

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 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, Hill, Kesler, Attorney Cooley and
Operations Manager Broecker

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the 11/1/10 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Brown

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for the 10/18/10 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$281,229.65 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Hill

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

Quarterly Investment Report

Treasurer Tucker reviewed the Township's investment report for the quarter ending 9/30/10. Interest rates remain historically low due to the economy. Citizens Bank has now opted out of the expanded FDIC insurance program, therefore some township funds are not currently covered by insurance. The bank's decision to opt out of the expanded coverage, however, is a sign of strength and stability so the risk is relatively low. The Township is continuing to explore investment options to maximize security and optimize return.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

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ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Rezoning #R10-003, Randy Price, Parcel 06-09-200-017; R-2 to AG/2nd Reading

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposed rezoning of vacant property on Jennings Road from R-2 to Agricultural, which was introduced at the 10/18/10 meeting. There was no further discussion.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 728, an amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 594 to rezone parcel 06-09-200-017 from R-2 to AG, as presented.

Motion by: Brown

Seconded: Tucker

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. Ordinance declared adopted.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Filling/2nd Reading

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment regarding filling and grading of land, which was introduced at the 10/18/10 meeting. There was no further discussion.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 729, an amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 594 to revise language regarding filling and grading of land, as presented.

Motion by: Hill

Seconded: Tucker

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. Ordinance declared adopted.

Proposed Amendment to Grading Ordinance/2nd Reading

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposed amendment to the existing Grading Ordinance to revise language regarding filling and grading requirements, which was introduced at the 10/18/10 meeting. There was no further discussion.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 730, an amendment to Grading Ordinance No. 662 to revise language regarding filling and grading of land, as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Brown

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. Ordinance declared adopted.

Proposed Amendment to Dog Control Ordinance/1st Reading

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposed amendment to the existing Dog Control Ordinance to require adequate shelters for dogs kept outdoors. The Township has encountered several instances where dogs kept in outdoor pens are not provided adequate shelter from the weather and elements.

There was no public comment. The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be conducted at the 11/22/10 meeting.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Genesee County Chapter MTA Meeting – 11/18/10 at Fenton Township

Supervisor Mathis reminded the board that Fenton Township will be hosting the Michigan Townships Association – Genesee County Chapter meeting on Thursday 11/18/10 at 7:00 p.m. She urged all board members to try to attend this meeting.

Next Board Meeting Reminder – 11/22/10

Supervisor Mathis reminded the board that the next regular board meeting will be in three weeks, on Monday 11/22/10.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Law Enforcement Services Agreement – Genesee County Sheriff Department

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposed 2010-2011 Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the Genesee County Sheriff Department. The contract maintains the current service level of 5 full-time deputies and 60% of the cost of a detective sergeant. The projected cost of approximately \$658,000 is slightly lower than the final 2009-2010 contract actual cost.

Motion to approve the 2010-2011 Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the Genesee County Sheriff Department as presented.

Motion by: Hill

Seconded: Tucker

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Proposed PEG Grant Application – Video System Upgrade

Operations Manager Broecker reviewed a proposed PEG grant application to upgrade the Township's video system. The total cost of approximately \$82,000 would be funded by PEG funds from the FACT Consortium member communities. It was emphasized that this would not be funded by the Township's General Fund. If approved, the upgraded video system would provide the following benefits:

- It will significantly improve the picture quality of the Township's video recordings, both in color and resolution. It will allow the Township to record video in all NTSC recognized formats for Standard and High definition television, ensuring that the recordings will meet current broadcast industry standards for years to come.
- It will give the Township the capability of publishing recordings of board meetings, etc, directly to the Internet via video hosting service.
- The proposed system will also greatly improve the quality of the audio in the recording, allowing viewers of the broadcast to more clearly hear the board discussion, as well as comments from the public, and discussions between the board and the public. Additionally, it will ensure that the wireless microphones and other devices are operating on frequencies approved by the FCC for said use.

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- The improved workflow resulting from the implementation of digital technology will reduce the amount of time required to bring the recordings to broadcast or cable distribution, thus reducing township costs.
- It will allow the township to record footage of community events, etc, if it chooses to do so, and provide additional public and governmental programming. The system will also allow the Township to edit video for this purpose, and provide the equipment required to produce public service announcements for its residents.

Motion to approve submission of a PEG grant application for upgrading Fenton Township video system as presented.

Motion by: Brown

Seconded: Tucker

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

BOARD COMMENT:

Regarding his concerns regarding slow ambulance response time at a youth football game raised at a previous meeting, Trustee Hill reported that a representative of STAT EMS contact him and “chewed him out” for criticizing the response time, blaming the delay on 911 operations. STAT then committed to place an ambulance at their next youth football game, however they did not follow through on their promise.

Mr. Hill also announced that members of the Lake Fenton youth football program will be playing at halftime of the Detroit Lions/New York Jets game at Ford Field on Sunday 11/7/10.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Alan Mayner, 14479 Hogan Road

Mr. Mayner is concerned with the levels of dust on Hogan Road near Silver Lake Road. The truck traffic to and from the sewer treatment plant make the dust unbearable and unhealthy. He would prefer that the road not be graded unless chloride will be applied immediately after the grading. He stated that Genesee County Drain Commissioner Jeff Wright promised several years ago to pave that stretch of road to handle the heavy traffic and eliminate the dust problem, but has not followed through on that promise. Supervisor Mathis stated that she will coordinate with the Genesee County Road Commission to try to alleviate the problem.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 11/3/10