

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP HALL, 3280 W. M-36, PINCKNEY, MI
JUNE 18 , 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM with Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Rau.

ROLL CALL

Present: Rau, Guyon, Buerman, Klein, Dobis, Benedetti and McCloskey
Absent: None
Others Present: Fire Chief Greg Amburgey; Pinckney Police Chief Denis
Asetine; Tom Lewis, Zoning Administrator

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Charlie Aberasturi, a candidate for the 47th State Representative District, introduced himself.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Klein and supported by McCloskey to approve the consent agenda except the 5/21/08 regular minutes. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Klein to approve the 5/21/08 regular minutes as amended. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

COMMITTEES

1. Trustee Buerman, Board Liaison to the Friends of the Lakeland Trail – no report
2. Trustee Dobis, Chairman of the Township Square Maintenance Committee – Fencing purchased for playground; storm damaged tree removed.
3. Senior Advisory Committee: Livingston County Commissioners approved waiving permit fees for the new Senior Center at the old Township Hall.
4. Joint Police Committee: Survey was reviewed and some changes made; **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to authorize \$2,500 for the Township share for the printing and mailing of the surveys in the Summer Tax Bill. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Guyon, Benedetti, Rau, Klein, McCloskey and Dobis. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Full Time Fire Chief: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by McCloskey to hire Fire Chief Greg Amburgey full time starting 9/1/08 at \$42,500 (includes 10 holidays and 2 weeks vacation). Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Guyon, Benedetti and McCloskey. Nays: Rau, Klein and Dobis. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Noise Ordinance: **A motion was made by Benedetti and supported by Buerman to adopt Resolution #08-06 which adopts Ordinance #42, Noise Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Guyon, Benedetti, Rau, Klein, McCloskey and Dobis. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Retirement Plan for Staff and Officials: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Klein to cease discussion of implementing a Simple IRA program. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Benedetti, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: Guyon, Rau and Dobis. MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing: 2008-2009 Budget

A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Klein to approve the General Fund Budget as amended. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Guyon, Rau, Klein, and Dobis. Nays: Benedetti and McCloskey. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to set the General Fund levy at .8915. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Guyon, Rau, Klein, Benedetti, McCloskey and Dobis. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Buerman to approve the Capital Improvement Budget. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Guyon, Rau, Klein, Benedetti, McCloskey and Dobis. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Dobis to approve the Fire Operating Budget. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Guyon, Rau, Klein, Benedetti, McCloskey and Dobis. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to set the Fire Operating levy at 1.1923. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Guyon, Rau, Klein, Benedetti, McCloskey and Dobis. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to approve the Fire Capital Outlay Budget. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Guyon, Rau, Klein, Benedetti, McCloskey and Dobis. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Dobis to set the Fire Capital Outlay levy at .4695. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Guyon, Rau, Klein, Benedetti, McCloskey and Dobis. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to approve the Patterson Lake Sewer Budget. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Guyon, Rau, Klein, Benedetti, McCloskey and Dobis. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Klein to approve the Debt Retirement Budget. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Guyon, Rau, Klein, Benedetti, McCloskey and Dobis. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Dobis to freeze the Supervisor salary at the 2003-2004 Budget year level of \$25,500. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Klein, Benedetti, McCloskey and Dobis. Nays: Guyon and Rau. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Buerman to freeze the Clerk salary at the 2003-2004 Budget year level of \$25,500. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Klein, Benedetti, McCloskey and Dobis. Nays: Guyon and Rau. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Klein to set the Trustee salary at \$1 per year. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Klein, Benedetti, McCloskey and Dobis. Nays: Guyon and Rau. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Klein and supported by McCloskey to freeze the Treasurer salary at the 2003-2004 Budget year level of \$25,500. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Klein, Benedetti, McCloskey, Guyon and Rau. Nays: Buerman and Dobis. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman that effective November 20, 2008 at Noon, the Treasurer's salary be set at \$12,500 annually based on 10.5 hours per week. After 90 days, the new Treasurer shall provide a plan for Board approval to increase his/her hours/salary by accepting more responsibility while working within the Treasurer's budget. Supervisor to consult with Township attorney to verify legality of motion. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Guyon, Rau, Klein, Benedetti, and Dobis. Nays: McCloskey. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Assessor Contract: A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to approve a two year contract for the Assessor commencing 6/1/08 and ending 5/31/10. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McCloskey, Buerman, Guyon, Rau, Klein, Benedetti. Nays: Dobis. MOTION CARRIED.

3. MAFC Conference: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to authorize \$914 for two firemen to attend the annual conference 7/15-18/08. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Dobis, Buerman, Guyon, Rau, Klein, Benedetti. Nays: McCloskey. MOTION CARRIED.**
4. Fire Department Stress Counseling Workshop: **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Rau to authorize approximately \$900 two firefighters to attend the workshop. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Dobis, Buerman, Guyon, Rau, Klein, Benedetti. Nays: McCloskey. MOTION CARRIED.**
5. Fire Department Traffic Vests: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Buerman to approve the purchase of 40 vests not to exceed \$1,400. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Buerman, Guyon, Rau, Klein, Benedetti, McCloskey and Dobis. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
6. Election Receiving Board: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Buerman to use an election receiving board for all future elections for the purpose of receiving precinct results election night and verifying all the necessary procedures have been followed to satisfy the Livingston County Board of Canvassers and Michigan Election Law. MOTION CARRIED.**
7. Joint Meeting with Planning Commission: Tabled discussion until 7/16/08 regular meeting.
8. Fire Operation Millage Renewal: Discussed renewing the operating millage at the rolled back rate of 1.1923 for collection 2009-2014. Supervisor Rau will obtain language from the Township attorney.
9. Multi-Lakes Sewer District Amendment: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Buerman to agree to increase the sewer district due to the sale of a tap for #05-23-200-026 purchased by Lyndon Township from Dexter Township. MOTION CARRIED.**
10. Colone Putt-Putt Miniature Golf: Trustee Benedetti questioned the Zoning Ordinance requirement of a 6' barrier for commercial properties.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM.**

Sally D. Guyon
Putnam Township Clerk