

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP HALL, 3280 W. M-36, PINCKNEY, MI
DECEMBER 21, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Rau, Guyon, McCloskey, Chambers, Carney, Klein and Press
Absent: None
Others Present: Fire Chief Greg Amburgey; Tom Lewis, Zoning Administrator; Damien Wetzell, Township Engineering Consultant; Carrie Humble, Recording Secretary

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened at 7:02 PM.

One resident brought to the Board's attention an announcement on WHMI radio regarding a company by the name of Air Advantage interested in bringing wireless internet to all Livingston County residents and requested the Board gather further information.

Several people spoke against the Planning Commission's 12/14/11 approval of the revised Master Plan as it relates to the Mobile Home Park designation.

One person requested clarification on how many units the MHP site would allow and whether a parcel on Dexter Pinckney Rd. has commercial frontage.

Closed at 7:07 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

A motion was made by Press and supported by Carney to approve the 11/29/11 Closed Session minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Treasurer Carney brought to the Board's attention an article in the Livingston County Press on a dental clinic for the uninsured and recommended that the paper be contacted to feature an article on the Faith Medical Clinic's work and fundraising efforts. Supervisor Rau offered to contact the paper.

PRESENTATIONS

Mike Kennedy, Chair, Economic Development Council of Livingston County presented information to the Board on the proposed collaboration with Ann Arbor SPARK which would promote business development, entrepreneurship and job retention throughout Livingston County with input from local units of government, requesting a 3 year commitment from Putnam

Township of \$4,500 annually. Board to review information and place on the 1/18/12 agenda for consideration.

COMMITTEES

1. Lakeland Trail Committee: Trustee Klein- Mike Crain of Livingston County Road Commission has engaged his design firm for bridge expansion design and bid specifications; bridges will now be covered by the Federal government's grant; project on schedule.
2. Township Square Maintenance Committee: No report.
3. Fire Hall Construction Committee: Treasurer Carney- Fire Department moved in and operational as of 12/09/11 with temporary certificate of occupancy; received final certificate of occupancy 12/21/11; The Garrison Company is clearing up punch list; have 45 days to accept for final payment.
4. Freight Depot Stakeholder Committee: Supervisor Rau- meeting to be held 1/2012 or 2/2012.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Old Fire Station: Fire Station Sale Committee met with Jim Marhofer to negotiate on his previous offer to purchase the old fire station; as he was not willing to increase the purchase price the committee recommends rejecting his offer of \$118,000. Board discussion on whether to reject or counter offer. **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Press to accept the committee's recommendation to reject Jim Marhofer's offer of \$118,000 to purchase the old fire station. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, McCloskey and Carney. Nays: Guyon, Klein and Chambers. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Listing of Annex and Old Fire Station with a Realtor: Discussion on the pros and cons to selling, leasing or keeping of real estate at this time; Faith medical clinic would like a 3-5 year commitment from the Township for space so that they may continue to provide services and receive support from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and U of M Hospital. **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by McCloskey to authorize the Fire Station Sale Committee to meet and come up with a counter offer to Mr. Marhofer's previous offer of \$118,000. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Resolution #11-26 for Michigan Development Project Agreement Natural Resources Trust Fund: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by McCloskey to adopt Resolution #11-26 which accepts the terms of the agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**
4. Resolution #11-27 Master Plan Adoption Authority: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Chambers to adopt Resolution #11-27 authorizing the Putnam Township Board of Trustees to approve or reject the Master Plan Update for Putnam Township once it is presented to them by the Planning Commission, in accordance with procedures set forth in Michigan Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Home Based Business Permit Renewal for Hood Collision, Owner Robert Hood: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Chambers to approve a two year renewal of the Home Based Business permit for Hood Collision, 7153 Cedar Lake Rd. #4714-09-100-004, owned by Robert Hood, expiring 12/15/2013. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

2. Dec. 10, 2011 Light Up the Park Event: Treasurer Carney informed the Board of a safety issue brought to his attention by a participant and her dissatisfaction with the response received; Clerk Guyon informed the Board that the Greater Brighton Chamber of Commerce will be replacing the clothing damaged by the incident; apologies have been expressed and feels that the issue has now been resolved to the participant's satisfaction. Board discussed safety concerns and possible solutions/requirements for future events.

3. Flag Pole Purchase for New Fire Hall: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Chambers to purchase three flag poles for the new fire station, not to exceed \$7,188.90 from the Capital Improvement Fund. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Guyon and Rau. Nays: Klein, Chambers, Press, McCloskey and Carney. MOTION FAILED.**

A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Klein to purchase three flag poles for the new fire station, not to exceed \$7,188.90 from Fire Capital Outlay. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Township Hall and New Fire Station Sprinklers: Discussion on need for sprinklers and funding. **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Rau to table a decision on the sprinklers for further evaluation. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

5. Gazebo Maintenance: Clerk Guyon brought to the Board's attention a complaint received regarding the cleanliness and condition of the park gazebo. Discussion on having the gazebo monitored and cleaned.

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

7. LESA Summer Tax Collection: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Klein to approve summer tax collection for LESA. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

8. Fire Department DNR Grant: Fire Chief Amburgey advised the Board of the awarding of a matching grant from the DNR in the amount of \$3,000 and requests approval to replace existing gas skids used in grass fires with electric skids as an operational and maintenance cost savings. **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Rau to approve purchasing electric skids, not to exceed \$3,000 from the Fire Capital Outlay Fund with matching funds from the DNR of \$3,000 for a total of \$6,000. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Fire Truck Purchase: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Press to approve purchasing a new Crimson fire truck, replacing a 1989 rescue truck, not to exceed \$325,000 with hoses and fittings, etc. from the Fire Capital Outlay Fund. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers and McCloskey. Nays: Klein. MOTION CARRIED.**

10. The Garrison Company Invoice: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Klein approving payment to The Garrison Company for the invoice received in the amount of \$70,634.93 from the Fire Department Building Fund. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

11. John Colone Fire Truck Picture Request: John Colone requested approval from the Board to take pictures of the Fire Trucks for possible use in a video game based on Hell, Michigan being made by a company out of Japan. Board felt there should be no issues with taking pictures of public property as long as the use of such pictures was in a tasteful manner.

12. Adopting Ordinance #60 for New Code: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Carney adopting Ordinance #60 which adopts a codification and revision of the Ordinances of the Township of Putnam, County of Livingston, State of Michigan; superseding all prior ordinances. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Two people expressed concern with continued electrical issues in the park.

Several people requested and received clarification on the Master Plan process; another person expressed concern with Planning Commission voting issues.

One person felt that money would be better spent on the park where the residents enjoy use than on sprinklers for the Township Hall and Fire Station; approved of the fire truck purchase.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.**

Carrie J. Humble
Deputy Clerk
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:
Sally D. Guyon, CMC
Putnam Township Clerk