

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP HALL, 3280 W. M-36, PINCKNEY, MI
FEBRUARY 15, 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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened at 7:01 PM.

County Commissioner Robert Bezotte introduced himself, reported the County will apply for a \$150,000 grant to conduct a transportation study, last study done 2007; provided his contact information.

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.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Klein and supported by Chambers to approve the consent agenda with the following item(s) removed for discussion or approval. MOTION CARRIED.

1. Payment of Bills: Trustee Chambers inquired if it would be beneficial to utilize the retired Fire Department Durango for the Senior Center rather than reimbursing for mileage. Treasurer Carney stated that this vehicle would not suffice for the picking up of food which requires a pick-up truck, gets poor mileage and is currently utilized by firefighters when attending training. Board discussed possibility of selling retired Durango and paying firefighters mileage.
2. General Fund Budget: Trustee Chambers expressed concern over where the Senior Center budget currently stands; noted maintenance & Director salary are areas over budget at this time.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

1. Supervisor: Rover pipeline has received a certificate of convenience from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) allowing construction to proceed, a special dispensation was given allowing for tree removal in lieu of 30 day waiting period, not hauling trees away or bringing in heavy equipment at this time; Township was named in Kennedy Dr. lawsuit at Judge's request although the Township bares no liability as dispute is private property, not public, will incur attorney fees in order for Township attorney to argue for dismissal of Township from lawsuit; attended Michigan Association of Township Supervisors conference, great learning opportunity, subjects covered included cell towers, medical marijuana, active shooter response, wedding barns & sign ordinances, may need to review Township Ordinance.
2. Treasurer: Offer received for lot 55 on Hillside (two ½ lots, one with sewer tap) of \$600, Township has \$7-9,000 invested; Stantec study for State of Michigan to bring Iron Bell Trail from Hudson Mills to Lakelands Trails, would come through Putnam Township, next meeting 2/20/17.

3. Clerk: Attended vendor presentation for new election equipment, state to award contract soon, attending two additional vendor presentations 2/22/17, state recommends Townships set aside \$1-3,000 per precinct, HAVA funds to cover majority of cost, maintenance covered first 5 years with purchase, years six through ten 100% municipalities responsibility, in ten years municipalities will be responsible for 100% of cost for new equipment as HAVA funds will have been exhausted.
4. Fire: Eighty eight calls for the year, thirty more than this time last year; three successful CPR rescues in last week with one person having come in to express thanks to the fire fighters; ice rescue training to be held 2/25/17.
5. Planning Commission: Trustee Klein reported reviewing Master Plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

Livingston County Update.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution #17-01: Greg Peter, Wildlife Biologist, Veterinarian and member of the Portage, Base & Whitewood Owners' Association (PBWOA) gave a presentation on the non-native Mute Swans, how they arrived in Michigan, current population statistics, damage caused to the environment, harm to humans, risk to native animals and explained the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) management program that would be at no cost to the Township or the landowners. Trustee Chambers shared concerns with Resolution language as drafted, concerns with management program notification and time frames management would be implemented. **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Guyon to approve amending the Resolution language to include—"we understand that there will be no cost to the Township of Putnam or its' residents for these programs". MOTION CARRIED. A motion was made by Klein and supported by Brennan to adopt Resolution #17-01 as amended to engage the MDNR to implement a Mute Swan Management Program on the Portage Chain of Lakes. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Brennan, Guyon, Carney, Bennett, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: Chambers. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**
2. Camp 360 Site Plan Approval: **A motion was made by Brennan and supported by Chambers to approve the site plan for Camp 360 as amended and approved by the Planning Commission. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Brennan, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Bennett, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Board of Review Poverty Guidelines: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Carney to approve the Poverty Guidelines for use by the Board of Review. MOTION CARRIED.**
4. Board of Review Asset Test: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Klein to approve the Asset Test for use by the Board of Review. MOTION CARRIED.**
5. Board of Review Appeals via mail, email and fax: **A motion was made by Brennan and supported by Guyon to approve accepting Board of Review appeals via mail, email & fax. MOTION CARRIED.**
6. Vendor Registry: Supervisor explained the Vendor Registry Service as a free link for the standard version from the Township's website to the Vendor Registry website for which vendor information and required documentation would be maintained, vendors could bid on work for the Township through the registry, feels good resource, Board supports trial.
7. Fireworks Application, Gary Locher: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Bennett to approve the Application for Fireworks submitted by Gary Locher for fireworks display on 2/25/17 with a rain date of 2/26/17. MOTION CARRIED.**

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Rebecca Foster, Village of Pinckney Trustee congratulated the current Board of Trustees on their election and thanked Supervisor for his efficient running of meeting; reported SPARK looking into bringing UBER, Taxi Service & Michigan Flyer stops to Livingston County.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **a motion was made by Klein and supported by Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM.**

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

Reviewed by:

Sally D. Guyon, CMC, CMMC
Putnam Township Clerk