

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2009**

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

Clerk Krug called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Krug, Tucker, Brown, Goupil, Hill, Operations Manager Broecker and
Attorney Cooley

Absent: Mathis, Kesler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Clerk Krug led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON:

Due to the absence of the Township Supervisor, a temporary chairperson needs to be appointed for tonight's meeting.

Motion to appoint Clerk Krug as chairman pro-tem.

Motion by: Brown

Seconded: Hill

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Mathis, Kesler

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the 1/5/09 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Goupil

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Mathis, Kesler

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for the 12/22/08 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve expenditures for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Goupil

Ayes: Krug, Tucker, Brown, Goupil, Hill

Nays: None

Absent: Mathis, Kesler

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

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Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief John Moulton provided the board with fire department statistics for the month of December and year-to-date 2008.

December: 48 total alarms (9 in Tyrone Township) – 1 fire, 38 medical, 1 hazardous conditions, 14 service calls, 5 good intent calls, 2 false alarms and 1 weather related.

YTD 2008: 808 total alarms (97 in Tyrone Township) - 48 fire, 1 explosion, 524 medical, 35 hazardous conditions, 105 service calls, 44 good intent calls, 47 false alarms and 3 weather related.

Public Comment:

Ed Collins, 13056 Harbor Landings Drive

Mr. Collins asked how the new fire department recruits were doing. Chief Moulton indicated that one of the 11 new trainees had resigned. The other ten are doing very well. Mr. Collins also noted that Hartland Township was able to lower their insurance rating through mutual agreements with other communities. Can Fenton Township do something similar? Chief Moulton clarified that Fenton Township already has mutual aid agreements with several surrounding communities. Due to the lack of a municipal water system, however, it is virtually impossible to lower the Township's insurance rating from its current level of 6.

Local Tragedy

Trustee Brown asked for a moment of silence for Trevor Morris, a fifth grade student at Torrey Hill Intermediate School, who was tragically killed in a snowmobile accident this past weekend. The funeral is Wednesday 1/7/09 at St. John Catholic Church. Donations are being accepted to help the family with funeral costs. He urged the entire community to show support for the Morris family during this difficult time.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Schedule Public Hearing – 2009 Local Road Improvement Projects

Chairman Krug stated that, in keeping with the past practices of the Township Board, Supervisor Mathis has requested the board to schedule a local road improvement public hearing for 1/19/09 meeting. This hearing will give the board an opportunity to receive citizen input regarding potential local road improvement projects prior to making any final decisions. It was also noted that a listing of local roads in Fenton Township is included in the meeting packet.”

Motion to schedule a public hearing for January 19, 2009 to obtain citizen input regarding potential local road improvement projects for 2009.

Motion by: Tucker

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Seconded: Brown
Ayes: Krug, Tucker, Brown, Goupil, Hill
Nays: None
Absent: Mathis, Kesler

Motion carried.

**Schedule Public Hearing – Application for Industrial Facilities Exemption
Certificate – Paragon Manufacturing Corporation**

Chairman Krug reported that Paragon Manufacturing has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (property tax abatement) for new equipment at their Thompson Road facility. A public hearing is required before the Township Board can take action on their application.

Motion to schedule a public hearing for January 19, 2009 to consider the application of Paragon Manufacturing, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for new equipment.

Motion by: Brown
Seconded: Goupil
Ayes: Krug, Tucker, Brown, Goupil, Hill
Nays: None
Absent: Mathis, Kesler

Motion carried.

BOARD COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Dave Franz, 3345 Breeze Pointe Court

Mr. Franz stated that newspaper articles regarding the Fire Chief's new contract had conflicting information regarding his salary. Chairman Krug confirmed that Chief Moulton's 2009 salary is the same as 2008 (i.e. no increase). Regarding the upcoming road improvement hearing, Mr. Franz suggested re-paving the section of Jennings Road between Crane Lake and Loon Lake.

Susan Foland, 11421 Fairbanks Road

Ms. Foland asked how many residents were affected by the recent power outage and also if it affected the Township's sewer system. The Township does not have statistics regarding the number of residences without power. There were two sewer pump stations affected by the power outage, which lasted approximately six hours.

Chairman Krug also noted that the rain and snow melting on 12/27/08 caused an overload to the sewer system. Pumper trucks were utilized to pump and haul sewage from the areas prone to backups. As a result there were no reported sewage backups.

Ed Collins, 13056 Harbor Landings Drive

Mr. Collins asked if the Township was still pursuing low interest sewer financing from the State of Michigan. Operations Manager Broecker responded that this is still being investigated. Noting that another area township recently published a list of "accomplishments", Mr. Collins suggested that Fenton Township consider doing something similar. Mr. Collins also asked about the Township's financial rating. Operations Manager Broecker stated that the State Treasury Department does calculate

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“Fiscal Indicator Scores” for all Michigan municipalities. This will be researched and more information presented at a future meeting.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Robert Krug, Chairman Pro-Tem

Thomas Broecker, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Posted 1/6/09