

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP ANNEX, 122 S. HOWELL ST., PINCKNEY, MI
SEPTEMBER 19 , 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting opened at 7:01 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; Tom Lewis, Zoning Administrator

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

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 Buerman to approve the Regular meeting minutes of August 15, 2007 as presented. A synopsis was published in the Livingston Community News. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Rau to approve the Special meeting minutes of August 30, 2007 as presented. A synopsis was published in the Livingston Community News. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Klein 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 August – 392 runs to date.
2. Denis Aseltine, Pinckney Police Chief submitted a report for August.
3. Tom Lewis, new Zoning Administrator, will have a report next month.
4. Ron Rau, Supervisor, reported on his activity since the last meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

911 Central Dispatch funding source.

COMMITTEES

1. Trustee Buerman, Board Liaison to the Friends of the Lakeland Trail – on agenda.
2. Trustee Dobis, Chairman of the Township Square Maintenance Committee –sign installed in Square.
3. Recreation Plan Committee: Developing survey.
4. Building Committee: Site Plan was recommended for approval by Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Unity Playground Brick Pathway: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Guyon to accept the low bid of \$2,228 from Dirtworks to install pavers for Unity Playground pathway extension and have them quote additional pavers under porta-potty and two picnic tables on west side of playground. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein, McCloskey and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Delinquent Personal Property Tax: Several have paid in full and a few are making payments.
3. Tiplady Portable Toilet Business: Zoning Administrator will research ordinance to see if nuisance can be cited. Trustee Dobis will ask Planning Commission to ~~consider amending~~ review the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to home businesses.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to approve 3 new firemen. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Citizen Planner Online Course: **A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by McCloskey to require current Planning Commission and ZBA members to take the Citizen Planner Online course by 9/19/08 (or one year from appointment for future new members). MOTION CARRIED, 6-1.**
3. Glover Dependency Trailer Renewal: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Benedetti to renew the trailer permit for one year for Dan Glover, 4338 Burgess. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
4. Freedom of Information Act Policy: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by McCloskey to adopt Resolution #07-11 which establishes procedures and guidelines for calculating costs for labor, supplies, copying and other related costs associated with Freedom of Information requests. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein, McCloskey and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
5. Millage Rate Correction: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by McCloskey to adopt Resolution #07-12 to correct the millage rates approved at the June Budget Hearing which incorrectly utilized the factor 1.0003 published by Livingston County Equalization which should have been rounded to 1.0000. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein, McCloskey and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
6. Michigan Statewide Trailways: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Benedetti to adopt Resolution #07-13 which endorses the Connecting Michigan Vision and Action Plan to complete an interconnected statewide trail system. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Benedetti, Dobis, Guyon, Rau, Klein, McCloskey and Buerman. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
7. Township Square Requests: A. **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Benedetti to approve the use of the Square for Arise Church "Harvest Gathering" which replaces the previous "Fill the Gazebo" 11/10/07 8AM-7PM. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.** B. **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Benedetti to approve the use of the Square for Pinckney Respect Life pro-life rally 10/7/07 1PM-3PM. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
8. ZBA Discussion: Trustee Dobis brought to the Board's attention that some members of the ZBA were disappointed that a Planner review was not included in packets pertaining to the Zoning Ordinance interpretation regarding miniature golf inclusion in C-1 zoning district.
9. Amending Zoning Ordinance: Trustee Dobis requested that the Planner be present when the amendment of the entire Zoning Ordinance comes to the Board for final approval.
10. Consent Agenda: **A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Klein to utilize a Consent Agenda format which will include summaries, correspondence, committees, Treasurer's report, payment of bills and minutes approval. MOTION CARRIED, 6-1.**

SECOND CALL TO PUBLIC

Two people spoke regarding opposing consent agenda and situations where planner review is not obtained for ZBA hearings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting **adjourned at 8:54 PM.**

Sally D. Guyon
Putnam Township Clerk