

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP ANNEX, 122 S. HOWELL ST., PINCKNEY, MI
MARCH 21, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting opened at 7:02 PM with Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Rau.

ROLL CALL

Present: Rau, Guyon, Klein, Benedetti, McCloskey, and Dobis
Absent: Buerman
Others Present: Fire Assistant Chief Mark Coddington; Pat Carney, Zoning
Administrator;
Ann Suerynck, Township Attorney

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by McCloskey to approve the Special meeting minutes of February 15, 2007 as amended. A synopsis was published in the Livingston Community News. MOTION CARRIED.
A motion was made by Klein and supported by McCloskey to approve the Regular meeting minutes of February 21, 2007 as amended. A synopsis was published in the Livingston Community News. MOTION CARRIED.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Klein and supported by McCloskey to pay the bills as presented – list attached. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein. 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 February – 86 runs to date.
2. Sheriff - furnished report for February.
3. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, gave a report on zoning violations for the month of February.

4. Trustee Dobis, Board Liaison to the Planning Commission, gave a report on the 2/28 & 3/14 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 – working with the Village of Pinckney to get the Recreation Plan updated.
2. Trustee Dobis, Chairman of the Township Square Maintenance Committee, reported that porta-potty will be set up soon.
3. Police Options Committee: Trustee Dobis and committee are expecting bids by 4/2/07.

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4. Building Options Committee: Trustee Klein will report on activity as an agenda item.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Putnam Township vs. Joseph Gardella: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Guyon to accept the completed land use permit and information submitted regarding the placement of the barn on Mr. Gardella's property, waive the variance requirement and require a letter from Mr. Gardella indemnifying the Township, contingent on Township attorney review. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein. Nays: Dobis. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Chpt. 19, Art. 1, Sec. 3 “Use Specifications & Chpt. 27, Sec. 4 “Site Development Requirements: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Benedetti to table approval until the next regular meeting to amend some of the language. MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gazebo and Township Square Improvement Project Proposal: Renee MacRitchie, representing the Save the Pinckney Depot group and Don McColl, Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 312 submitted a list of improvements that they would like to fund with a donation from the money raised to renovate the Depot and cooperation with Boy Scout Troop 312 local citizens. **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Klein to approve the list of improvements with the Board having final approval. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Bids for Mowing, Fertilizing & Cleanup for Township Square and Cemeteries: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Benedetti to approve Complete Outdoor Services for mowing and cleanup of Township Square and Cemeteries. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Rau to approve Leppek Nursery for 4 fertilizer/week control applications. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Employee Policy and Procedures: Trustee Benedetti will provide a draft by April meeting.

4. Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance 19 (Chpt. 11 – Outdoor Gatherings): **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Klein to adopt Resolution #07-04 which repeals Chapter 11 of the Putnam Township Code of Ordinances due to the Board adopting Ordinance 38, Outdoor Gatherings at the regular February meeting. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau, Klein. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Blessing of the Bikes: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Rau to approve the 7th Annual Blessing of the Bikes event 5/20/07 at TMZ Farms field. MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Building Committee Update: Trustee Klein gave a presentation of information gathered from 5 local builders evaluating renovation of the Annex or new construction on the property.

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

One person spoke in opposition to the Board's decision regarding the Gardella barn, and upcoming events in Hell were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting **adjourned at 9:38 PM.**

Sally D. Guyon
Putnam Township Clerk