

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP HALL, 3280 W. M-36, PINCKNEY, MI
JANUARY 18, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Brennan, Guyon, Bennett, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey
Absent: None
Others Present: Greg Amburgey, Fire Chief; Carrie Humble, Recording Secretary; Sheriff Deputy L. Chapman

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened at 7:01 PM.
No response.
Closed at 7:01 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Carney and supported by Chambers to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

A motion was made by Carney and supported by Klein to approve the December 13, 2016 Closed Session minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Klein and supported by Guyon to approve the consent agenda with the following item(s) removed and added to the agenda under New Business (g) for discussion or approval. MOTION CARRIED.

1. Township Square Requests (2): Moved to New Business

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

1. Treasurer: By 12/31/16 45% of Winter taxes collected; reported on two parcels under Township ownership due to tax foreclosure, requesting combination, interested purchaser; Board discussion regarding sale price & process; reported on one parcel with 7 year history of delinquent taxes, State & County unable to foreclose until legal description corrected, working on this issue but may need to obtain bid from Engineering firm to complete, Zoning Administrator is also dealing with blight issues on this parcel.
2. Clerk: Clerk, Treasurer & Supervisor registered for annual Michigan Townships Association conference, rooms booking quickly if other Trustees are interested in attending.
3. Fire: Working to obtain grant for fire equipment for \$33,750 which would require matching funds, had 60 less runs for 2016 vs. 2015, January 2017 has been busy with fire runs.
4. Supervisor: Receptionist on medical leave for knee replacement.

CORRESPONDENCE

Village Council meeting minutes- 12/12/16.

PRESENTATION

1. Pinckney Community Youth Development Initiative (PYCDI): Chris Steubing, Shalom Lutheran Church Pastor updated the Board on the future role PYCDI envisions in partnership with the community, thanked the Board for leasing 131 S. Howell St. to this initiative, shared the group's desired outcomes, requested Board feedback and asked that a Township Board member consider serving on the PYCDI Executive Board.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Rover Pipeline Wetlands Application: Supervisor reported on consultations with Diane Martin, Township Wetlands consultant, the Township Attorney and Rover representatives, explained the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) pre-empts Township & State regulations, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has been assigned the responsibility of overseeing this area of the pipeline construction, Rover has agreed to reimburse the Township for all costs associated with the Wetlands Application, recommends taking no further action on application. Treasurer reported Ordinance allows deferring to MDEQ, confident in Rover's restoration ability and willingness to work with the Township. **A motion was made by Brennan and supported by Carney to recognize that the FERC permitting process and the MDEQ Wetlands permitting process, in the unique case of the Rover Pipeline, sufficiently protects our wetlands and, therefore, we will file the Wetlands Application from Rover Pipeline with no further action to be taken on the part of the township other than to collect for expenses incurred in relation to this matter. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Brennan, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Bennett, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Rover Pipeline- Township Easement Purchase Update: Supervisor reported that easement purchase with the township closed last week with the township receiving \$24,679.80 for granting the easement and an additional \$9,000.00 to remove the hill of dirt on the township property from previous construction projects.

3. Livingston County Transportation Open Forum: Clerk provided sample Resolution for discussion, Supervisor requested Trustee input. Trustees discussed benefit vs. cost, not in support of millage or authority at this time, prefer expanding current services.

Doug Bitz, Livingston Essential Transportation Services (LETS) Director reported on current services provided, current funding situation and desire to utilize full funding allotted from the Federal Transportation Authority (FTA), without a local match of \$130,000 only able to access \$750,000 of the \$1.2 million allotted. Explained additional services that could be provided if could utilize the full funding and goal of providing a dedicated dialysis transportation service. One resident spoke in opposition to mass transit in this area as not a viable option.

One resident spoke in support of expanding LETS service throughout the County.

4. Livingston County Transportation Authority Trustee Discussion: Discussed nearby transportation authorities, not in support of millage, would like to review study reports prior to decision, tabled for lack of support.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointments to Board of Review: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Bennett to re-appoint Maria DeRosia to the Board of Review for a term of two years, expiring 12/31/18. MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Klein to re-appoint Judi Paul to the Board of Review for a term of two years, expiring 12/31/18. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Klein to re-appoint David Esser to the Board of Review for a term of two years, expiring 12/31/18. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Par Plan Risk Review Recommendations: Reviewed & discussed recommendations.

3. Lakeland Trail Trimming: Discussed need, may need every other year, felt not needed this year.
4. Flood Mitigation Plan: **A motion was made by Chambers and supported by Guyon to approve the response to Livingston County Emergency Management's request for Flood Mitigation survey. MOTION CARRIED.**
5. Wiltse Electric Quote- Emergency Light Batteries & Garbage Disposal Wiring: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Chambers to approve the bid from Wiltse Electric to replace the batteries in 12 emergency lights, paying up to \$1,170.00, line item 760.12. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Brennan, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Bennett, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
A motion was made by Carney and supported by McCloskey to approve the bid from Wiltse Electric to spend \$630.00 to install wiring for a garbage disposal. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McCloskey, Carney and Guyon. Nays: Chambers, Klein, Bennett and Brennan. MOTION FAILED.
6. Non-conforming Parcel Discussion: Trustee Klein reported on the proposed text amendments presented at the 1/11/17 Planning Commission meeting regarding accessory structure setbacks, feels zoning may be reason residents not able to meet requirements for non-conforming parcels, recommends alleviating costs to ZBA in instances where non-conforming parcels were created by township. Trustee discussion on requirements to alleviate/reduce costs for residents in this situation.
A motion was made by Klein to reduce the fee for ZBA variance review to \$85.00 for non-conforming parcels if the only practical difficulty is the Zoning Ordinance. Motion died for lack of support.
Tabled for future review with additional information.
7. Township Square Requests: Trustee Chambers explained that his request to place the Township Square Requests as a separate agenda item stemmed from the Par Plan Risk Review in regards to the liability waiver. Clerk Guyon reported that the Pinckney DDA has provided insurance for the St. Patrick's Day parade & that Shalom Lutheran Church will submit for the Run For the Gold 5K and Kids Run.
A motion was made by Klein and supported by Brennan to approve the two Township Square requests as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chief Amburgey recommended the Township add lights near the recycle bins.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **a motion was made by Carney and supported by Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 9:18PM.**

Reviewed by:

Carrie J. Humble, CMC, CMMC
Deputy Clerk
Recording Secretary

Sally D. Guyon, CMC, CMMC
Putnam Township Clerk