

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 20, 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, Kesler, Operations Manager
Broecker and Attorney Cooley

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Clerk Krug asked to have the following item added to the New Business section of the agenda:

Hurley Millage Proposal

Motion to approve the 7/20/09 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as amended.

Motion by: Brown

Seconded: Tucker

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for the 7/6/09 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$573,313.61 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Brown

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

Fire Chief Report

In the absence of Fire Chief Moulton Battalion Chiefs Ryan Volz and Chris Toot provided the following Fire Department statistics for the month of June: 62 total alarms (13 in Tyrone Township). Of those alarms there was 1 fire, 41 EMS calls, 3 hazardous conditions, 12 service calls and 1 false alarm.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Bill Ochodnicky Memorial Tree Dedication

Supervisor Mathis reported that plans are in the works to have a tree planted on Township grounds in memory of former Planning Commissioner Bill Ochodnicky. She was contacted by Mrs. Ochodnicky and she very much wants to plant a memorial tree

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here at the Fenton Township Hall because the Township was very important to Bill. A brief dedication ceremony has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday 8/11/09, just prior to the regular Planning Commission meeting. More information will be distributed when the details have been finalized.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Rezoning #R09-003, Noralyn J. Arnold/Lloyd Richter, parcel 06-24-502-028 (14047 Fenton Road); C-2 to R-3/1st Reading

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone property located on Fenton Road from C-2 to R-3. Treasurer Tucker explained that the property is currently used as residential and the owner wishes to rezone in order to make the property more marketable. The Future Land Use Plan designation for the subject parcel is medium density residential and the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the rezoning.

Mr. Richter stated that he built the home on the property in 1949. He would like to sell the property and rezoning to residential should make it easier to do so. There was no other public comment. The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be conducted at the 8/3/09 meeting.

Floodplain Management Ordinance/1st Reading

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposed ordinance regarding floodplain management. A memo from Zoning Administrator Doug Piggot explains that the proposed ordinance adopts the updated floodplain maps and complies with current FEMA requirements. Trustee Brown, a certified floodplain manager, further explained that adoption of the updated maps is necessary for property owners to continue to have access to flood insurance.

There was no public comment. The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be conducted at the 8/3/09 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Review Resignation

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a letter of resignation received from Board of Review member Joe Jenio. Mr. Jenio was first appointed to the Board of Review in December 2000 and has done an outstanding job for Fenton Township. He will be greatly missed. The Township will be accepting applications to fill this position.

Motion to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Joseph Jenio from the Fenton Township Board of Review.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Brown

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

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Hurley Millage Proposal

Clerk Krug reported that several Genesee County communities are considering legal action regarding the county-wide millage proposal for Hurley Medical Center. These communities believe that the County Board of Commissioners did not have the legal authority to place a county-wide millage proposal on the ballot to support a hospital that is owned by the City of Flint. Clerk Krug stated that he personally supports Hurley Medical Center but is concerned about the way this election issue has been handled.

Supervisor Mathis referenced a letter from County Commissioner Archie Bailey that criticizes the Flushing City Council for their position on the proposal and specifically targets one council member who is affiliated with Goodwill Industries. Supervisor Mathis also noted that a newsletter will be distributed within the next week or two that includes information regarding the upcoming election. She referenced several sections of the newsletter, including the fact that the proposed millage is higher than the levy collected by Fenton Township for all township operations, and the fact that the Township will be responsible for the cost of this unplanned election.

Treasurer Tucker questioned the underhanded methods of the County Commissioners in scheduling this millage proposal at an election where only the cities of Flint and Burton were planning elections. They are counting on low turnouts in the out-county areas to improve the chances of the proposal passing. He also questioned Hurley's advertising campaign for the millage. Their advertisements hint that important services like the Neo-Natal Care Unit and Trauma Unit are in jeopardy without the millage. The fact is that Hurley had a \$3 million surplus in their most recent fiscal year. He questions the need for an additional \$10 million per year for 10 years when the hospital is not losing money. He suggested that a pie chart be created to show how much revenue would be generated from each community and how much spent on each community.

Trustee Brown stated that he also supports Hurley Medical Center and their services but shares the same concerns raised by Treasurer Tucker. He also criticized Commissioner Bailey for his attack on the Flushing City Council member that works for Goodwill. If it is ultimately determined that the millage proposal is not legal, Mr. Bailey will owe that council member an apology.

After additional discussion the board decided to defer a decision on joining the legal action until Attorney Cooley can research the issue and provide more information.

BOARD COMMENT:

Clerk Krug reported that petitions for a road improvement special assessment for Crane Road have been received by the Township. Cost estimates for the repaving of Crane Road have also been obtained. An informational meeting will be scheduled to review this information with residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ed Collins, 13056 Harbor Landings Drive

Regarding the upcoming newsletter, Mr. Collins stated that he would prefer to see the newsletter mailed rather than inserted in the local newspaper. He believes that the circulation of the newspaper is too low to adequately distribute this important information. Supervisor Mathis stated that the Township is verifying the cost of mailing versus newspaper insertion. The newsletter is expected to be out next week.

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Adam Cook

Mr. Cook, a local pastor, is working on a program to raise money to dig fresh water wells in Kenya. He is trying to schedule a fundraising event to be held in Fenton. If 5,000 people donate \$1 each that is enough to put in two wells to provide desperately needed drinking water for the people in Africa. He hopes to pull the community together and think about those less fortunate, even during these difficult economic times.

Ryan Oxford, from the office of State Representative Paul Scott

Mr. Oxford reported that Representative Scott is starting a community fund. A fund raising event has been scheduled for the week of the Buick Open at the Al Serra auto dealership. More information is available on Representative Scott's website.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 7/21/09