

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP ANNEX, 122 S. HOWELL ST., PINCKNEY, MI**  
**APRIL 18, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting opened at 7:05 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

Frank Gazdecki spoke on options to fund Township cleanup.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Dobis to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Rau to approve the Regular meeting minutes of March 21, 2007 as presented. A synopsis was published in the Livingston Community News. MOTION CARRIED.**

**A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Benedetti to approve the Special meeting minutes of April 5, 2007 as presented. A synopsis was published in the Livingston Community News. MOTION CARRIED.**

PAYMENT OF BILLS

**A motion was made by Benedetti 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 March – 123 runs to date.
2. Sheriff - furnished report for March.
3. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, gave a report on zoning violations for the month of March.
4. Trustee Dobis, Board Liaison to the Planning Commission, gave a report on the 3/28 & 4/11 meetings.
5. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, reported on Phase II Stormwater activity.
6. Ron Rau, Supervisor, reported on his activity since the last meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Drawings from Don McColl regarding the corbels and railings for the gazebo were submitted. It was decided to go back to the "decorative" corbels and not incorporate a "P" in corbels or railings. Corbel and railing design and electrical to trees will have final Board approval.

## COMMITTEES

1. Trustee Buerman, Board Liaison to the Friends of the Lakeland Trail – Trail cleanup is 4/28; Scout Joshua Davis raised funds and provided labor for benches along trail.
2. Trustee Dobis, Chairman of the Township Square Maintenance Committee, reported that received bids for table cement pads; repaired swings; asked the Board to consider placement of new Township Square sign. **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Guyon to install just two pads under tables by playground and not anchor other tables. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Recreation Plan Committee: Have some estimates for Recreation Plan.
4. Building Options Committee: No report.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Chpt. 19, Art. 1, Sec. 3 “Use Specifications & Chpt. 27, Sec. 4 “Site Development Requirements: Moved to May regular meeting.
2. Police Committee: Denis Aseltine was present to answer questions regarding the Village proposal. **A motion was made by Klein and supported by McCloskey to enter into discussion of a draft contract with the Village with a possible start date of 7/1/07. MOTION CARRIED.**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Dobis to adopt Emergency Response Cost Recovery Ordinance #40. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Zoning Use of 11954 Portage Lake Ave.: Attorney Michael Kiwak was present representing homeowners in the area of 11954 Portage Lake Ave. which he claims the owner is running a business with heavy vehicles and generating excessive noise. Seven residents spoke opposing the activity they have been witnessing. Zoning Administrator has written letters Aug. '03 and May '04. Supervisor Rau agreed to visit property if called by resident at times of activity.
3. Wetland Review Board Appointments: **A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Klein to appoint Trustee Klein (concurrent with term of office), Jerry Balk (1yr.), Dick Knopf (2yr.), Bob Nestor (2yr.) and Patty McElroy (3yr.) to the Wetland Review Board. MOTION CARRIED.**
4. Jennings Dependency Trailer Renewal: Clerk Guyon received letter stating that his mother-in-law will be moving off property by the end of May and trailer would be removed shortly after. Guyon sent letter (phone disconnected) requiring another bond to protect the Township until trailer removed.
5. Minghini Dependency Trailer Renewal: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Dobis to renew the Dependency Trailer permit for 1 year. MOTION CARRIED.**
6. Wetland Review Board Member Fees: **A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Buerman to set the member fees for the Wetland Review Board at \$60, the same as the ZBA. MOTION CARRIED.**
7. Wetland Consultant Contract: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by McCloskey to authorize Supervisor Rau to sign the contract. MOTION CARRIED.**
8. Township Square Requests: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Buerman to approve the use of the Square for the Memorial Day Celebration 5/28/07 from 11AM-2PM. MOTION CARRIED.**  
**A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Dobis to approve the use of the Square for the Pinckney Garden Club perennial exchange and picnic 5/9/07 at 6PM.**
9. Capital Improvement Bonds: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Guyon to adopt Resolution #07-04 stating the intent to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 for the purpose of paying part of the cost of constructing, equipping and furnishing a Township Hall building and site**

**improvements. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, McCloskey, Guyon, Rau and Klein. Nays: Dobis and Buerman. MOTION CARRIED.**

10. Outdoor Gathering Permit: **A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Buerman to approve the permit for Midwest Wheels of Hope (South Michigan Wheels, Inc.) to be held at Hell Creek Ranch 6/10/07. MOTION CARRIED.**

11. Township Square Picnic Tables Purchase: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Benedetti to authorize the purchase of 4 picnic tables at \$225.25 each for the Square. MOTION CARRIED.**

12. Draft Budget Discussion: Board members discussed a draft of the 07-08 Budget.

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting **adjourned at 10:28 PM.**

Sally D. Guyon  
Putnam Township Clerk