

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

**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, Hill, Operations Manager Broecker
and Attorney Cooley

Absent: Kesler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mitchell Cook, a Boy Scout from Troop 212, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the 2/16/09 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Hill

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Kesler

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for the 2/2/09 regular meeting and the 2/2/09 special meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve expenditures for all funds totaling \$1,228,531.20 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Hill

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Brown, Goupil, Hill

Nays: None

Absent: Kesler

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION:

GIS Overview - North Arrow Technologies, Inc.

Supervisor Mathis introduced Jeff Lewis of North Arrow Technologies, the Township's Geographic Information System (GIS) consultant. Mr. Lewis gave a brief history of the Township's GIS, which began in 2001. The GIS has developed into a multi-faceted tool that provides valuable information to all Township departments. Mr. Lewis also highlighted some of the significant benefits of the GIS, such as integration with the Township's website, property assessment information interface, the GPS location of all sewer manholes and pump stations, mapping for the Fire Department, and the ability to quickly identify property owners for legal notifications. Trustee Hill stated that he is very impressed with the work done by North Arrow Technologies. He was not previously aware of the extent that the GIS is used by the Township. The board thanked Mr. Lewis for his very informative presentation.

Property Values & Taxes – Treasurer Tucker

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Treasurer Tucker reviewed property value information obtained from Genesee County. Many property owners will face the situation this year where the value of their property has decreased but their taxable value has increased. He showed the historical impact of Proposal A, passed in 1994, on a typical property. A home with a true cash value of \$60,000 in 1993 has saved approximately \$20,000 in property taxes since the implementation of Proposal A. While the current situation may result in a tax increase for some, they have still benefited from the initial tax cut and the lower-than-market increases to their taxable value since Proposal A. There have been movements to change the law so taxable values cannot increase if the equalized value decreases. So far no new laws have been passed. While it is not likely to make property owners any happier, Mr. Tucker hopes this information can be used to help them better understand the situation. The board thanked Treasurer Tucker for this very useful information.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

Road Weight Restrictions

Supervisor Mathis reported that the Genesee County Road Commission implemented seasonal weight restrictions for all roads beginning 2/13/09. These restrictions will remain in effect indefinitely, and will likely be lifted in April or May.

Silver Lake Apartment Fire

Supervisor Mathis reported that a Fenton Township resident, Tom Callahan, was instrumental in the rescue of a woman and her baby from the Silver Lake Apartment fire last week. We will gather more information and prepare a resolution to honor our local heroes. She also noted that donations are collected to help those people affected by this fire.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Emergency Management Training

Supervisor Mathis reported that Genesee County is conducted emergency management training in March. Trustee Hill stated that he would like to attend this training session.

Genesee County SWM Newsletter

Supervisor Mathis noted that a newsletter from Genesee County Storm Water Management is included in the meeting packets.

2/17/09 Meeting – Multi-Use Bike Path

Supervisor Mathis stated that a meeting to discuss a potential project for multi-use bike paths in our area is scheduled for 2/17/09. Trustees Brown and Hill will be attending.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Schedule Workshop Meeting

After a brief discussion the board scheduled a workshop meeting for 3/30/09 at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Resolution No. 2009-05, Honoring Eagle Scout Lucas Bradburn

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a letter regarding Lucas Bradburn, a Fenton Township resident who has recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scout Troop 238. A resolution honoring young Mr. Bradburn has been prepared for board consideration. Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-05

WHEREAS, Lucas J. Bradburn, a resident of Fenton Township, has been an active member of the community through Scouting activities for several years, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bradburn has recently attained the rank of Eagle in Boy Scout Troop 238, earning numerous merit badges and serving his troop in a variety of leadership roles, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bradburn completed a major community service project that included rebuilding the outdoor stairway that connects St. John School to Bush Park in Fenton;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fenton Township Board of Trustees hereby applauds the commitment and dedication of Lucas J. Bradburn and extends its heartiest congratulations to him on the occasion of his attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy provided to Mr. Bradburn.

Motion to adopt resolution No. 2009-05 as presented:

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

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Resolution No. 2009-06, Bond Authorization

Supervisor Mathis reported that, as discussed at the last workshop meeting, the Township is prepared to issue bonds to continue the sewer rehabilitation project. A bond authorizing resolution has been prepared by bond counsel to initiate the sale of \$2.6 million in bonds. Clerk Krug presented Resolution No. 2009-06, (not inserted into minutes due to length).

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-06, authorizing the issuance of capital improvement bonds in the amount of \$2,600,000.00 as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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Resolution No. 2009-07, CDBG Signature Card

Supervisor Mathis reported that Genesee County Community Development periodically requires participating communities to update, by resolution, their authorized signature card. Such a resolution has been prepared for board consideration. Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-07

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Fenton participates in the Genesee County Community Development Program, and

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Community Development Program has requested an updated signature card for officials authorized to request reimbursements from the Community Development Block Grant Program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals are hereby authorized to request reimbursements from the Community Development Block Grant Program:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>
<i>Bonnie K. Mathis</i>	<i>Township Supervisor</i>
<i>Robert E. Krug</i>	<i>Township Clerk</i>
<i>John R. Tucker</i>	<i>Township Treasurer</i>

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-07 as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Brown

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Brown, Goupil, Hill

Nays: None

Absent: Kesler

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Sale of Tax-Reverted Property

Supervisor Mathis reminded the board that the Township, as in prior years, took ownership of one tax-reverted property in 2008 with the intent of getting it back on the active tax roll. A deed has now been prepared to sell this parcel to an adjacent owner. The subject parcel is land-locked and contains wetlands. By itself the property has very little value but combining it with the adjacent parcel would provide some value to that property owner.

Motion to sell parcel # 06-11-529-054 to Allen R. Campbell as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Tucker

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Brown, Goupil, Hill

Nays: None

Absent: Kesler

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2009-08, Memorial for Former Trustee Thomas Lambert

Supervisor Mathis stated that, as many already know, former Township Trustee Tom Lambert passed away recently. In addition to his 5+ years on the Township Board and

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Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr. Lambert was an active member of the community and will be missed. A memorial resolution has been prepared for Mr. Lambert. Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-08

WHEREAS, former Fenton Township Trustee and Zoning Board of Appeals member Thomas P. Lambert passed away on February 6, 2009, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lambert was a resident of Fenton Township for many years, during which time he contributed greatly to the progress and welfare of the community, most notably as a Fenton Township Trustee and as a member of the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lambert served loyally and faithfully as a Fenton Township Trustee and as a member of the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals from 1995 to 2000, exhibiting the qualities of vision and leadership throughout his tenure as an elected and appointed official, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fenton Township Board of Trustees hereby honors Thomas P. Lambert for his valuable contributions to our community, conveys sincere appreciation and gratitude for his dedicated service to the government and citizens of Fenton Township and expresses profound sadness at his passing, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy given to Mr. Lambert's family.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-08 as presented.

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

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

BOARD COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ed Collins, 13056 Harbor Landings Drive

Regarding the CDBG inter-local loan agreement approved at the last meeting, Mr. Collins asked what was the total amount of funds allocated to Fenton Township. Operations Manager Broecker stated that the total allocation was approximately \$110,000. 15% was allocated to Loose Senior Center operations and approximately \$5,800 was allocated to a road improvement project on a direct benefit basis.

Susan Foland, 11421 Fairbanks Road

Regarding the upcoming bond issue, Ms. Foland asked what interest rate would apply to those bonds. Operations Manager Broecker clarified that the interest rate will be determined at the time of sale, which is a competitive process. Ms. Foland also asked if

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the proceeds from the sale of bonds will be used to purchase additional equipment such as generators. Operations Manager Broecker stated that capital equipment purchases are an appropriate use for bond proceeds, although that decision has not been made.

Ray Dillard, 13331 Crane Ridge Drive

Mr. Dillard stated that he is concerned about the very poor condition of Crane Road and the collapsed drainage culvert that connects Golden Pond with Lake Fenton. Supervisor Mathis stated that she has already been in contact with the Genesee County Road Commission and they will be patching the road tomorrow (2/17/09). The culvert will likely take more time to replace, however that area will also be patched to make it passable.

Regarding a question from a previous meeting posed by Susan Foland, Clerk Krug reported that the sewer emergency costs related to the heavy rains and melting snow on 12/27/08 totaled \$17,288.80.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 2/18/09