

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP ANNEX, 122 S. HOWELL ST., PINCKNEY, MI
AUGUST 15, 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 Aseltine; Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Two residents spoke regarding a matter concerning putt-putt in Hell and Ann Arbor Porta-Potty on Tiplady.

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 MINUTES

A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Klein to approve the Regular meeting minutes of July 18, 2007 as presented. 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 July – 335 runs to date.
2. Sheriff submitted a report for July. Chief Aseltine, Pinckney Police Chief submitted a report for 8/1-8/12.
3. Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, gave a report on zoning violations for the month of July.
4. Trustee Dobis, Board Liaison to the Planning Commission, gave a report on the 7/25 & 8/8 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

Village of Pinckney DPW; ITC Transmission; BS&A Software; Village of Pinckney Police Dept.

COMMITTEES

1. Trustee Buerman, Board Liaison to the Friends of the Lakeland Trail – Sign lease and take directly to Lansing.
2. Trustee Dobis, Chairman of the Township Square Maintenance Committee – new member; sign will be installed in Square.

3. Recreation Plan Committee: Contract for consultation in preparation of plan is signed.
4. Building Committee: Trustee Klein informed Board that MDOT requirements were less than expected, so project is under budget.
5. Employee Policy Committee: Discuss draft during Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Employee Policy Draft: Board discussed draft provided by Trustee Benedetti.
2. Act 425 Agreement on Green Property: Changes Township attorney made since last meeting did not reflect the motion made at that meeting. Supervisor Rau will review the changes with the attorney.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department: A. **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Buerman to approve the low bid of \$14,196 from Arrow Asphalt to pave the Fire Department parking lot. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein, McCloskey and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
B. **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Buerman to approve \$3,107.90 for budgeted uniforms and gear. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein, McCloskey and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Dedicating Current Township Hall to Future Senior Facility: The President of the Pinckney Senior Center presented a resolution to the Board establishing a fund at Citizens Bank for the purpose of obtaining, furnishing, decorating and equipping a facility for the use of older citizens of Pinckney and Putnam Township with a beginning balance of \$5,000 and an annual contribution to be decided at each December business meeting. **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Dobis to allow the Seniors to use 131 S. Howell after the completion of the new Township Hall. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dobis, Rau, Klein, and Buerman. Nays: Guyon, McCloskey and Benedetti. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. C-1 District Amendment: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to amend Chapter 19, Section 55B as related to the C-1 District, to list "miniature golf course" as a special use, and to adopt specific standards for miniature golf as a special use in Chapter 27. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
4. Ann Arbor Porta-Potty: Trustee Dobis requested Supervisor Rau to resolve the issue concerning neighbor complaints due to concerns of waste/chemical disposal. Zoning Administrator had visited property with Health Department approximately 1 year ago and found no violation, including no violation of zoning ordinance relating to trailers and truck weight.
5. Zoning Administrator Handling of Hell Putt-Putt Application: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Buerman to terminate Pat Carney, Zoning Administrator, due to improper following of procedure and ordinances concerning the application made by John Colone for a miniature golf course in Hell. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dobis, Rau, Klein, and Buerman. Nays: Guyon, McCloskey and Benedetti. MOTION CARRIED.**

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

Jerry Balk questioned whether an applicant must be present for the Planning Commission to continue discussing a case for approval and John Colone apologized to all involved with his application to date.

ADJOURNMENT

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

