

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP HALL, 3280 W. M-36, PINCKNEY, MI**  
**FEBRUARY 18 , 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

One comment regarding the Treasurer's salary.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Klein and supported by Carney to approve the consent agenda with the following items removed for discussion and/or approval. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

1. Treasurers Report discussed.
2. Payment of Bills – **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Guyon to approve payment of bills as presented. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Guyon, Dobis, Klein, Chambers, Carney and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Zoning Administrator Summary – Discussed

**COMMITTEES**

1. Supervisor Rau, Friends of the Lakeland Trail – Met with Livingston County Road Commission Director Mike Craine regarding Federal economic stimulus funds.
2. Trustee Dobis, Chairman of the Township Square Maintenance Committee – no activity.
3. Senior Advisory Committee – Hours of operation changed to 10AM-2pm; sending out newsletter to seniors in community to invite them to come to center.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Delinquent Personal Property Taxes: Treasurer Carney has sent out approximately 20 letters requesting business owners to pay delinquent personal property taxes.
2. Master Plan Amendment: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Carney to approve the amendment/update to the Master Plan. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Guyon, Dobis, Klein, Chambers, Carney and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Township Hall Construction Account: Before closing the account, obtain bids for landscaping rock and handicap door opener.
4. Fire Department Officer Cell Phones: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Chambers to discontinue using Nextel phones for the Chief and 4 officers and pay each one \$40/month to obtain their own phone/contract as a cost savings measure. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Guyon, Dobis, Klein and Chambers. Nays: Carney and McCloskey. MOTION CARRIED.**
5. IT Contract: A list of technology support services and fees was provided by Steve Taylor, Taylor Made Web Design & Maintenance to fulfill one of the auditor comments to the State. Will consult with auditor to determine if this will satisfy comments or if a contract is needed.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. ZBA Appointments: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Guyon to re-appoint Kathleen Fordyce to the ZBA for a 3 year term expiring 2/19/12. MOTION CARRIED.**  
**A motion was made by Klein and supported by Dobis to re-appoint Dale Collingham to the ZBA for a 3 year term expiring 2/19/12. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
2. Run Through Hell: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Klein to approve the application for Run Through Hell 8/8/09. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
3. Fireworks Display: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Klein to approve the application from Gary Locher for a fireworks display 3/7/09 (rain date 3/8/09) on the northeast side of Portage Lake. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
4. St. Patrick's Day Parade: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Carney to approve the application from Patsy Dible and Ann Jarema for the parade 3/14/09. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
5. Blue Star Memorial Location Approval: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Chambers to approve the placement of the memorial in the northeast corner of the Township Square and planting a garden around it with a paver border. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
6. Red Cross Blood Drive: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Dobis to approve the use of the Township Hall meeting room for a blood drive in May, dates to be determined. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
7. Asset Test for Poverty Exemption at Board of Review: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Guyon to approve the Asset Test as set forth by the Board of Review to use to determine poverty exemptions. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
8. Federal Guideline for Poverty Exemption: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Klein to accept the Federal Guideline for poverty exemptions during Board of Review. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
9. Assessment Appeals by Mail and Fax: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Carney to accept property assessment appeals via mail and fax for Board of Review. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
10. Treasurer Salary Increase: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Guyon to restore the Treasurer's salary in accordance with the motion made at the 2008-2009 Budget Hearing to \$25,500 effective 3/1/09 through 6/30/09. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Guyon, Chambers, Carney and McCloskey. Nays: Dobis and Klein. MOTION CARRIED.**
11. Annex Offer to Purchase: **A motion was made to reject the offer of a land contract for \$140,000, a \$20,000 down payment, \$700/month payments, 5 year balloon and taxes paid by purchaser. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Guyon, Dobis, Klein, Chambers, Carney and McCloskey. Nays: Rau. MOTION CARRIED.**

## SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Four persons spoke regarding agenda on the web, annex offer, money for road improvements and reinstating a Township Cleanup day.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

Sally D. Guyon  
Putnam Township Clerk