

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PINCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA, 10255 DEXTER PINCKNEY RD.
PINCKNEY, MI 48169
APRIL 19, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting opened at 7:05 PM with Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Brennan.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brennan, Guyon, Bennett, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey

Absent: None

Others Present: Michael Homier, Township Legal Counsel; Greg Amburgey, Fire Chief; Ken Damrel, Zoning Administrator; Carrie Humble, Recording Secretary

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened at 7:07 PM.

No response.

Closed at 7:07 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Klein and supported by Bennett to approve the agenda as amended, changing the order of Public Hearings 12(a) & 12(b) so that the Board would hear Sarah Dr. Road Improvement comments first, followed by Home-based business permit comments for Firewood Solutions at the request of the HBB applicant. Added 14(h) to New Business: Approve expenditure for annual spring cleanup of township roads. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Klein and supported by Guyon to approve the consent agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

1. Supervisor: Clerk, Treasurer & Supervisor attended several helpful sessions at annual Michigan Township Association (MTA) conference; Sheriffs' department offering to patrol Lakelands Trail via bicycle, Sheriff to provide personnel with Township purchase & storage of bike, approximate cost of bike \$700.00, further details to be presented at future meeting; Pinckney Trail Riders to host trail cleanup 4/30/17 requiring motorized access to trail; Zoning Administrator working on several enforcement issues; expressed condolences to Chief Amburgey on the passing of his father who had also served as Putnam Township Fire Chief.
2. Zoning Administrator: Reported ongoing issues with unlicensed vehicles, storage of junk and possibly running of auto repair business in the LR-1 district, violation issued, will follow up.
3. Fire: In light of pipeline construction department personnel to participate in free trench rescue training in May.
4. Treasurer: Paid off Township Hall debt, formal notice forthcoming; attended County Treasurers' meeting, tax settlements went well.
5. Clerk: Attended the Economic Development Council of Livingston County (EDCLC) annual retreat in March, informative, action items identified: Organization development-bringing additional communities on board & creation of a talent advocacy plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

Livingston County Update.

PUBLIC HEARING- SARAH DRIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Supervisor Brennan opened the public hearing at 7:19PM.

1. Irwin Karwick, 1300 Nita: Opposes paving, cited some roads not benefitting, requesting not to be assessed; circulated a petition to Nita, Clarence, Beulah & Louise roads obtained 27 signatures opposing; petition filed with Supervisor.
2. Kathleen Howe, 1290 Nita: Signed petition opposing, agrees with Mr. Karwick; feels assessment should be per household and not per parcel.
3. Tim Flint, 1372 Nita: Would support if paving the entire road.
4. Mary Howley-Visel, 1254 Louise Dr.: Opposed, concerned with runoff of salt, oil, etc. would harm water quality, additional concerns include speed & cost, prefers to maintain natural qualities, requests alternatives be considered.
5. Charles Sebastian, 1320 Nita: Opposed, feels should only pay if living on Sarah Rd., concerned with runoff, feels County does well grading & maintaining road, if paved requests assurance that County would continue to grade Nita, would like project better explained to address concerns.
6. Ty Cathey, 1296 Nita: Happy with road as is for 40 years, feels should only charge those with frontage to paving, many Nita residents not in favor due to concerns for environment & speed, if paved would like speed bumps, concerned with fairness of costs to multiple lot owners, feels road dust issues could be addressed if drivers slowed down; thanked the Board for work they do.
7. Tom Schumm, 1273 Beulah: Concerned with runoff, if paving would like unpaved areas paved as well.
8. Marvin Hoard, 1382 Nita: Opposes due to cost and speed concerns.
9. Justin Kivi, 1304 Nita: Opposes due to speed, spoke on behalf of neighbor with 6 parcels who is concerned with being assessed for each parcel, requested explanation of project.

To address resident concerns Supervisor Brennan gave history of public meeting with Livingston County Road Commission held on March 9, 2017, options presented at meeting, explained paving full length of Nita would double project cost, explained how assessments of multiple lots would be handled: any lot not buildable would not be assessed, buildable lots not combined with a primary parcel would be assessed, additional lots containing only accessory structures to a primary residence would not be assessed, multiple lot owners could request lot combinations to avoid multiple assessments, 26 parcels have been identified through research to be removed from assessment roll; Road Commission has addressed drainage issues, majority of residents in attendance supported paving, speed bumps not an option due to difficulty with plowing, County to maintain road once paved.

10. Chris Luczkowski, 11433 Lancelot Lane: Spoke on behalf of himself, 42 residents' not in attendance as well as the following residents in attendance:
Blaine Monroe, 11470 Knights Dr., Henry Dertian, 1212 Arthurs Ct., Don Cach, 11426 Lancelot Ln., Dale Litzenberg, 1157 Lancelot Ct. & Mike Arpi, 1404 Arthurs Ct..
Supports paving, collected support signatures from 142 residents by petition turned in to the Township, disagrees with runoff being a problem with paving as there is already runoff, feel paving also benefits Nita residents, no way to equalize costs, feels driving from dirt to paved subdivision roads are senseless, should have been paved when builder developed, listed

benefits of clean car, car damage reduction, less maintenance, less dirt on homes, less respiratory issues, mentioned that those in favor of paving did not feel need to attend tonight.

12. David Williams, 1444 Nita Dr.: Concerned with construction traffic flow due to Sarah being only road in and out, feels speed bumps are needed.

13. Nick Barr: Speed currently an issue, feels will be worse with paving, need speed bumps; his driveway is currently knee deep with water, feels water will be more evenly disbursed with paving, supports paving.

14. Darin McLeskey: Questions cost distribution; states if taxes go up values go down.

15. Mary Muller, 1276 Arthurs Ct.: Supports paving, all will benefit, increases property value.

16. Doug Smith, 1276 Arthurs Ct.: Supports paving, less wear & tear on vehicles.

17. Don Lindlow, 1277 Beulah: Opposes via email, citing no need for paving, would like to maintain ambiance of lake district, Baughn subdivision is paved suiting those residents, does not want lake property owners' rights compromised by paving or taxing for the project, cited safety & runoff concerns.

Supervisor Brennan closed the public hearing at 8:03PM. Board discussion followed.

A motion was made by Chambers to step back and table the issue of paving Sarah Rd. for further review through the petition process. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SUPPORT.

A motion was made by Klein and supported by Brennan to approve Resolution #17-03, Special Assessment Resolution No. 2: Determination to make public improvements; approval of plans and estimate of costs; final determination of special assessment district; preparation of special assessment roll for Sarah Dr. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Brennan, Guyon, Carney, Bennett, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: Chambers. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

PUBLIC HEARING-HOME BASED BUSINESS PERMIT-FIREWOOD SOLUTIONS

Supervisor Brennan opened the public hearing at 8:27PM.

1. Michael & Darcy Keenan, 6565 Pinckney Rd: Reported operation is small, felt issue could have been settled in office, not opposed to permit fees, only he & spouse operate, helping community, customers rely on them, not all about pay, questions the complaint regarding noise, sold machine and replacing with smaller machine, feels leaf blowers produce more noise.

2. Joanne Smith, 11466 Toma Rd.: Referenced Township Noise Ordinance, feels he may need to relocate business.

Supervisor Brennan closed the public hearing at 8:42PM.

A motion was made by Carney and supported by Bennett to table the application, made by Firewood Solutions, for a home based business permit at 6565 Pinckney Rd. to review the current Ordinance for possible amendment to allow for this type of business. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Outdoor Assembly Application-Blessing of the Bikes: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Klein to approve the Outdoor Assembly Application, made by West Livingston Wheels, for the Blessing of the Bikes to be held on 6/4/17. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Huron River Watershed Council-Green Infrastructure Workshop: **A motion was made by Brennan and supported by Guyon to approve the scheduling of a green infrastructure workshop for Putnam Township to be run by the HRWC. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Lawn Fertilization Services: **A motion was made by Chambers and supported by Brennan to approve the expenditure of up to \$2,000 for lawn fertilization services from Metro West Outdoor Services. MOTION CARRIED.**
4. Weeding & Trimming Services: **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Carney to approve the expenditure of up to \$3,686.00 for weeding & trimming services as outlined in the bid from Gary Burg. MOTION CARRIED.**
5. Lawn Mowing, Trimming, Spring & Fall Clean-ups: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Carney to approve the expenditure of up to \$12,670.00 for lawn mowing, trimming, fall & spring clean-up services for all Township properties from CV Services. MOTION CARRIED.**
6. Election Equipment Contract: **A motion was made by McCloskey and supported by Carney to authorize the Clerk to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State to purchase new election equipment. MOTION CARRIED.**
7. Cemetery Preservation: **A motion was made by Brennan and supported by Guyon to approve the expenditure of up to \$7,000 for cemetery preservation services from Carter's Cemetery Preservation to complete renovation of Sprout Cemetery. MOTION CARRIED.**
8. Township Road Spring Cleanup: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Chambers to approve the expenditure of up to \$2,500 for spring cleanup services on Putnam Township roads from Gorski Hauling. MOTION CARRIED.**

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Girl Scout Olivia Harvey inquired if her Township Square Request for "Bark In The Park" had been approved; the Township Board apologized and explained it was approved with the Consent Agenda items at the beginning of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **a motion was made by Carney and supported by Guyon to adjourn the meeting at 9:28PM.**

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

Reviewed by:

Sally D. Guyon, CMC, CMMC
Putnam Township Clerk