

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP ANNEX, 122 S. HOWELL ST., PINCKNEY, MI
DECEMBER 19 , 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

One person spoke inquiring on the status of the Meijer application.

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. Contract Change Orders – DTE Trenching
2. Zoning Administrator Report

COMMITTEES

1. Trustee Buerman, Board Liaison to the Friends of the Lakeland Trail – no report.
2. Trustee Dobis, Chairman of the Township Square Maintenance Committee – has received comments of concern about vehicles in the Township Square
3. Recreation Plan Committee: Surveys collected; will compile 1/14/08.
4. Building Committee: Drywall and insulation will begin in 2 weeks.
5. Senior Advisory Committee: Meeting with architect 1/14/08.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Employee Policy Manual Draft: Trustee Benedetti provided final draft for review.
2. Increase Private Road Application Escrow: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to increase the escrow requirement for private road application to \$5,000 due to engineering review costs. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Joint Village and Township Police Committee: Trustees Benedetti and Dobis will be members of a joint committee with the Village of Pinckney, including citizens, to investigate options in police coverage for both jurisdictions.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department: 534 runs to date. Will place mini-pumper up for bid. Received \$19,000 grant for an off-road vehicle.
2. Chapter 19, Zoning Districts, Sec. 55B: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Dobis to approve the amendment to Chpt. 19, Sec. 55B of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to miniature golf as a permitted use in the C-1 District. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Dobis and Klein. Nays: Benedetti and Buerman. MOTION CARRIED, 5-2.**

3. Chapter 27, Special Use Permits, Sec. 4: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Guyon to send the amendment back to the planner for clarification. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
4. Library Board Appointment: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Buerman to accept the resignation of Mary Chamberlain. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0. A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to appoint Christine Weber to fill the vacancy, term expiring January 2010. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
5. Howell Schools Summer Tax Collection: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Dobis to collect summer taxes for Howell Schools. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
6. LESA Summer Tax Collection: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to collect summer taxes for LESA. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
7. LSL Planning – Meijer Conflict of Interest: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Klein to seek a new planner for the Township to complete the application process for Meijer due to the LSL's client relationship with Meijer. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Dobis, Benedetti and Klein. Nays: Buerman. MOTION CARRIED, 6-1.**

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

Two persons spoke with concerns regarding the Meijer application.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting **adjourned at 10:53 PM.**

Sally D. Guyon
Putnam Township Clerk