

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 2003**

**FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC COMMUNITY CENTER  
12060 MANTAWAUKA DRIVE, FENTON, MICHIGAN**

Supervisor Mathis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mathis, Krug, Garfield, McDermott, Stiverson and Office Manager  
Broecker

Absent: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appointments to Fenton Township Board of Trustees**

Supervisor Mathis gave a brief overview of the process used to select the two individuals to be appointed to the Township Board. A special meeting, a public candidate forum and several one-on-one discussions have taken place over the past several weeks as the board deliberated toward a decision. All candidates are quality individuals with the ability to do a fine job for Fenton Township, however the board had to narrow the group down to two.

Motion to appoint Patrick J. Carmody to the position of Fenton Township Trustee for the term ending November 20, 2004.

Motion by: Mathis

Seconded: McDermott

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Garfield, McDermott, Stiverson

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Calvin C. Gatesman to the position of Fenton Township Trustee for the term ending November 20, 2004.

Motion by: Mathis

Seconded: Garfield

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Garfield, McDermott, Stiverson

Nays: None

Motion carried.

With Clerk Krug administering the Oath of Office, Mr. Carmody and Mr. Gatesman were sworn in and took their seats at the board table.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ray Dillard, 13351 Craneridge Drive

Mr. Dillard stated that the board "took the easy way out" by appointing the next highest vote recipient in the recent election, rather than someone the board could better work with. Why appoint the opposition who lost in the election? Mr. Dillard stated that he has political concerns but hopes the board will work together in the best interests of the Township.

Lorraine Zimmer, 6391 Acorn Way

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Ms. Zimmer stated a view in opposition to that of Mr. Dillard. She sees the appointments as “middle ground” since one of the appointees was a candidate in the special election and one was not.

Ray Lord, 4520 Eleanor Drive

Mr. Lord stated that there are not enough people in the community involved in local politics. Even though four board members were recalled, they should not be “demonized”. They were experienced local officials who cared about the community and should be thanked for their efforts. He hopes the new board will work well together.

Mr. Lord also expressed concern regarding enforcement of the no-smoking policy in the Township Hall. Clerk Krug clarified that the only incident that occurred in the past year involved the rental of the lower level banquet hall. The rental contract has since been revised to require forfeiture of the \$500 security deposit if the no-smoking policy is violated.

Paul Dorland, 4448 Eleanor Drive

Mr. Dorland stated that the board should have selected both appointees from the election candidates, but also wished the board luck.

David Franz, 3435 Breezepointe

Mr. Franz congratulated Mr. Carmody on his appointment. He also commended Daniel Zawlocki for his hard work on his own election campaign efforts.

Lee Martorana, 4180 Four Lakes Avenue

Ms. Martorana stated that she arrived late and missed the board action regarding the appointments. Was the vote completed in a closed or private session? Clerk Krug clarified that Mr. Carmody and Mr. Gatesman were appointed during this open meeting, both by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Dick Shelp, 5127 Harp Drive

Mr. Shelp congratulated Mr. Carmody but stated that the board only did half the right thing. He disagrees with the board’s final decision and he “will be back next year”.

Bill Ochodnicki, 14107 Landings Way

Mr. Ochodnicki disagreed with Mr. Shelp’s comments. The board did the right thing. The decisions were made after careful consideration and he supports the board 100%.

Ray Kalanquin, 14159 Swanee Beach

Mr. Kalanquin stated that he is unhappy with all the “sour grapes” he’s heard this evening. The board followed a deliberate process and the appointments were done legally and conscientiously. The board has a big job ahead of them and the residents should support them.

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Trustee Carmody thanked the board for his appointment. He acknowledged the efforts of the five board members in resolving differences of opinion to reach a consensus. He will work hard to represent the residents of Fenton Township.

Trustee Gatesman also thanked the board for his appointment and their show of confidence in his abilities. He feels he has much to offer as a Trustee. He has been a Fenton Township resident since 1987 and served two terms on the Planning Commission. He believes his experience will be very helpful in the fulfilling of his duties. He pledged to work with the board in the best interests of the Township.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

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Robert Krug, Clerk

**Minutes Posted 11/5/03**