

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2008**

**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 2/4/08 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Zimmer

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

PRESENTATION:

Paul Scott – Candidate for State Representative

Paul Scott, candidate for State Representative, thanked the Township Board for another opportunity to speak to them. He announced that he is hosting an economic forum on March 12, 2008 at Warwick Hills Country Club, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The forum is open to the public and free of charge and Mr. Scott invited the board to attend if possible. The Board thanked Mr. Scott for his invitation.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes of the 1/21/08 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Trustee Tucker questioned the payment amount to the Genesee County Treasurer. Operations Manager Broecker clarified that the majority of the payment was for the Township "at-large" share of annual road improvement special assessment districts.

Motion to approve expenditures for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Brown

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

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Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief John Moulton reported that the Fire Department responded to 67 alarms in January, 7 of which were in Tyrone Township. He also demonstrated lighted safety vests that are being ordered for both the Fire Department and Sheriff Deputies.

Public Comment:

Ed Collins complimented the entire board for the job they do. He again urged the board to increase the fee charged to Tyrone Township for Fire Department services in the upcoming contract renewal.

Water Testing

Supervisor Mathis reported that arsenic testing kits are available at the Township office. There is no charge for the kits, however a \$18 fee must accompany the water sample when mailed to the MDEQ for testing. Trustee Brown suggested collecting test results from residents for tracking purposes.

Proposed Regulation of Sale of Scrap Metal & Used Building Materials

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a letter from Genesee County Commissioner Jamie Curtis regarding the growing problem of thefts of scrap metal and used building materials. The County Board of Commissioners has adopted a resolution supporting proposed legislation to regulate sales of scrap metal and used building materials. They are asking local units of government to consider adopting similar resolutions of support. This issue will be discussed further at the next workshop meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

**Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Site Plan Approval Extensions/2nd
Reading**

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment regarding extensions of site plan approvals, which was introduced at the 1/21/08 meeting. The Planning Commission has conducted a public hearing on the proposed amendment and has recommended adoption. Trustee Zimmer wants to make sure this provision is reviewed regularly and amended to reinstate the 2 extension maximum when appropriate. Trustee Tucker noted that the Planning Commission reviews the Zoning Ordinance regularly and can initiate another amendment when appropriate.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 696, an amendment to Section 8.11 of Zoning Ordinance No. 594 regarding the granting of extensions to approved site plans, as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Krug

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. Ordinance declared adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Workshop Meeting Reminder – 2/11/08

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Supervisor Mathis reminded the board that a workshop meeting has been scheduled for Monday 2/11/08 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Meeting packets will be available by the end of this week.

NEW BUSINESS:

2008 Board of Review Hardship Policy

Supervisor Mathis reviewed the proposed 2008 Property Tax Hardship Exemption Policy. This policy is the same as the one adopted in 2007, 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 2008 Fenton Township Property Tax Financial Hardship Exemption Policy as presented.

Motion by: Brown

Seconded: Zimmer

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2008-03, Consumers Energy Street Light Changes

Operations 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. 2008-03

BE IT RESOLVED, that it is hereby deemed advisable to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the street lighting service as provided in the Standard Street Lighting Contract between Consumers Energy Company and the Charter Township of Fenton, dated September 29, 1976 in accordance with Authorizations for Change in Standard Street Lighting Contract executed by the Charter Township of Fenton during the calendar year of 2008, 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.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2008-03 as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Brown

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Law Day Proclamation

Supervisor Mathis stated that the Genesee County Bar Association has requested that the Township consider adopting a proclamation designating May 1st as Law Day. The Township has adopted similar proclamations in previous years. Clerk Krug presented the following:

LAW DAY PROCLAMATION 2008

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**THE RULE OF LAW:
FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITIES OF OPPORTUNITY AND EQUITY**

WHEREAS, this country was founded on the principle that voluntary adherence to the rule of law expands, rather than limits, the opportunities for freedom, and

WHEREAS, a viable democracy requires understanding of the nature and basis of our freedoms and recognition of the individual responsibilities which those freedoms impose, and

WHEREAS, the Law Day 2008 50th anniversary theme of ***The Rule of Law: Foundation for Communities of Opportunity and Equity*** encourages us all to examine the rule of law, our role in its sustainability, and its role in protecting our communities, our democracy, opportunity, equity and all that is most precious to us;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton does hereby proclaim Thursday May 1, 2008 as Law Day. We urge the citizens, schools, businesses and media of the Fenton community and all of Genesee County to use this occasion to preserve and strengthen the rule of law.

Motion to adopt the 2008 Law Day Proclamation as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Brown

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

OTHER ISSUES:

Supervisor Mathis noted that the unusual weather in recent weeks has affected the ice on local lakes. She urged all citizens to use caution when doing anything on the frozen lakes.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 2/5/08