

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP ANNEX, 122 S. HOWELL ST., PINCKNEY, MI
JUNE 21, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting opened at 7:00 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; Livingston County Sheriff Bezotte; Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Buerman to approve the Regular meeting minutes of May 17, 2006 as presented. 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 May 9, 2006 as presented. A synopsis was published in the Livingston Community News. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Klein to approve the Special meeting minutes of May 25, 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 Guyon 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 Klein and supported by Buerman to move #6-Event in Hell 6/6/06 up to #1 due to the large crowd in attendance. MOTION CARRIED.

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

7:10 PM. A near capacity audience attendance (54 persons) due primarily to the 6/6/06 event in Hell. Many Chamber members were present in support of the event; letters were submitted prior to the meeting from the Pinckney Merchants Assoc., Pinckney-Lakeland-Hamburg Chamber of Commerce, Pinckney DDA & Kevin MacRitchie, business owner, praising the event and it's benefits to business; a few spoke against the event due to inconvenience and safety issues; Sheriff Bezotte applauded Township and residents talking through issues, the need to communicate on future events and planning ahead.

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 May – 227 runs to date.
3. Trustee Dobis, Board Liaison to the Planning Commission, gave a report on the 5/24 & 6/14 meetings.
4. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, gave a report on zoning violations for the month of May.

5. Trustee Buerman, Board Liaison to the Friends of the Lakeland Trail – Hamburg starting construction on their portion of trail; no lease for Village/Township; skatepark moved to Pathfinder School.
6. Sheriff furnished a report for April and May.
7. Trustee Dobis, Chair of the Township Square Maintenance Citizens Committee – no report.
8. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, liaison to the Huron River Watershed reported they were working on forming committees.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposal from Plante & Moran for Bond Proposal: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to engage Plante & Moran CRESA to assist with preparation for the Fire Department bond proposal. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McCloskey, Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Knopf, Benedetti and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Video Conferencing Update: Equipment installation complete and working well.
3. Multi-Lakes Sewer Authority Update: Washtenaw County in preparation to sell bonds for sewer plant upgrade.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Event in Hell on 6/6/06: John Colone, business owner and organizer of event, was present to apologize to residents, but also extolled how it benefited merchants, hotels, campgrounds and service people.
2. Fire Department: A. Medical Supplies for Tanker 51 – **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Klein to authorize up to \$1,000, line item 840.8 of the budget, to upgrade the medical status on Tanker 51 to bring it into compliance. MOTION CARRIED.** B. Hiring Policy – Will research and consider adding drug testing requirement in 07-08 Budget. C. Scott Airpacks – **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Klein to authorize \$4,250 from Fire Capital Outlay for 5 airpacks. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McCloskey, Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Knopf, Benedetti and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.** D. Gas Station Credit Card – **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Guyon to set up a “fleet” credit card, now required by Mugg & Bopps for fire vehicle gas. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Charge for Insufficient Funds: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Klein to authorize the Treasurer to pass bank charges on to residents for insufficient funds. MOTION CARRIED.**
4. Michigan Zoning Enabling Act: Some ZBA, Board and Commission members reported on the merits of a workshop they attended 6/10/06 presented by the Planning & Zoning Center at MSU.
5. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Chpt. 25, Sec 6F Standards of Review: **A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Buerman to approve the amendment to Chpt. 25, Sec.6F of the Zoning Ordinance which removes the authority to grant use variances from the ZBA. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McCloskey, Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Knopf, Benedetti and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
6. Charge for Electrical Use in Township Square: Letter submitted by Renee MacRitchie, Chamber member, outlining issues with the Chamber electrical meter attached to the Township Hall. **A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Buerman to authorize the Supervisor to have meter turned off once old service is disconnected and settle any financial differences with the Chamber. MOTION CARRIED.**
7. 2005-2006 Budget Revision: A. **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Klein to approve the revision to the 05-06 Budget General Fund (attached). Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McCloskey, Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Knopf, Benedetti and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.** B. **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to include an additional \$4,250 expense in the 05-06 Fire Capital Outlay for the**

Scott Airpacks. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McCloskey, Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Knopf, Benedetti and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Request MTA's Legal Defense Fund Assistance on Hendee Appeal: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by McCloskey to authorize Supervisor to pursue assistance from MTA's Legal Defense Fund on the Hendee appeal. MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Remodel Township Offices: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to authorize the Supervisor to pursue the complimentary services of office supply firms in reconfiguring the Township Hall office space. MOTION CARRIED.**

10. Przeslawski Court Case: Supervisor informed Board that plaintiff agreed to drop their request for the Township to vacate road.

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

Village President Foster gave Supervisor "gentle reprimand" on conducting public meeting; in light of his accusation that the Board has not supported business, Kevin MacRitchie asked that in the spirit of working together, let's move forward.

CORRESPONDENCE

Draft of Township Newsletter

Portage Yacht Club Mixer invitation

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting **adjourned at 10:22 PM.**

Sally D. Guyon
Putnam Township Clerk