

PUTNAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP HALL, 3280 W. M-36, PINCKNEY, MI
AUGUST 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM with Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Brennan and was held electronically with Board members in person pursuant to Executive Order 2020-126. Meeting was noticed in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (P.A. 1976. No. 267).

ROLL CALL

Present: Brennan, Guyon, Press, Carney, Klein and Chambers

Absent: Bennett

Others Present: Fire Chief Curt Ruff, Valerie Niemiec, Deputy Clerk, and Pamela Kekes, Recording Secretary

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened at 7:01 PM.

State Senator Lana Theis gave an update on the State's response to COVID-19.

Closed at 7:05 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

1. Supervisor: Received some calls regarding neighbor disputes and concerns over potential development with the former Girl Scout camp.
2. Clerk: Election went very well with 2879 out of 6457 voters turning out (44.6%) which includes 1953 voting absentee; anticipate a substantial increase in AV's for the November election; submitted a Federal Cares Act grant agreement that will pay for half of the \$5545 for an additional AVCB scanner..
3. Treasurer: Tax payments continue to come in and met with the DNR at the Depot building at the Lakeland Trail.
4. Fire Chief: They continue to be busy with runs that are mostly medical; had to cancel Safety Camp due to COVID-19; and gave an update on the various grants that the Fire Department has applied/received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discuss Senior Center Building – Open discussion about which direction the Township should take regarding future plans for a new Senior Center building. The board will continue to keep on agenda for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Outdoor Assembly Application – Terrorfied Forest: **A motion was made by Brennan and supported by Guyon to approve the Outdoor Assembly Application for Terrorfied Forest subject to satisfactory final Fire Department Inspection and receipt of insurance certificate. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Corrected Meeting minutes for April, May and June 2020 – **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Guyon to approve the revised minutes for April, May and June to include the fact that meetings were held electronically and June with Board members in person as well in accordance with corrected executive order numbers. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Approve compensation package for 3rd full-time firefighter – **A motion was made by Carney and supported by Press to approve the compensation package for a third full-time firefighter as presented by Fire Chief Curt Ruf. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Brennan, Press, Klein, Carney, Chambers and Guyon. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
4. Receive and Approve FOIA Appeal – **A motion was made by Brennan and supported by Carney to receive and approve an appeal of a Freedom of Information Act response from the Township by terminated paid on call firefighter Sean Spence. MOTION CARRIED.**
5. Resolution #20-07 waiving penalty for late filing of Property Transfer Affidavit - **A motion was made by Guyon and supported by Brennan to adopt Resolution #20-07 to waive the penalty for late filing of the Property Transfer Affidavit. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**
6. Storm water Control – Klein presented Planning Commission and ZBA concerns about residential storm water management especially in the Lakes Residential Districts. Brennan will follow up with Drain Commission.

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Opened at 8:41 PM

Questions about potential sale of the closed Pinckney Elementary and the Marijuana dispensary petition to the Village council requesting they adopt a pre-written ordinance which Village Council rejected.

Closed at 8:46 PM

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **a motion was made by Carney and supported by Klein to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM. MOTION CARRIED.**

Pamela Kekes
Recording Secretary

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