

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP ANNEX, 122 S. HOWELL ST., PINCKNEY, MI
NOVEMBER 21 , 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, McCloskey, Benedetti, and
Dobis
Absent: None
Others Present: Fire Chief Greg Amburgey; Pinckney Police Chief Denis
Asetline; Tom Lewis, Zoning Administrator

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Jerry Balk, Planning Commission Chair, read a letter from Pam Kekes opposing amending the Zoning Ordinance for Hell business district. Mr. Balk also opposed amending the Ordinance. Three Hell residents spoke in opposition to paying planner to create "overlay" for Hell business district.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Buerman to approve the consent agenda. The following items were removed from the consent agenda for discussion or individual approval. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

1. Treasurer Report discussed.
2. Payment of Bills: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Klein to approve the bills as presented – list attached. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Benedetti, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Buerman, Klein and Dobis. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

PRESENTATIONS

1. 2006-2007 Audit Report: Ken Palka presented the audit. **A motion was made by Klein and supported by McCloskey to receive the audit report as presented. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
2. Mission Medical Clinic: Mitch and Laura Goldman were present to request the use of the Fire Department lower level for a free clinic every Saturday from 9AM-1PM. **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Klein to approve the use of the lower level contingent on consultation with Township attorney and insurance company. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

COMMITTEES

1. Trustee Buerman, Board Liaison to the Friends of the Lakeland Trail – working on grants.
2. Trustee Dobis, Chairman of the Township Square Maintenance Committee – memorial tree planted; electricity to trees passed inspection.
3. Recreation Plan Committee: Surveys accepted until 12/3/07.
4. Building Committee: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to omit the windows in the vestibule. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Benedetti, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Buerman, Klein and Dobis. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.** Two thousand yards of dirt was sold to offset costs; DTE easement secured; parking lot striping will get second coat.

5. Senior Advisory Committee: Next meeting is 12/3; architect will assess building; electrician will do work free of charge.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Employee Policy Manual Draft: Trustee Benedetti will provide updated draft at next meeting.

2. Retraction of Citizen Planner Requirement: **A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Klein to rescind the motion requiring all current and new PC and ZBA members to take one Citizen Planner course, accepting the MTA opinion that it is illegal to make that requirement for current members. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Buerman to require all new and re-appointed members of the PC and ZBA to take the course within 6 months. MOTION CARRIED, 6-1.

NEW BUSINESS

1. LSL Planning – Hell Charrette Proposal: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to not consider the proposal at this time. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

2. Private Road Escrow Increase: Tabled until comparison is made with other engineering firms as to what they would charge on a typical private road project.

3. Fire Department: Department wants to sell 1979 mini-pumper and rescue vehicle due to lack of storage space. **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Rau to not accept offers less than \$15,000 for the mini-pumper. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McCloskey, Guyon, Rau and Buerman. Nays: Benedetti, Klein and Dobis. MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Credit Card Use Policy: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Guyon to adopt a Credit Card Use Policy and meet with National City to understand how many authorized users acceptable and number of cards issued. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

5. Appointment to Multi-Lakes Sewer Authority Board: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Buerman to appoint Tom Lewis, Zoning Administrator to a 4 year term beginning 1/1/08. MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Sale of the Annex: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Klein to authorize Supervisor Rau to sign the Commission Protection Agreement with Debby Combs, Real Estate One, and to extend the obligation of 4% to any agent that finds a buyer. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Benedetti, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Buerman, Klein and Dobis. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Police Authority Committee: Discussed formation of a committee with Village to explore the idea of a police authority.

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

Three residents spoke regarding road engineering costs and Putt-Putt in Hell.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting **adjourned at 8:50 PM.**

Sally D. Guyon
Putnam Township Clerk