

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

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting opened at 7:03 PM with Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Knopf.

ROLL CALL

Present: Guyon, Buerman, Klein, Benedetti, Knopf and Dobis
Absent: McCloskey
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 August 16, 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 August 10, 2006 as published in the Livingston Community News. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Dobis requested that check #9289 be split between line items as follows: \$700-760.15 and \$200-760.16.

A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to pay the bills as presented – list attached. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 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

Frank Gazdecki updated the Board on West Nile and that County may be requesting a budget from townships; seniors in need of refrigerator; conducting a large item pick-up in his neighborhood using work release prisoners.

Richard Schramm would like to donate \$250 for dog refuse dispensers in Township Square in response to a complaint.

Closed 7:30 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 August – 363 runs to date.
3. Trustee Dobis, Board Liaison to the Planning Commission, gave a report on the 8/23 & 9/13 meetings.
4. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, gave a report on zoning violations for the month of August.
5. Trustee Buerman, Board Liaison to the Friends of the Lakeland Trail – Hamburg expecting to complete their section by November.
6. Sheriff furnished a report for August.

7. Trustee Dobis, Chair of the Township Square Maintenance Citizens Committee – Tom Wright has volunteered to help maintain playground equipment; “Save the Depot” group wants to designate some of the money raised to restore the gazebo.
8. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, liaison to the Huron River Watershed reported on activity for the month of August.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Wetland Ordinance: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Dobis to adopt resolution #06-08 approving Ordinance #37 regulating wetlands. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Klein, Dobis, Guyon, Knopf, Benedetti and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Event Ordinance: Benedetti furnished a sample ordinance he compiled from several others for Board to consider and make comments.
3. Township Square Policy: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to table approval of the amended Township Square Use Request Application/Policy until next meeting when Knopf will provide a final draft. MOTION CARRIED.**
4. Ordinance to Repeal Outdoor Gathering Ordinance: **A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Klein to table until the November regular meeting when a new ordinance may be approved. MOTION CARRIED.**
5. Public Health Emergency Preparedness Policy: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Klein to table until November regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department: Chief Amburgey outlined campaign for firehall bond proposal; Firemen in the Park event is October 14; Board agreed informational signs for bond proposal can be placed in Township Square.
2. Access Management Plan for M-36: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Dobis to authorize Supervisor Knopf to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with MDOT to voluntarily coordinate planning, land use, driveway permit and road improvement decisions along the M-36 corridor. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Call to the Public Policy: **A motion was made to adopt a Call to the Public policy to be posted and implemented for all meetings of the Township Board, ZBA and Planning Commission. MOTION CARRIED.**
4. Animal Waste in Township Square: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Buerman to purchase two animal “refuse stations” complete with bags and to monitor its effect. MOTION CARRIED.**
5. Township Hall Sign: Two bids were submitted. It was agreed that Benedetti would enlist the Cub Scouts to refurbish existing sign if present sign is repairable.
6. Planning Commission Re-appointment: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to re-appoint Frank Gazdecki to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term ending 8/09. MOTION CARRIED.**
7. Glover Dependency Trailer Permit Renewal: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Dobis to renew the permit for Dan Glover, 4350 Burgess, for one year, and all supporting documents had been submitted. MOTION CARRIED.**
8. Volunteers for ZBA Alternate: Supervisor Knopf announced that anyone interested may contact the office.
9. Przeslawski Judgment: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to authorized Supervisor Knopf to sign the judgment. MOTION CARRIED.**
10. Discussion of Community Wastewater Ordinance: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to authorize Supervisor Knopf to request Township attorney to develop an ordinance to protect Township liability of responsibility in the event a development sewer system fails. MOTION CARRIED.**

11. Phase II Stormwater Contracts: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Klein to authorize execution of the permit and payment of \$3,700 fee and to purchase products for community awareness through the Drain Commission. MOTION CARRIED.**
12. Purchase Road Signs for Tributaries: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Benedetti to purchase 50 signs designating locations where tributaries of the Huron River cross under roads in the Township which will help meet requirements of the permit. MOTION CARRIED.**
13. Tip Cards: **A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Buerman to purchase 1,000 information cards for approximately \$80 which help meet a requirement of the Phase II Stormwater Permit. MOTION CARRIED.**

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

Joe Gardella requested an update on the Hendee case and had concerns with the Call to the Public Policy.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from John Colone informing Board of upcoming "Hell-O-Halloweekends" during September and October.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting **adjourned at 9:24 PM.**

Sally D. Guyon
Putnam Township Clerk