

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP HALL, 3280 W. M-36, PINCKNEY, MI
APRIL 15, 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 Aseltine; Tom Lewis, Zoning Administrator

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

An invitation to the Blue Star Memorial ceremony 5/16/09 was presented and one person spoke in favor of adding grills and a drinking fountain to the Township Square.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Carney and supported by Klein 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 McCloskey and supported by Klein to approve payment of bills as presented. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Guyon, Dobis, Klein, Chambers, Carney and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. 3/18/09 Minutes – A correction was made to New Business - #11. **A motion was made by Carney and supported by McCloskey to approve the 3/18/09 regular minutes as amended. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

PRESENTATION

Ellen Fox, Municipal Code Corporation, was present to inform the Board of their codification and code supplementation services.

COMMITTEES

1. Supervisor Rau, Friends of the Lakeland Trail – Working with Village for possible mowing of trail.
2. Trustee Dobis, Chairman of the Township Square Maintenance Committee – Cleanup is complete and gazebo benches finished.
3. Senior Advisory Committee – Repairs to chimney completed and awnings replaced.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Annex Sale: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Klein to reject the current offer of a \$150,000 Land Contract based on the Board's aversion to financing the purchase. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Guyon, Dobis, Klein and Carney. Nays: Rau, Chambers and McCloskey. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Zoning Administrator Hours Increase: **A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Klein to authorize up to 16 additional hours in the pay period 4/15-5/20 for updating property record zoning designations and sorting through other records. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

3. Unity Park and Township Square Improvements: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Carney to authorize \$235 to complete the fence to the sandbox area and add additional sand. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Guyon, Dobis, Klein, Chambers, Carney and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Carney and supported by Guyon to purchase and install a concrete drinking fountain up to ~~\$1,100~~ \$1,500. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Guyon, Dobis, Klein, Chambers, Carney and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Dobis and supported by Klein to purchase two grills for the Square not to exceed \$400. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Guyon, Dobis and Klein. Nays: Chambers, Carney and McCloskey. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Library Board Appointment: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by McCloskey to re-appoint Mary Press for a 4 year term, expiring April 2013. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Guyon, Dobis, Klein, Chambers, Carney and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Blessing of the Bikes: **A motion was made by Chambers and supported by Dobis to approve the Blessing of the Bikes event June 14, 2009, 10AM-4PM at the TMZ buffalo field. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

3. Appointment of Liaison from Planning Commission to the ZBA: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Rau to appoint Bob Press as the Liaison to the ZBA. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Chambers and Carney. Nays: Guyon, Dobis, Klein and McCloskey. MOTION CARRIED FAILED, 3-4.**

4. Handicap Door Opener for Township Hall: Three bids of approximately \$6,000 were obtained. **A motion was made by Klein and supported by McCloskey to authorize approximately \$6,000 for handicap door openers for the Township Hall and to authorize Treasurer Carney and Trustee Dobis to choose the bidder based on choice of hardware. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

5. Landscape Bids for Township Hall: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Klein to accept the local bid from Northland Services for \$3,000 to remove and replace existing mulch with 3" depth egg rock and to create a bed in front of the sign, contingent upon their taxes being current. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

A motion was made by Klein and supported by McCloskey to accept the bid from Designer Landscapers for \$2,898 in the event the Northland's taxes are not current. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

6. Scream's Mini Golf: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Klein to adjourn to closed session to discuss pending civil litigation, the discussion of which in public would have a detrimental financial effect on the Township's fiscal or settlement strategy. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Guyon, Dobis, Klein, Chambers, Carney and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

Reconvening at 9:26 PM, a motion was made by Guyon and supported by Carney to come out of closed session. **Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Guyon, Dobis, Klein, Chambers, Carney and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Klein and supported by Carney to adopt Resolution #09-03 approving the terms of settlement proposed in the Litigation as identified in closed session and authorizing the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Consent Judgment to settle the Litigation subject to Township attorney review. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Guyon, Dobis, Klein, Chambers, Carney and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM.**

Sally D. Guyon
Putnam Township Clerk