

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 17, 2010**

**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, Kesler, Attorney Cooley and
Operations Manager Broecker

Absent: Hill

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the 5/17/10 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Tucker

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Hill

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

PRESENTATION:

Plante & Moran, PLLC – Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/09

Supervisor Mathis introduced Tadd Harburn and Jennifer Hornak of Plante & Moran, PLLC. Mr. Harburn and Ms. Hornak reviewed several graphs outlining year-to-year changes in revenues and expenditures in both the General and Sewer Funds.

Areas highlighted included:

- ⇒ Total fund balance in the General Fund increased by \$21,267 to a total of \$687,474, which represents approximately four months of budgeted expenditures, which within the recommended range of 2½ -4 months.
- ⇒ General Fund revenues decreased \$105,410 from 2008, due primarily to reductions in State revenue sharing.
- ⇒ General Fund expenditures decreased \$4,592 from 2008, with a large increase in law enforcement costs partially offset by several expense reduction initiatives.
- ⇒ All Special Revenue Funds, (Fire Protection, Solid Waste and Mosquito Control), are financially stable with adequate fund balances.
- ⇒ The Sewer Fund is generating sufficient revenues to meet the operating costs and debt payment obligations.

Mr. Harburn briefly reviewed Plante & Moran's formal report to the Township Board. He noted that several new reporting requirements have been implemented in recent years. As a result, many of their clients have had to address identified significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses in their internal control and accounting procedures. There were no internal control deficiencies or material weaknesses in the Township's accounting policies and procedures.

The board thanked Mr. Harburn and Ms. Hornak for their report.

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MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for the 5/3/10 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$336,157.13 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Brown

Seconded: Tucker

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

Nays: None

Absent: Hill

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

Appointment to Fenton Township Planning Commission

Supervisor Mathis reminded the board and the audience that the term for one Planning Commission seat is expiring at the end of May. Interested parties should submit a resume and letter of interest as soon as possible. After a brief discussion, the board agreed to schedule a workshop meeting for Monday 6/7/10 at 6:30 p.m. (prior to the regular meeting) to review potential appointees.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Definitions/1st Reading

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to revise the definition for *Contractor establishment (with outdoor storage)*. Treasurer Tucker stated that this is simply a minor error correction to remove landscaping contractor from the examples because it is already listed in the examples under another use. The Planning Commission had recommended adoption of the proposed amendment.

There was no public comment. The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be conducted at the 6/7/10 meeting.

Treasurer Tucker also indicated that the Planning Commission is working on a Zoning Ordinance amendment that would incorporate the provisions of the existing Lake Activity Regulation ordinance. This will give the Township more control over development issues that would impact the lakes, such as marina expansions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

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NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2010-17, Schedule Hearing on Special Assessment Roll – Crane Road/Lake Shore Drive Road Improvement Special Assessment District

Operations Manager Broecker reported that the Genesee County Road Commission had provided the revised estimate for improvements on Lake Shore Drive, and that a revised version of the special assessment roll has been prepared and certified by the Township Supervisor. The final plan includes repairing and repaving Lake Shore Drive from Crane Road south, with no work being done north of Crane Road. The current version of the special assessment roll breaks down as follows:

Properties fronting Crane Road	\$ 978.23
Properties fronting Lake Shore Drive, (S of Crane Road only)	1,014.51
Properties fronting Golden Pond Court	437.04
All other properties in the district	244.56

A public hearing on the proposed assessment roll is required before formal action can be taken. Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-17

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and assessing officer of Fenton Township has, in accordance with the Resolution of the Fenton Township Board and the laws and statutes pertinent thereto, prepared a special assessment roll in the total amount of \$128,560.67 covering all parcels of land in the Crane Road/Lake Shore Drive Road Improvement Special Assessment District, and has affixed thereto her Certificate as required by said Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said special assessment roll shall be filed with the Township Clerk and shall be available for public examination during regular business hours of regular business days from the present date until the public hearing upon the same and shall further be examined at such public hearing, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fenton Township Board shall meet at 7:30 p.m. on June 7, 2010 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center located at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, within the Township, to review such special assessment roll and hear any objections thereto, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall cause notice of such hearing and the filing of such assessment roll to be published twice in a newspaper of local circulation prior to the date of the hearing, with the first publication being not less than ten (10) days prior to the hearing and shall further cause notice of such hearing to be mailed by First Class Mail to all owners of or persons having an ownership interest in property within the Crane Road/Lake Shore Drive Road Improvement Special Assessment District as shown on the current assessment roll of the Township also at least ten (10) days prior to said hearing, all in accordance with the law and statute provided.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-17 as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Brown

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

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Nays: None
Absent: Hill

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Dangerous Buildings Violation Order

Supervisor Mathis reviewed information regarding a dangerous building on Wiggins Road. Per the order of the Dangerous Building Board of Appeals, the property owners has demolished the barn, however the foundation remains and is still considered dangerous. The Township Board now has the authority to contract for the removal of the foundation to make the property safe. The cost of the work will be billed to the property owner or added to the property tax bill.

Motion to authorize the contracting of the work necessary to make safe the structure located on parcel 06-01-300-003, as ordered by the Fenton Township Dangerous Building Board of Appeals, and in compliance with Ordinance No. 719.

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

Motion carried.

Lake Fenton Property Owners Association – Canada Geese Issues

George Dyball, President of the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association, addressed the board regarding concerns about the Canada goose population and their impact on the lake. For several weeks during the summer of 2009 the Fenton Township beach was closed due to high levels of e-coli bacteria in the water. It is presumed that these high levels were caused by the large number of geese around the beach area. Mr. Dyball would like the Township to take action to improve this problem, such as having the geese rounded up and removed from the lake, placing signs at the beach to discourage feeding the geese, etc.

Supervisor Mathis stated that, while the Township is not necessarily opposed to these types of measures, we cannot spend public funds to remove geese from Lake Fenton. The Township would be willing to make changes made its own property, such as additional signs on the beach, if it would help improve the problem.

Clerk Krug also noted that geese aren't the only waterfowl on Lake Fenton. Large numbers of swans and seagulls are also on and around the lake throughout the summer.

The Township will investigate possible ways to address the e-coli problem if bacteria levels are high again this year.

BOARD COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Daniel Repphun, 13433 Fenton Road

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Mr. Repphun reported that the Genesee County Metro Alliance 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) includes the widening of Fenton Road from Butcher Road to the Fenton city limits. He asked to the board to request a formal hearing on the project for residents to provide input on the preliminary plans. This request will be made.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 5/18/10