

**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**PUTNAM TOWNSHIP HALL, 3280 W. M-36, PINCKNEY, MI**  
**SEPTEMBER 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, Klein, Carney and Press  
Absent: None  
Others Present: Fire Chief Greg Amburgey; Tom Lewis, Zoning Administrator; Carrie Humble, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Opened at 7:01 PM.

Several people spoke in opposition to proposed changes to the Master Plan and proposed MHP site.

One person questioned posting of Closed Sessions and minute posting to website. Clerk Guyon gave clarification on the process for posting.

One person spoke in opposition to the application for rezoning near Honey Creek of commercial property to residential, presented signatures of others who are also opposed. Also mentioned that the lights at St. Mary's are still too bright and there is more signage than the Zoning Ordinance allows.

Mike Porath thanked Board members who are in support of retaining him for the Planning Commission and stated his reasons he should be reappointed.

Closed at 7:20 PM.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mitch and Laura Goldman were present to give an update on the progress of Faith Medical Clinic. The number of patients is growing, currently at 1,700+ with approximately 90% of those living within 15 miles of the clinic. The clinic is financially healthy through fundraising, there is a fundraising event at Ed Bock Feeds on 9/24 and other fundraising activities are planned.

University of Michigan and St. Joe Family Practice have committed doctors to provide service at the clinic which will allow an increase in patient care time, medical students and their professors will also contribute time. Social workers may also start volunteering services to help patients find needed resources. The additional help will soon eliminate the 6 week wait time for an appointment. The clinic expects to be treating 2,000 patients by year end. Dr. Goldman and Mrs. Goldman thanked the Board for their continued support in this much needed service to the community. Supervisor Rau thanked the Goldman's for the clinic's service to the community.

**COMMITTEES**

1. Lakeland Trail Committee: Trustee Press replaced stolen and damaged signs along the trail; the cost of the signs is reimbursed to the Township by the trail grant through the DNR.

2. Township Square Maintenance Committee: Supervisor Rau- new grass seed on bare areas; bike rack installed.
3. Fire Hall Construction Committee: Treasurer Carney-construction crew is working hard; doing a good job; completion scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> part of November. Trustee Klein and Board members thanked Treasurer Carney for his dedication to the project.
4. Freight Depot Stakeholder Committee: No meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Retirement Plan for Putnam Township Employees & Firefighters: Jack Miceli and Brian Merillat of AXA Advisors presented an overview of their company and themselves, as well as the EQUI-Path 457 (b) plan which would provide a vehicle for employees and firefighters to contribute pre-tax dollars to a mutual fund plan with or without employer contributions at no cost to the Township for set up. All costs associated would be the responsibility of the employee.
2. Sale of Old Fire Station: Rick Beaudin of Remax Platinum and Scott Bohlen of Preview Properties presented information as to their marketing strategies, experience and sales price as listing agent for the sale of the old fire station for the Board's consideration. **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Rau to wait 30 days to list the old fire station with a realtor to allow an interested individual an opportunity to submit an offer. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
3. Resolution #11-24 Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Guyon to adopt Resolution #11-24 which adopts Ordinance #59, which imposes a moratorium on the issuance of permits, licenses or approvals for the use of property for the sale or dispensation of medical marijuana for six months or until an amendment has been adopted to the Putnam Township Code of Ordinances, whichever occurs first. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**
4. Planning Commission Appointment: Don Speer requested that his name be withdrawn for consideration of replacing Mike Porath on the Planning Commission and expressed his support in retaining Mike Porath on the Planning Commission.
5. Repaving of Entrance to Township Hall: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Klein to approve paying The Garrison Company \$30,380 to repave the M-36 entrance as an improvement to allow for the weight of fire truck traffic from the Capital Outlay Budget. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Russell Dependency Trailer Permit: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Chambers to approve renewing the Russell dependency trailer permit for one year (7040 Hinchey Rd.), expiring 9/15/12, providing when the next renewal is due, documentation including 2011 Federal & Michigan tax information will be provided to support unique hardship claim. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers and McCloskey. Nays: Klein. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Glover Dependency Trailer Permit: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Klein to approve renewing the Glover dependency trailer permit for one year (4350 Burgess Rd.), expiring 9/23/11. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Library Board Appointment: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Klein to reappoint Kate Pratt to the Library Board of Trustees for a three year term, expiring 11/2015. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
4. Outdoor Gathering Run Thru Hell on Halloween Eve: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Press to approve the application from Chuck Block for the Run thru Hell on Halloween Eve, benefiting Staff Sergeant George Brosenne, on October 30, 2011 at Hell Creek Ranch. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

5. Resolution #11-25 to Amend Wetland Ordinance #37: **A motion was made by Klein and supported by Carney to adopt Resolution #11-25 which adopts Ordinance #37-2, amending Ordinance #37 Sec. 4; Applicability. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**
6. The Garrison Company Invoice: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Rau approving payment to The Garrison Company for the invoice received in the amount of \$140,979.65 from the Fire Department Building Fund. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
7. Stantec Invoice: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Rau to approve paying Stantec for the invoice received in the amount of \$4,309 from the Fire Department Building Fund. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
8. Architect George Svinicki Draw: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Klein to approve paying George Svinicki \$100 of the \$200 owed from the Fire Department Building Fund. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
9. Multi-Lakes Sewer Debt: **A motion was made by Carney and supported by McCloskey to pursue refinancing the Multi-Lakes Sewer Assessment bonds *through Washtenaw County* to take advantage of the current low interest rates for an estimated savings of \$200,000 over the life of the bonds. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**
10. Closed Session: **A motion was made by Rau and supported by Press to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:30 PM to consult with the Township Attorney, Tom Meagher via phone, concerning pending litigation. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Rau, Press, Guyon, Carney, Chambers, Klein and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

**A motion was made by Rau and supported by Guyon to return to Open Session at 8:58 PM. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Klein, Chambers, Guyon, Rau, Press, Carney and McCloskey. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

One person took offense to the term "our voters" used in a previous meeting. Don Speer gave his reasons for withdrawal as potential replacement of Mike Porath to the Planning Commission and felt that due to lack of attendance and tardiness there are other members that should be replaced; gave his recommendations on qualifications needed to be a Planning Commission member.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.**

Carrie Humble  
Deputy Clerk  
Recording Secretary

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