

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Putnam Township Annex, 122 S. Howell St., Pinckney, Mi.

**TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Knopf. Meeting was noticed in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (P.A. 1976, No. 267).

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Knopf, Guyon, Dobis, McCloskey, Buerman, Benedetti and Klein

Absent: None

Others Present: Tom Meagher, Township Attorney - Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Special meeting was called by Supervisor Knopf to discuss Livingston County Judge David J. Reader's ruling 5/4/06 on Hendee et al and Village Point Development, LLC v. Township of Putnam. Approximately 30 persons in attendance. There were concerns about traffic, perceived lack of negotiation for the original request, preference to stick-built vs. mobile home for tax-generating purposes, incorrect testimony in the trial entered as statements of fact and the way the Township attorney chose to handle the case. In a show of hands, all but 2 people felt the Township should appeal.

**CLOSED SESSION**

7:23 PM. **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by McCloskey to go into closed session to discuss a written attorney-client privileged letter provided by counsel for the Township, Mr. Thomas R, Meagher. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Benedetti, McCloskey, Guyon and Knopf. Nays: Buerman, Klein and Dobis. MOTION FAILED – 2/3 majority needed.**

**A motion was made by Klein and supported by Guyon to go into closed session to discuss a written attorney-client privilege letter provided by counsel for the Township, Mr. Thomas R, Meagher. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Benedetti, McCloskey, Guyon, Buerman, Klein, Dobis and Knopf. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion followed between Mr. Meagher and Board regarding the attorney-client privilege letter dated 5/9/06.

7:42 PM. **A motion was made by Buerman and supported by Guyon to go into open session. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Benedetti, McCloskey, Guyon, Buerman, Klein, Dobis and Knopf. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

**OPEN SESSION**

**A motion was made by Klein and supported by Buerman to authorize the Township legal firm, Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, to pursue an appeal of the opinion of Judge David Reader. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Benedetti, McCloskey, Guyon, Buerman, Klein, Dobis and Knopf. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Sally D. Guyon  
Putnam Township Clerk