

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 16, 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, Tucker, Brown, Goupil, Ketchmark, Zimmer, Attorney  
Cooley and Recording Secretary Penny Sharich

Absent: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Supervisor Mathis introduced and welcomed new Trustee Denise Ketchmark.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Clerk Krug asked to have an executive session added to the agenda to discuss the proposed fire protection agreement with Tyrone Township. Trustee Zimmer asked to have a discussion of board etiquette added to the agenda. Supervisor Mathis stated that several candidates for various public offices are in attendance and would like to give them the opportunity to introduce themselves. Motion to approve the 6/16/08 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as amended.

Motion by: Mathis

Seconded: Brown

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

The following candidates were introduced and briefly interacted with the Township Board:

Raynetta Speed – candidate for Genesee County Register of Deeds (D)

Joe Graves – candidate for Genesee County Commissioner, 6<sup>th</sup> District (R)

Robert Kesler – candidate for Fenton Township Trustee (R)

Pat Lockwood – Genesee County Commissioner, 6<sup>th</sup> District (D)

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Trustee Zimmer asked to have the section regarding the proposed municipal water system revised to reflect certain comments verbatim. The minutes for the 6/2/08 regular meeting stand approved as amended.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Trustee Ketchmark asked if Advanced Pest Management has begun their mosquito control program for this year. Supervisor Mathis stated that the program is under way. They have been primarily focused on larviciding, however the night spraying has also begun. Trustee Ketchmark also asked if APM is paid in advance. Supervisor Mathis stated that APM invoices in installments and the final payment is made after the program year is complete. Motion to approve expenditures for payment as presented.

Motion by: Brown

Seconded: Tucker

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Nays: None

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Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

## **REPORTS:**

### **Legal Update**

Supervisor Mathis reported that Lands Edge Inc. has filed legal action against the Township regarding a recent ZBA decision. The board will be updated as information becomes available.

### **Gas Tax**

Supervisor Mathis reported that 6 cents of the Michigan 19 cent gas tax goes to local road commissions. Local road funding has become a serious issue. A recent review of Genesee County Road conditions indicates that 42% of paved roads are classified as poor, 42% fair and only 16% good.

### **Board Etiquette**

Trustee Zimmer read the following prepared statement, and asked that it be included in the meeting minutes:

*"Two weeks ago at the Township Board meeting of June 2, 2008, I was publicly accused of telling a "bold-faced lie" by Township Clerk Bob Krug. That kind of accusation was uncalled for and unwarranted. I do not consider this to be "public debate" or discussion. I believe it violates rules of public meeting decorum, and should not be tolerated. And, just for the record, I stand by what I said and I do not lie."*

Supervisor Mathis asked Clerk Krug if he wished to respond to Trustee Zimmer's statement. Clerk Krug stated that he would not respond or lend any credibility to the statements made by Trustee Zimmer.

### **County Commissioner Pat Lockwood**

Commissioner Lockwood provided several updates to the board:

- The county is looking into improving operations for the Animal Control Department.
- Currently serving on a Senior Service sub-committee. There are 16 senior centers across the county funded by the senior millage. There are also many services provided to senior outside of the centers.
- Project FRESH, a coupon program for seniors to purchase fresh produce has been reinstated.
- Emergency response during the recent storms and power outage was excellent. Local fire and police departments did an outstanding job and are to be commended for their efforts.
- Genesee County Sheriff Department has added marine patrol staff for the summer.
- The county EMS Ordinance has not been implemented. Issues are still being reviewed. Nearly all communities are opposed to the ordinance. Most favor leaving everything the way it is. Trustee Goupil asked if the opinions of the municipalities in the 6<sup>th</sup> district will impact Commissioner Lockwood's opinion on the EMS Ordinance. Commissioner Lockwood responded that she will not

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support implementation of the ordinance if the communities in her district are opposed to it.

- The Fenton Freedom Festival will be July 3 & 4. Political candidates are invited to participate in the parade. Fireworks will be at Silver Lake Park.

**Power Outage – Consumers Energy**

It was also reported that anyone that experiencing a power outage of more than 16 hours can request a \$25.00 rebate from Consumers Energy by calling 1-800-477-5050.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial Traveling Exhibit**

Supervisor Mathis reported that the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Traveling Exhibit will be at Bluebell Beach from June 19 – June 22.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Workshop Meeting Reminder – 6/23/08**

Supervisor Mathis reminded the board members that a workshop meeting has been scheduled for Monday 6/23/08, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Meeting packets will be available by the end of the week. [This meeting was subsequently canceled.]

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Extension of Fire Protection/Emergency Services Agreement – Tyrone Township**

Supervisor Mathis noted that Trustee Goupil indicated at the last meeting that the new Fire Protection/Medical/Emergency Services Agreement with Tyrone Township should be ready for approval in July. Since the board previously extended the provisions of the old contract through 6/16/08, formal action is needed to extend it further until the new agreement is in place.

Motion to extend the provisions of the 2006-2008 Fire/Rescue/Medical Service Agreement between Fenton Township and Tyrone Township through July 31, 2008, or until a new agreement is adopted by both township boards, whichever occurs first.

Motion by: Mathis

Seconded: Tucker

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Township Board Committee Appointments**

Supervisor Mathis noted that the recent changes to the membership of the Township Board have necessitated changes to the various committee appointments. After a brief discussion the following revised list of appointments was presented for consideration:

**Internal Committees /Appointments**

John R. Tucker

**Planning Commission**

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

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Mark A. Goupil

Tony L. Brown (alternate)

**Election Commission**

Robert E. Krug, Chair  
Tony L. Brown  
Mark A. Goupil

**Loose Senior Citizen Center**

Les Scott

**Fence Viewer**

Robert E. Krug

**Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance**

Robert E. Krug  
Les Scott (citizen representative)

**Public Safety Committee (Police & Fire)**

Mark A. Goupil, Chair  
Robert E. Krug  
Tony L. Brown

**Genesee County Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

Lorraine M. Zimmer

**Building & Facilities Committee**

Bonnie K. Mathis  
Robert E. Krug  
John R. Tucker

**Genesee County WWS Advisory Committee**

Bonnie K. Mathis  
Thomas R. Broecker (alternate)

**Parks & Recreation Committee**

Robert E. Krug - Chair  
Tony L. Brown  
Mark A. Goupil

**Genesee County SWM Advisory Committee**

Bonnie K. Mathis  
Thomas R. Broecker (alternate)

**Personnel Committee**

Bonnie K. Mathis - Chair  
Robert E. Krug  
John R. Tucker  
Thomas R. Broecker

**Genesee County Roads & Bridges Advisory Committee**

Bonnie K. Mathis  
Thomas R. Broecker (alternate)

**Sanitary Sewer Committee**

Bonnie K. Mathis  
John R. Tucker

**Genesee County 911 Consortium**

Bonnie K. Mathis  
Mark A. Goupil  
Fire Chief John Moulton

**School District Liaison**

Robert E. Krug  
Tony L. Brown (alternate)  
Mark A. Goupil (alternate)

**Partnership for Saginaw Bay Watershed**

Lorraine M. Zimmer

**External Committees/Appointments**

**Fenton Area Cable TV Consortium**

Lorraine M. Zimmer

**Flint River Watershed Committee**

Bonnie K. Mathis  
Lorraine M. Zimmer

**Emergency Management Director**

Bonnie K. Mathis  
Fire Chief John Moulton  
Mark A. Goupil (alternate)

Motion to approve revised Township Board Committee Appointments as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Krug

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Nays: None  
Motion carried.

**Appointments to Fenton Township Construction Board of Appeals**

Supervisor Mathis reported that the terms of the Construction Board of Appeals have expired and members need to be appointed or re-appointed. This board has met very infrequently over the years as their sole function is to review and rule on requests for Building Code variances and similar issues. Although this board has only met two times in the past 15 years, the board is a requirement of the Michigan Building Code. Supervisor Mathis has contacted the most recent members of the Construction Board of Appeals and all have indicated a willingness to continue to serve on this board.

Motion to re-appoint Robert Rowley to the Fenton Township Construction Board of Appeals for the term ending September 30, 2009.

Motion by: Mathis  
Seconded: Tucker  
Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Brown, Goupil, Ketchmark, Zimmer  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Motion to re-appoint Ray Kalanquin to the Fenton Township Construction Board of Appeals for the term ending September 30, 2009.

Motion by: Mathis  
Seconded: Brown  
Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Brown, Goupil, Ketchmark  
Nays: Zimmer  
Motion carried.

Motion to re-appoint Thomas Richard to the Fenton Township Construction Board of Appeals for the term ending September 30, 2010.

Motion by: Mathis  
Seconded: Krug  
Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Brown, Goupil, Ketchmark, Zimmer  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Motion to re-appoint David Franz to the Fenton Township Construction Board of Appeals for the term ending September 30, 2010.

Motion by: Mathis  
Seconded: Brown  
Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Brown, Goupil, Ketchmark, Zimmer  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Motion to re-appoint Dennis Schaefer to the Fenton Township Construction Board of Appeals for the term ending September 30, 2010.

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

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Motion carried.

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

Ed Collins, 13056 Harbor Landings Drive

Would like the issue of Tyrone Township starting their own fire department to be included in any discussions with Tyrone Township.

Susan Foland, 11421 Fairbanks Road

Ms. Foland asked how the recent power outages affected the Township. Supervisor Mathis stated that 33 sewer pump stations were without power at one time. Through the use of generators and pumper trucks, the sewer system was maintained and there were no spills or backups. Total cost for emergency response was approximately \$90,000.00. She also clarified that, while the Township sympathizes with those who were without power for multiple days, we have no control over Consumers Energy and their power restoration efforts. The biggest problem with the storm was the number of downed trees. Many of the trees were weakened from Emerald Ash Borer infestation. Supervisor Mathis has had preliminary discussions with Mundy Township to work together to find a contractor that will give discounted rates for our residents for the removal of infested ash trees.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion to recess the regular meeting for the purposes of convening an executive session to discuss the proposed fire protection/medical/emergency services agreement with Tyrone Township.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Mathis

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 8:29 p.m. Supervisor Mathis had to leave the meeting at this time.

**RECONVENE:**

The meeting was reconvened at 8:49 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

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Robert Krug, Clerk

**Minutes Posted 6/24/08**