

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2009**

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

Chairman Tucker called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Carlson, Franz, McGuirk, Richard, Root, Spees, Tucker

Recording Secretary McDonald

Absent: None

Chairman Tucker explained discussion of the Thompson Road Pattern Book has been moved to the February meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded by: Carlson

Ayes: Carlson, Franz, McGuirk, Richard, Root, Spees, Tucker

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

SP09-001 Genesee County Drain Commissioner 4610 Beecher Rd:

06-19-300-015

14412 Hogan Rd.

Preliminary & Final Site Plan Approval: structure over raw sewage pump station

Secretary Carlson reviewed file. Larry Osborn, Wade Trim, 555 South Saginaw, Flint sworn in to represent the Genesee County Drain Commissioner. Osborn explained request for preliminary & final approval for this utility building. Osborn stated this is another phase in a 2.5 million dollar improvement plan for the District 3 Waste Water Treatment Plant. He distributed photos of the existing raw sewage pump station and explained that all raw sewage is collected in a large 35 ft. deep pit where it settles on large screens to separate the solids (diapers, rags and other non organic materials) from the liquid waste before it continues through the treatment process and eventually the river. These screens are raked by employees that descend down into the pit and carry the solids up ladders in buckets which are then placed in a refuse container until they are hauled off site. Osborne stated the I-beam structure seen in the photo is used in the operation of a crane that lifts the hatches that cover the pit and pull pumps for maintenance and cleaning. The proposed structure will allow all of this operation to be inside a controlled atmosphere. The screening and cleaning process will be automated to include a process that after dewatering and compression will dry the solid waste to a lint type consistency and eliminate most of the odor. This 30 ft. X 40 ft. X 15 ft. high structure will be split face block and will have a flat roof covered with membrane to protect this equipment from the weather improve the treatment process. Osborn explained the east wing of the building will be enclosed while the west wing is being left open with a roof over the area where the refuse container will be located. Osborn also noted the improvements to the PFE water pumps, the grit system and the aeration tank that do not require site plan approval but are a part of the improvement plan. He noted many of the improvements implement green technology and will provide more odor control. Osborn stated several of the trees that were outside of the fence along Hogan Rd. that did provide a natural buffer have been removed by the Road Commission as part of a ditching project. He said the Drain Commissioner has asked that they be replaced. Osborn said all plans and applications have been submitted to all governing agencies and they are expecting approval of all necessary permits in the near future. Chairman Tucker called for audience comments. There were none. Franz stated concerns that the Road Commission has removed

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trees that provided a natural buffer along Hogan Rd. He said it is unlikely the Road Commission will be replacing trees cut in their right-of-way and suggested the Planning Commission require some buffering as part of this site plan approval. Franz noted a landscape plan has not been provided. Root concurred and stated a desire that the existing evergreen tree line on the berm be continued along Hogan Rd. to screen this structure. Tucker and Spees agreed. Spees noted that because all improvements have been presented piece by piece an overall drainage plan for this property has never been reviewed. He suggested the Drain Commissioners office take a look at developing an overall drainage plan including some kind of retention before they submit site plans for other improvements. Root said he would favor a condition of approval to include buffering using evergreens to match the existing tree line on the berm from the end of that tree line along Hogan Rd. to Silver Lake Rd.

Motion to grant preliminary and final site plan approval for a structure over the raw sewage pump station at the District 3 Waste Water Treatment Plant, 14412 Hogan Rd.. parcel 06-19-300-015 with the following condition:

Evergreen trees be planted along the berm adjacent to Hogan Rd. from Silver Lake Rd. to the existing evergreen tree line with spacing according to the Township Landscape Ordinance.

Motion by: Root
Seconded by: Spees
Ayes: Carlson, Franz, McGuirk, Richard, Root, Spees, Tucker
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNICATION CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

5 Minute Limit - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES November 11, 2008 stand approved as submitted

ADJOURN – 8:12 p.m.

John Tucker, Chairman
Minutes Posted 01/26/09

Sandra Carlson, Secretary