

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2007**

**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, Goupil, Tucker, Zimmer, Operations  
Manager Broecker and Attorney Cooley

Absent: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Supervisor Mathis also advised the audience that this meeting was being recorded for telecast on local public access television.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the 6/4/07 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Brown

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The minutes of the 5/21/07 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Trustee Brown asked about the invoice for Weir Building Company. Supervisor Mathis confirmed that this is the final payment for several building repairs that were necessary, primarily to eliminate water problems in and around the Township Hall. Motion to approve expenditures as presented.

Motion by: Carmody

Seconded: Zimmer

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

**Public Safety Committee Updates**

Trustee Goupil reported that the Public Safety Committee has recommended approval for the purchase of two new rescue squad trucks at an approximate cost of \$334,000.00. This will be placed on the agenda for the 6/18/07 meeting. The two existing squad trucks and an older, out of service pumper truck will be sold by sealed bid to help offset the cost of the new trucks. It was confirmed that the Fire Fund has sufficient cash reserves for this purchase.

The committee is also recommending the approval of a one-year extension to the existing employment agreement for Fire Chief John Moulton. This will be forwarded to the Personnel Committee for their review before being presented to the board.

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Trustee Goupil also reported that the meeting with Genesee County Sheriff Department officials regarding lake activities will be rescheduled.

**Sewer Project Updates**

Trustee Zimmer reported that repairs to the sewer main on Skyline Drive are currently under way. Restoration for winter and spring projects is nearly complete and property owners should be aware that they are responsible for maintaining the restored areas, (watering grass seed or sod, weeding, etc.). Upcoming projects include Margaret Drive, the Torrey Road main and Thompson Road main. It was noted that the scope of the Torrey Road project has been changed to utilize an alternate rehabilitation method, which will save the Township 3-4 million dollars.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission Letter – Fenton Road Project**

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a letter from the Genesee County Planning Commission regarding a change to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Genesee County Road Commission has agreed to change the scope of the Fenton Road widening project from two lanes to three lanes, rather than the 5-lane expansion previously planned. More information will be forwarded when it becomes available.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Definitions/2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the definition of *Sight Line* and add a definition for *Zoning Lot*, which was introduced at the 5/21/07 meeting. There was no further discussion.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 679, an amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 594 to revise the definition of Sight Line and add a definition for Zoning Lot, as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Brown

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. Ordinance declared adopted.

**Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Sight Line Provisions/2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the provisions regarding Sight Line, which was introduced at the 5/21/07 meeting. There was no further discussion.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 680, an amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 594 to revise the provisions regarding Sight Line, as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Carmody

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. Ordinance declared adopted.

**Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Non-conforming Lots of Record/2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

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Supervisor Mathis reviewed a Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the provisions regarding Non-conforming Lots of Record, which was introduced at the 5/21/07 meeting. There was no further discussion.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 681, an amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 594 to revise the provisions regarding Non-conforming Lots of Record, as presented.

Motion by: Brown

Seconded: Carmody

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. Ordinance declared adopted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution No. 2007-17, Lake Christi Improvement Special Assessment District**

Supervisor Mathis reported that the Township has received a petition from lakefront property owners on Lake Christi (Fenton Orchards development) to establish a lake improvement special assessment district for the eradication and control of aquatic weeds. A resolution to schedule a public hearing on the creation of the proposed special assessment district is the first step in the process. Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-17**

*WHEREAS, the Fenton Township Board has accepted a petition from the record owners of properties abutting Lake Christi to establish a special assessment district for the purpose of improving the lake through the eradication and control of aquatic weeds, and*

*WHEREAS, it has been determined that the petition has been signed by the record property owners representing more than 50% of the land area in the proposed special assessment district, and*

*WHEREAS, plans and estimated costs for the foregoing lake improvement have been placed on file in the office of the Township Clerk,*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fenton Township Board does hereby tentatively declare its intent to implement an aquatic weed eradication and control program for Lake Christi, and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fenton Township Board does hereby tentatively establish the boundaries of the proposed special assessment district to include all properties with legal access to Lake Christi, and*

*BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Fenton Township Board will hold a public hearing on the establishment of the proposed special assessment district at its regular meeting to be held on Monday June 18, 2007 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m.*

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2007-17 as presented.

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Motion by: Krug  
Seconded: Tucker  
Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Carmody, Brown, Goupil, Tucker, Zimmer  
Nays: None

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

**Proposed Revisions to Fenton Township Schedule of Fees**

Operations Manager Broecker reviewed proposed revisions to the Township's fee schedule. Several building permit categories have been revised to maintain consistency and keep them in line with surrounding communities. The cost for grave opening/closing is proposed to be increased due to a cost increase from our service provider. New fee categories have been added due to the availability of DVD, VHS tapes and audio CD's from Township meetings.

Trustee Zimmer questioned the fee increase for sheds and the deposit for decks. It was clarified that sheds that are 200 square feet or less in size only require a zoning permit. The deposit on decks is fully refundable as long as all inspections are conducted and completed.

Motion to adopt revisions to the Fenton Township Schedule of Fees as presented.

Motion by: Krug  
Seconded: Carmody  
Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Carmody, Brown, Goupil, Tucker, Zimmer  
Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Appointment of Alternate – Zoning Board of Appeals**

Supervisor Mathis reported that Bill Ochodnicki is currently dealing with health issues and will not be able to attend meetings for the next few months. To fill this void she is recommending the appointment of an alternate to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Up to two alternates may be appointed to fill in for extended absences and/or situations of conflict of interest. Supervisor Mathis recommends the appointment of Cheryl O'Neill to fill the ZBA alternate seat. As a former member of the Fenton Township Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, Ms. O'Neill has the experience necessary to be an effective alternate immediately. Several board members commented that Ms. O'Neill was an excellent choice.

Motion to appoint Cheryl O'Neill as an alternate member of the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals for the term ending November 30, 2009.

Motion by: Goupil  
Seconded: Krug  
Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Carmody, Brown, Goupil, Tucker, Zimmer  
Nays: None

Motion carried.

**State Senator John Gleason**

Supervisor Mathis noted that State Senator John Gleason was in the audience. Senator Gleason discussed several topics with the board members, including:

- Revenue sharing

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- Education & school district consolidation
- Potential elimination of Road Commissions
- State highway construction projects
- Foreign trash

Senator Gleason stated that the legislature is working very diligently on the state's budget issues and is taking the approach that they have "one chance to get it right".

The board thanked Senator Gleason for his time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Dave Hawcroft, 3302 Ponemah Drive

Regarding the repairs to the Township Hall, Mr. Hawcroft asked why the Township did not force the contractor to make the repairs. Supervisor Mathis responded that the Township was unable to do so because the contractor is no longer in business.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

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Robert Krug, Clerk

**Minutes Posted 6/5/07**