

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP ANNEX, 122 S. HOWELL ST., PINCKNEY, MI
MAY 16, 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, and Dobis
Absent: McCloskey,
Others Present: Fire Chief Greg Amburgey; Assistant Chief Mark Coddington; Pat Carney,
Zoning Administrator

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Village Council President Rebecca Foster spoke to inform Board that the draft police proposal was available.

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 Benedetti and supported by Rau to approve the Regular meeting minutes of April 18, 2007 as presented. A synopsis was published in the Livingston Community News. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Benedetti to approve the Special meeting minutes of April 19, 2007 as presented. A synopsis was published in the Livingston Community News. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to pay the bills as presented – list attached. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

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 April – 165 runs to date. A citizen award was presented to Cody and Lisa Nikkila for their assistance in notifying 911 when they saw a man laying on the ground as they were driving by.
2. Sheriff - furnished report for April.
3. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, gave a report on zoning violations for the month of April.
4. Trustee Dobis, Board Liaison to the Planning Commission, gave a report on the 4/25 & 5/9 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

None.

COMMITTEES

1. Trustee Buerman, Board Liaison to the Friends of the Lakeland Trail – A resident has offered to pay the taxes if a lease is obtained.
2. Trustee Dobis, Chairman of the Township Square Maintenance Committee, reported that the Pinckney Lions donated 3 picnic tables, so the Township will no longer need to purchase any.
3. Recreation Plan Committee: Next meeting is 6/12/07.
4. Building Options Committee: Trustee Klein provided 3 sketches and a list of objectives for the new building to provide a “starting point” for the future architect.
5. Employee Policy Committee: Working on developing manual derived from several township/city manuals.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Chpt. 19, Art. 1, Sec. 3 “Use Specifications & Chpt. 27, Sec. 4 “Site Development Requirements: Trustee Benedetti discussed changes and a final draft will be provided at the next regular meeting.
2. 11954 Portage Lake Ave. Discussion: Supervisor Rau and Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator submitted reports regarding activity and site visits.
3. Retirement Options: Clerk Guyon presented options for simple IRA, pension plan and deferred compensation plans for the Board to consider.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Village of Pinckney 425 Agreement: **A motion was made to waive attorney-client privilege with respect to a Township attorney opinion regarding a draft 425 agreement submitted by the Village concerning the Jeff Green property on E. M-36 (14-23-400-005). MOTION CARRIED, 5-1.**
A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Guyon to have Township attorney quote cost of using previous 425 developed for the S. Howell properties as a template for a 425 on the Green property. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.
2. Planning Commission and ZBA Joint Meeting: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Dobis to pay any ZBA members that attend a regular Planning Commission meeting where it is planned to resolve final issues on the proposed Lake District zoning classification. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**
3. Wetlands Ordinance Amendment: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Rau to adopt Resolution #07-06 which clarifies and provides greater flexibility in the wetlands identification and application process. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**
4. Wetland Application Permit and Fees: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Rau to approve the Wetland application and fee schedule. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**
5. Unity Playground Brick Pathway: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to table selecting one of the bids presented until Treasurer McCloskey returns from vacation to review the budget. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**
6. Parker Dependency Trailer Renewal: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to renew the trailer for 1 year – medical letter, fee and bond were submitted. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**
7. Zoning Administrator Hour Reduction: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Rau to reduce the Zoning Administrator from 3½ days (salary) to 2½ days (hourly) at the equivalent hourly rate effective immediately. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**

8. Township Square Events: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Dobis to approve Classic Cars Around the Square, 5PM-9PM, 2nd and 4th Tuesday beginning 6/12/07 and ending 8/21/07. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**

A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Buerman to approve Hootin' In The Park 6PM-8:30PM, Thursdays, beginning 7/19/07 through 8/30/07. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Buerman to approve Fourth of July Celebration, 7/4/07, 1PM-5PM. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

9. 2007-2008 Draft Budget: Draft Budget was discussed.

10. Budget Workshop: A Special Budget Workshop was scheduled 6/14/07.

11. ZBA Planner Reviews: Trustee Dobis would like all ZBA cases to have a Planner review which would be paid for out of the escrow account.

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

Questions were asked regarding 425 agreement, Township salaries and sale of bonds for the new Township Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting **adjourned at 10:04 PM.**

Sally D. Guyon
Putnam Township Clerk