

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2006**

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

Supervisor Mathis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mathis, Krug, Carmody, Brown, Gatesman, Goupil, Zimmer, Attorney
Cooley and Office Manager Broecker.

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the 2/6/06 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Gatesman

Seconded: Brown

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes of the 1/23/06 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve expenditures as presented.

Motion by: Carmody

Seconded: Gatesman

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Carmody, Brown, Gatesman, Goupil, Zimmer

Nays: None

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION:

Genesee County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Supervisor Mathis introduced Patrick Greve and Art Potter of the Genesee County Land Bank and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Greve gave a brief overview of the Land Bank's program to rehabilitate tax reverted properties in order to sell them and get them back on the local tax rolls. He reported that amendments have been proposed for the Land Bank's Brownfield Plan. Although no new properties have been added from Fenton Township, they still need local units of government to adopt a resolution to approve the amended plan.

Public Comment:

Beth Redmond, Fenton Township Assessor

Ms. Redmond asked what happens to special assessments on properties that are reverted to the Land Bank. Mr. Potter responded that such properties are exempt from taxes and special assessments, except for specials tied to financing, (i.e. loans or bonds), that constitute a lien on the property. Once a property is sold and put back on the tax roll, special assessments can begin again.

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The appropriate resolution will be prepared and placed on the agenda for the 2/20/06 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

Josh's Room Update

Supervisor Mathis and Trustee Zimmer reported that the project to construct a handicap accessible living space for local youth Josh Knapp is progressing well. There are now eight contracting firms involved in the project, including one that specializes in construction for handicapped individuals. The family is also receiving free legal assistance from two attorneys that are donating their services. An account has been opened at Citizens Bank to accept donations and they urged everyone to get the word out that donations will be needed to make this project successful.

Loose Senior Citizen Center Update

Trustee Zimmer reported that the Interlocal Agreement for the Loose Senior Citizen Center has expired. She would like this issue placed on the agenda for the next available workshop meeting.

Fenton Area Cable Television (FACT) Consortium Update

Treasurer Carmody reported that all member communities have approved the allocation of funds for the Township's project to purchase television equipment. Our goal is to have the equipment purchased, installed and operational by summer.

Workshop Meetings

The board agreed to schedule workshop meetings for Monday 2/20/06 at 6:00 p.m. and Monday 2/27/06 at 6:30 p.m. The February 20th meeting will be for Fire Department issues only. The February 27th meeting will have several agenda items.

Public Safety Committee Update

Trustee Brown reported that he has stepped down as chairman of the Public Safety Committee. He will still be a member of the committee, however Trustee Goupil will now be the chairman.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Proposed Wild, Dangerous and Vicious Animals Ordinance/1st Reading

Supervisor Mathis introduced a proposed ordinance to prohibit the keeping of wild, dangerous and vicious animals in Fenton Township. Although similar language is in the Zoning Ordinance it is felt that a general or "police power" ordinance will be more effective for enforcement purposes. There was no public comment. The board discussed the language of the proposed ordinance. Trustee Goupil expressed concern that the

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language was not clear enough. The definition of “dangerous animal”, for instance, could be interpreted to include almost any pet dog. Attorney Cooley stated that the language is intentionally vague in some areas to give the Township more flexibility in enforcement. The proposed ordinance will be reviewed for possible changes before coming back to the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Project Award – Barrier Free Door Improvements (CDBG)

Supervisor Mathis reported that proposal packets for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project to make barrier-free improvements to the Township Hall entrances were mailed to six companies in early January. Additionally, a notice was published in the local newspaper and posted on the Township website indicating that the Township was seeking proposals for this project. When the January 27th deadline arrived, the Township received only one proposal. The board reviewed a copy of the proposal from Detroit Door & Hardware Company. Detroit Door & Hardware is a local Genesee County firm that has been in business for many years. They are also the service provider that established the current keying system at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center.

Motion to award the project for barrier-free door improvements at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center to Detroit Door & Hardware Company, as presented.

Motion by: Carmody

Seconded: Brown

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Carmody, Brown, Gatesman, Goupil, Zimmer

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2006-04, Blanket Resolution for Street Light Changes

Office Manager Broecker reported that Consumers Energy requires an annual resolution to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to approve changes to the Township’s street lighting contract. Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-04

BE IT RESOLVED, that it is hereby deemed advisable to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the streetlighting service as provided in the Standard Streetlighting Contract between Consumers Energy Company and the Charter Township of Fenton, dated September 29, 1976 in accordance with Authorizations for Change in Standard Streetlighting Contract executed by the Charter Township of Fenton during the calendar year of 2006, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Supervisor and the Township Clerk be and are authorized to execute such authorizations for change on behalf of the Charter Township of Fenton.

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Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2006-04 as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Brown

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Carmody, Brown, Gatesman, Goupil, Zimmer

Nays: None

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

2006 Board of Review Hardship Policy

Supervisor Mathis reviewed the proposed 2006 Property Tax Hardship Exemption Policy. This policy is the same as the one adopted in 2005, except for updated information regarding income levels, meeting dates and deadlines. Board adoption of the policy is required before the Board of Review meets next month. There was no further discussion

Motion to adopt the 2006 Fenton Township Property Tax Financial Hardship Exemption Policy as presented.

Motion by: Gatesman

Seconded: Goupil

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Carmody, Brown, Gatesman, Goupil, Zimmer

Nays: None

Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Relative to the hardship policy just adopted, Clerk Krug reported that he has received many requests to establish a hardship policy for sewer fees. The board agreed that this issue could be researched.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 2/7/06