

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP HALL, 3280 W. M-36, PINCKNEY, MI
DECEMBER 17 , 2008

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Rau, Guyon, Dobis, Chambers, Carney and McCloskey
Absent: Klein
Others Present: Fire Chief Greg Amburgey; Pinckney Police Denis Asetline; Tom Lewis, Zoning Administrator

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Guyon to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Chambers to approve the consent agenda. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS

Elizabeth Riggs, Huron River Watershed Council and Sarah Thomas, Livingston Land Conservancy were present to invite a Township resident or Board member be a representative on the Advisory Group for the Portage Creek Watershed Planning Project.

COMMITTEES

1. Supervisor Rau, Friends of the Lakeland Trail – no report.
2. Trustee Dobis, Chairman of the Township Square Maintenance Committee – cleaned gutters on gazebo; replaced bulbs in tree spotlights.
3. Senior Advisory Committee: no meeting in December – no issues.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Recycle Program: Phil Bolyard was present from Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority to answer questions as the Board discussed the merits and costs of a Township program. Will be placed on the 1/21/09 agenda.
2. Capital Improvement Fund: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Dobis to annually deposit 25% of the surplus in the General Fund into the Capital Improvement Fund which would equal \$61,370 in 2008. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**
3. Delinquent Personal Property Taxes: Treasurer Carney discussed his plan to collect on outstanding personal property taxes.
4. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Chpt. 22, Sec. 5: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Carney to approve the amendment to Chapter 22, Section 5 which reduces the minimum lot width in the RS-3 District from 200' to 150'. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**
5. Township Square Christmas Decorations: Trustee Dobis reported that the lights on the two large trees could have been purchased for \$450 less if the DDA had purchased them through Pinckney Hardware.
6. Huron River Watershed Council Township Representative: Board agreed to place add for candidates.

7. Special Use Permit Procedure: Application will be amended to require the Zoning Administrator to perform a final site inspection verifying compliance to the requirements of approval (if any) as set forth by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Auditor Contract: Ken Palka of Pfeffer, Hanniford and Palka, was present to present a contract for 2009-2011 at \$10,500, \$10,600 and \$10,700, respectively. **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Guyon to approve a contract at \$10,500 for one year, 2009, to help ease the transition with the new Treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Guyon, Rau, Carney, Dobis, Chambers and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Timber Trace Golf Course Appraisal: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Dobis to hire The Oetzel-Hartman Group for \$15,000 to appraise the property to support the Township's position at Tax Tribunal. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Guyon, Rau, Carney, Dobis, Chambers and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Fire Investigation Training: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Carney to approve \$1,590 for two firefighters to attend fire investigation training at Macomb County Community College. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**

4. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by McCloskey to appoint Don Speer to the ZBA to fill the Press vacancy, term expiring 2/19/10. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Guyon, Rau, Carney, and McCloskey. Nays: Dobis and Chambers. MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Wetland Review Board Appointment: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Guyon to re-appoint Trustee Klein for a 3 year term, expiring December 2011. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Guyon, Rau, Carney, Dobis, Chambers and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

6. LESA Summer Tax Collection: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Guyon to approve Summer Tax Collection for LESA. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Guyon, Rau, Carney, Dobis, Chambers and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Howell Schools Summer Tax Collection: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Guyon to approve Summer Tax Collection for Howell Schools. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Guyon, Rau, Carney, Dobis, Chambers and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

A few people spoke with concerns regarding the expenditure for a recycling program, pursuing delinquent personal property and the lack of meeting attendance by the ZBA appointee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.**

Sally D. Guyon
Putnam Township Clerk