

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting opened at 7:02 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; Assistant Chief Mark Coddington; Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator; Tom Colis – Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, P.L.C.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Two people spoke regarding Putt-Putt Golf in Hell and paving of Putnam portion of Lakeland Trail.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Buerman to approve the Special meeting minutes of June 14, 2007 as amended. A synopsis was published in the Livingston Community News. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

**A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Rau to approve the Regular meeting minutes of June 20, 2007 as presented. A synopsis was published in the Livingston Community News. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

**A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Rau to approve the Special meeting minutes of June 26, 2007 as amended. A synopsis was published in the Livingston Community News. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

**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, McCloskey 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 June – 270 runs to date.
2. Sheriff - furnished report for June. Chief Aseltine introduced Officer Mike Trenkle who will be the patrol officer for the Township starting August 1, 2007.
3. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, gave a report on zoning violations for the month of June.
4. Trustee Dobis, Board Liaison to the Planning Commission, gave a report on the 6/27 & 7/11 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

911 /Emergency Management regarding funding for mobile data computers.

Clement Charboneau regarding sale of bonds for new Township Hall and ordinance amendment regarding nursery requirements.

## COMMITTEES

1. Trustee Buerman, Board Liaison to the Friends of the Lakeland Trail – update during new business.
2. Trustee Dobis, Chairman of the Township Square Maintenance Committee – no update.
3. Recreation Plan Committee: No update.
4. Building Committee: Trustee Klein presented elevations, a sketch and revised costs for the new Township Hall.
5. Employee Policy Committee: Trustee Benedetti presented a draft for the Board to review prior to the next regular meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Bond Sale for New Township Hall: Tom Colis presented bond bids and the resolution to award the sale of the bonds. **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Buerman to approve Resolution #07-08 accepting the bid from Bernardi Securities, Inc. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein, McCloskey and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Township Assessor: Amy Pashby was present to answer questions from Board members.
3. Zoning Administrator Hourly Wage: Clerk Guyon presented a history of the Zoning Administrator wage from 2004-2005 budget year to present. **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Guyon to rescind the motion made at the 6/20/07 budget hearing changing the wage from salary to hourly setting the wage at \$17.23/hr (\$21,500 /. 1248 [3.5 days/wk = 1248 hrs.] = \$17.23/hr) and restore the wage to \$18.63/hr ('05-'06 wage of \$18/hr + 3.5% increase given to all staff). Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein, McCloskey and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Algonquin Private Road Paving: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Klein to approve the Private Road paving project exercising administrative relief from Chpt. 24, Sec. 6D citing the following criteria that could not be met due to existing condition constraints: 1) pavement slope of .02 feet/foot 2) minimum roadway width not less than 30' 3) ditch depth of not less than 2' 4) dedicated right-of-way of not less than 66'. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein, McCloskey and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Green Property Easement (E. M-36): **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Benedetti to approve the 425 agreement contingent on Township attorney reviewing the previous 425 and making two changes concerning taxes due to the Township and agreement length of 99 years. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein, McCloskey and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Putt-Putt Golf in Hell: John Colone was present to explain the process he followed to date in constructing the course due to concerns from residents and board members that he had not obtained the necessary permits.
4. Fire Department: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Buerman to authorize \$4,198 for 10 replacement windows from Wallside Windows. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein, McCloskey and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Lakeland Trail Lease: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to table the lease approval until the next regular meeting and some discrepancies are corrected. MOTION CARRIED.**
6. Re-appointments to Planning Commission: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Rau to re-appoint Jerry Lester to the Planning Commission for 3 years expiring August 2010. MOTION CARRIED.**  
**A motion was made by Klein and supported by Dobis to re-appoint Jim Gannon to the Planning Commission for 3 years expiring August 2010. MOTION CARRIED.**
7. Riparian Buffer Resolution: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to adopt Resolution #07-09 declaring that Putnam Township shall become a community partner in the Huron River Watershed Riparian Buffer Initiative and will adopt a policy to protect riparian buffers within one year. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein, McCloskey and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
8. Bond Retirement Revenue Source: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to designate cable and gravel pit revenues for Township Hall bond retirement. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein, McCloskey and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
9. Township Square Events: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Guyon to approve the use of the Township Square for the Library Family Fun Day fundraising event 8/11/07 from 10AM-2PM. MOTION CARRIED.**  
**A motion was made by Rau and supported by Buerman to approve the use of the Township Square for the Pinckney/Hamburg/Lakeland Girl Scout Round-up 8/29/07 from 6PM-7:30PM. MOTION CARRIED.**
10. Township Hall Project: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Rau to not exceed \$660,000 without Board approval. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein, McCloskey and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
11. New Bank Accounts: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to open a Township Hall Construction account. MOTION CARRIED.**  
**A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to open a Township Hall Bond Debt Retirement account. MOTION CARRIED.**  
**A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to open a Senior Building account for their funds acquired through fundraising. MOTION CARRIED.**

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting **adjourned at 10:30 PM.**

Sally D. Guyon  
Putnam Township Clerk