Liaison to the Planning Commission, gave a report on the 11/22 & 12/13 meetings.
4. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, gave a report on zoning violations for the month of November.
5. Sheriff - no report for November.
6. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, reported on Phase II Stormwater activity.

COMMITTEES

1. Trustee Buerman, Board Liaison to the Friends of the Lakeland Trail – no report.
2. Township Square Maintenance – partnering with County to use citizens that need to do community service to help keep square clean.
3. Survey Committee – no report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Maciag Court Order: Supervisor Rau sent a letter itemizing costs incurred abating the public nuisance, payable by 3/1/06.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department: A. Fire Gear – **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Buerman to purchase 7 sets of gear for \$11,549.90 from the low bidder, Douglass Safety Systems. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Board of Review Appointments: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to re-appoint Jim Wallace, Forrest Rogers and Maria DeRosia to the Board of Review for a two year term commencing 1/1/07 – 12/31/08. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Alternate Board of Review Appointment: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Dobis to re-appoint Judy Hollister as an alternate to the Board of Review for a two year term commencing 1/1/07 - 12/31/08. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
4. Caudill Request to Waive Variance Escrow: Requesting Board to waive \$1,000 variance escrow for garage constructed in front of house without a permit, and will pay \$600 application and other charges as they occur. **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Klein to deny the request to waive the \$1,000 escrow. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Klein and Buerman. Nays: Rau. MOTION CARRIED.**
5. County-wide Point of Sale Septic Inspection: Carney explained the County's desire to implement a county-wide ordinance requiring septic inspections at the time of a property sale.
6. Rescind 6' Sidewalk Easement Granted to Village: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Benedetti to rescind the motion of 9/11/01 granting a 6' easement for public sidewalk on the west side of the Township Square to accommodate "bump out" pavement and angle parking which has been changed to parallel parking. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
7. Village Grading Easement: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Klein to adopt Resolution #06-10 granting a temporary grading easement along the west side of the Township Square during S. Howell road construction and sidewalk replacement. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
8. Zoning Administrator Computer: **A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Klein to purchase a new computer for the Zoning Administrator up to \$2,900 with 2 gigabytes of memory to support current programs. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
9. Howell School and LESA Summer Tax Collection: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to adopt Resolution #06-11 agreeing to collect summer taxes for Howell Schools at \$3/parcel. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to agree to collect summer taxes for LESA. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.
10. Retirement Option: **A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Klein to investigate more options for possible retirement benefits for staff and officials and bring to the January regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED.**
11. Revised Budgets: Patterson Lake Sewer budget was updated to reflect audit. General Fund was updated to reflect audit and revision for elections. **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to amend the Fire Operating budget to reflect revisions made to transfer out Dexter fire runs payment and fire hall architect cost. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to amend the Capital Improvement budget to reflect audit and architect cost transferred out. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Benedetti to amend the Fire Capital Outlay budget to reflect audit and revise to include aerial truck and trailer purchase. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Chapter 22 Zoning Ordinance – LR District: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Benedetti to accept the LS&L proposal of \$900 plus reimbursable costs to facilitate a meeting between the Planning Commission and ZBA to draft an ordinance regulating lakefront properties. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

13. Agenda Format: Trustee Dobis made suggestions regarding the agenda format.

14. “Spirit Rock”: Kevin MacRitchie was present on behalf of Pinckney High School architecture students who are partnering with the DDA to promote downtown in several ways, one of which is requesting the placement of a boulder in the Township Square to reflect messages from student groups, sports teams, etc. **A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Buerman to approve the placement of a rock along the north side of the square. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: McCloskey. MOTION CARRIED.**

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

Two audience members spoke on various issues.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to Board and Commission Chairs from previous Supervisor, Dick Knopf.
Letter from Clement Charboneau regarding proposed ATV parade.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting **adjourned at 8:48 PM.**

Sally D. Guyon
Putnam Township Clerk