

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP ANNEX, 122 S. HOWELL ST., PINCKNEY, MI
FEBRUARY 15, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to approve the Regular meeting minutes of January 18, 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.

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: McCloskey, Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Knopf, Benedetti and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

7:15 No response.

REPORTS

1. Supervisor Knopf furnished a report on his activity since the last meeting.
2. Chief Amburgey gave a report on fire runs during the month of January.
3. Trustee Dobis, Board Liaison to the Planning Commission, gave a report on activity for the month of January.
4. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, gave a report on zoning violations for the month of January.
5. Trustee Buerman, Board Liaison to the Friends of the Lakeland Trail – Village of Pinckney legal counsel reviewing lease.
6. Sheriff's report furnished for the month of January.
7. Trustee Dobis, Chair of the Township Square Maintenance Citizens Committee – no report.
8. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, liaison to the Huron River Watershed – working on reports required by DEQ.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fire Department Operating Millage Renewal: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Benedetti to adopt Resolution #06-03 which rescinds Resolution #06-01 and requests renewal of the previously authorized millage as reduced by the required millage rollback, resulting in a levy of 1.1923 mills, for a period of 3 years, and authorizes Clerk Guyon to submit the resolution to the County Clerk for placement on the May 2, 2006 ballot. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McCloskey, Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Knopf, Benedetti and Buerman. Nays: None. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department: A. Grant Update – it was the consensus of the Board that Chief Amburgey should proceed to apply for a grant for the purpose of installing a tornado siren.
2. Senior Nutrition Program: Margaret Davey, Executive Director of the Livingston County Senior Nutrition Program, was present to request annual funding due to inadequate federal funding administrated through Area Agency on Aging-1B. **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Klein to approve an annual sum of \$5700 based on 56 seniors being served in the Township. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McCloskey, Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Knopf, Benedetti and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Youth Asset Building Stakeholder: Reverend Doug McMunn was present to request the Township's participation as a "stakeholder" in PYRAT – Pinckney Youth Revolution Asset Team, which pledges to endorse, encourage and promote the work of PYRAT in thought, work and deed. **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to support the Partnership Covenant with Trustee Benedetti as the Township Stakeholder. MOTION CARRIED.**
4. Run Though Hell: Harrison Hensley, organizer, was present to request permission to have the annual race 8/12/06. **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Buerman to approve the Run Through Hell with the same requirements of porta-potties, extra law enforcement and ambulance. MOTION CARRIED.**
5. Fireworks Display 3/4/06: Gary Locher was present to request permission to have a fireworks display for which all the necessary permits and applications have been submitted. **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Dobis to approve the application contingent on securing insurance, which Locher will apply for 2/27/06 when he makes a decision based on weather conditions as to whether he will go through with the display. MOTION CARRIED.**
6. Storie Variance – Request for Refund: Gary and Rita Storie, 7488 Hinchey, were present to request a refund of the \$600 variance application fee for the building of a barn. The basis for practical difficulty and approval was the positioning of the barn between the front building line and an easement and treating the property as a corner lot. The Stories claim the front of the house is facing Hinchey Road , and therefore the barn is situated behind the front property line and does not require a variance. **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Benedetti to refund the \$600 variance application fee. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McCloskey, Klein, Guyon and Benedetti. Nays: Dobis, Knopf and Buerman. MOTION CARRIED.**
A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Guyon to request the Planning Commission to redefine frontage, front lot line and building line. MOTION CARRIED.
7. Metro Act – Verizon Permit: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Benedetti to adopt Resolution #06-04 authorizing the Board to issue a unilateral permit for 5 years to Verizon. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McCloskey, Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Knopf, Benedetti and Buerman. Nays: None. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**
8. Gravel Road Improvement Program (GRIP): **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Dobis to match \$23,937 designated by the Livingston County Road Commission through its GRIP program. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McCloskey, Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Knopf, Benedetti and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
9. Planning Commission Liaison to ZBA Appointment: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Dobis to appoint Jerry Lester as the Planning Commission liaison to the ZBA. MOTION CARRIED.**
10. Zoning Board of Appeals Reappointments: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to reappoint Kathleen Fordyce to a three year term on the ZBA, expiring 2/19/09. MOTION CARRIED.**
A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to reappoint Bob Dolata to a three year term on the ZBA, expiring 2/19/09. MOTION CARRIED.
11. Howell Schools Summer Tax Collection: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to collect 2006 Summer taxes for Howell Schools. MOTION CARRIED.**
12. LESA Summer Tax Collection: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to collect 2006 Summer taxes for LESA. MOTION CARRIED.**

13. Huron River Watershed Council Membership: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Buerman to join the Huron River Watershed Council for an annual membership fee of \$536. MOTION CARRIED.**

14. QVF (Qualified Voter File) Infrastructure Grant Agreement: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Benedetti to authorize Guyon to sign the grant agreement which replaces the current QVF computer, monitor, software and operating system. MOTION CARRIED.**

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

9:03. No response.

CORRESPONDENCE

Livingston County Dept. Public Health Annual Report

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting **adjourned at 9:03 PM.**

Sally D. Guyon
Putnam Township Clerk