

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP ANNEX, 122 S. HOWELL ST., PINCKNEY, MI
JANUARY 17, 2007

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; Assistant Chief Mark Coddington; Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Five persons spoke concerning the "Spirit Rock", accessory buildings and a fireworks display 2/3/07.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman 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 December 20, 2006 as amended. A synopsis was published in the Livingston Community News. MOTION CARRIED.
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PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Dobis 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

SUMMARIES

1. Chief Amburgey gave a report on fire runs during the month of December – 500 runs to date.
2. Sheriff - furnished reports for November and December.
3. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, gave a report on zoning violations for the month of December.
4. Trustee Dobis, Board Liaison to the Planning Commission, gave a report on the 12/27 & 1/10 meetings.
5. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, reported on Phase II Stormwater activity.
6. Ron Rau, Supervisor, reported on his activity since the last meeting.

COMMITTEES

1. Trustee Buerman, Board Liaison to the Friends of the Lakeland Trail – no lease to date.
2. Trustee Dobis, Chairman of the Township Square Maintenance Committee commented that a majority of the committee was not in favor of placing a "Spirit Rock" in the Square; community service workers doing good job.

OLD BUSINESS

1. DTE Energy Wires: Supervisor Rau reported that overhead wires would not have to be moved if a second story is built at the Annex.
2. Retirement Benefit Program: Treasurer McCloskey and Clerk Guyon reported on Simple IRA offered by ADP.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department: A. MAFC Conference: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Klein to authorize up to \$800 for two to attend the conference 2/23-24/07. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Livingston County Convention and Visitor's Bureau: Barb Barden gave a presentation regarding the role Bureau plays in attracting visitor's to Livingston County.
3. St. Patrick's Day Parade: Patsy Dible was present to request the use of the Township Square 3/17/07 for activities before and after the parade. **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Rau to permit use of the Square for the 3rd annual St. Patrick's Day parade 3/17/07. MOTION CARRIED.**
4. Hell Creek Ranch Final Site Plan Approval: James Pappas, Architect and Jack Ripstra presented plans for an in-ground pool. There were concerns that the plan approved by the Planning Commission had been altered by moving the site of the excavation dirt from an area by the horse paddocks to an area south of there in proximity to wetlands. **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Buerman to approve the site plan which was submitted to the Planning Commission for approval and that the dirt pile needs to be at the original site approved by the Planning Commission or transported off the property. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
5. Revisit Spirit Rock: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to reconsider the motion to approve the rock at the December 20, 2006 meeting. MOTION CARRIED. A motion was made by Klein and supported by Guyon to rescind the motion to approve the placement of a Spirit Rock in the Township Square at the December 20, 2006 regular meeting of the Township Board. MOTION CARRIED.**
6. Appointment of Two ZBA Members: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to reappoint Renee Anderson-Field to the ZBA for a 3 year term expiring February 2010. MOTION CARRIED.**
A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to reappoint Bob Press to the ZBA for a 3 year term expiring February 2010. MOTION CARRIED.
A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to reappoint Jerry Lester as Planning Commission liaison to the ZBA for one year expiring January 2008. MOTION CARRIED.
7. Wetland Consultant: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to have the consultants selected by the committee make a 15 minute presentation to the Board at the regular February meeting. MOTION CARRIED.**
8. Committee for Exploring Police Options: Trustees Buerman and Dobis will set up a committee to explore options for police coverage and review the budget.
9. St. Mary's Option for Township Facilities: St. Mary's option cost prohibitive for facilities. Trustee Klein would like to form a committee to explore cost of expanding Annex by engaging local contractors for fundamental pricing.
10. Accessory Structure Discussion: Board agreed to have Trustee Dobis, Board liaison to the Planning Commission, ask the Commission to discuss the possibility of omitting some restrictions on accessory structure placement on large parcels.
11. Federal Poverty Guidelines for Board of Review: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Klein to accept the Federal Poverty Guidelines for use in setting poverty exeptions for 2007 assessments. MOTION CARRIED.**

12. Acceptance of Assessment Protests By Mail or Fax: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Dobis to accept assessment protests by mail and fax for March Board of Review. MOTION CARRIED.**

13. Township Facilities Property Maintenance: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Guyon to continue harvesting hay on property. MOTION CARRIED.**

14. Amendment to NO. 1-C of Multi-Lakes Sewer Authority Rules and Regulations: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Guyon to adopt Resolution #07-02 which rescinds Resolution #06-09 due to the striking of a portion of the last line in the first paragraph of the amendment pertaining to metering of flow and imposition of extra charges. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

15. Sale of Patterson Lake Sewer Tap to Lyndon Township: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to adopt Resolution #07-03 to amend the sewer assessment roll for Patterson Lake to reflect the sale of the tap from #14-31-101-026 to Lyndon Township. 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 Klein to sell the tap on #14-31-101-026 to Lyndon Township for \$11,088.44. MOTION CARRIED.

16. Snow Removal for Livingston and Mill Street sidewalks: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Buerman to approve the amended contract from CV Services to include cost of removing snow from Livingston and Mill street sidewalks bordering square. MOTION CARRIED.**

17. Village Grading Easement for Annex: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Klein to adopt Resolution #07-01 authorizing an easement for the Village of Pinckney during South Howell road improvements. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

18. Fire Department Garage Doors: Chief Amburgey will obtain bids for new insulated garage doors for fire hall for approval next meeting.

19. School Election Committee Amended Reports: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Klein to authorize Clerk Guyon to sign the amended reports for Pinckney and Howell Schools and LESA which outline the conduct of elections for those units. MOTION CARRIED.**

20. Agenda Amendments: Trustee Dobis suggested that approval not be given to items
SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting **adjourned at 9:15 PM.**

Sally D. Guyon
Putnam Township Clerk