

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2010**

**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, Hill, Kesler, Attorney Cooley and Operations
Manager Broecker

Absent: Mathis, Goupil

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Members of the Lake Fenton Youth Football program 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: Tucker

Seconded: Brown

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Mathis, Goupil

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Trustee Hill asked to have the Lake Fenton Youth Football Program added to the beginning of the agenda. Motion to approve the 12/20/10 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as amended.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Hill

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Mathis, Goupil

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

PRESENTATION:

Trustee Hill introduced members of the Lake Fenton Youth Football program, who recently got the opportunity to play during halftime at a Detroit Lions game at Ford Field. A short video was played showing the players in action at Ford Field. The board congratulated the players on their outstanding achievement and commended Trustee Hill for his dedication to youth sports.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for the 12/6/10 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$642,509.20 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Hill

Seconded: Tucker

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Ayes: Krug, Tucker, Brown, Hill, Kesler
Nays: None
Absent: Mathis, Goupil
Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Proposed METRO Act Right-of-Way Permit Extension – AT&T

Chairman Krug noted that AT&T's formal request to extend their METRO Act Right-of-Way permit until the end of 2013 was postponed at the 12/6/10 meeting when concerns were raised whether this permit gives AT&T the right to install their cables, including cutting into paved roads for example, without further permission. The Genesee County Road Commission has confirmed that any such activity would still require a permit issued by their office.

Motion to extend the existing METRO Act permit for AT&T Michigan for the term ending December 31, 2013.

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

Schedule January Workshop Meeting

Chairman Krug reported that Supervisor Mathis has indicated that she would like to schedule a workshop meeting in January. A new sewer maintenance contract and one or two proposed ordinance amendments will be the primary discussion items, although other issues may be added to the agenda. After a brief discussion the board agreed to schedule the workshop meeting for Monday 1/17/11 at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request to Extend Preliminary Plat Approval – Pinnacle Shores

Chairman Krug reported that Tom Atwell, the developer of the Pinnacle Shores subdivision, has requested an extension to the tentative approval of his preliminary plat for the entire subdivision. The development is being platted in phases. Extension of the preliminary plat approval will allow him to continue with the platting process for the remaining phases.

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Treasurer Tucker indicated that the Township has been relatively liberal in granting such extensions due to the economic conditions.

Motion to grant a two-year extension to the tentative approval of the Preliminary Plat of Pinnacle Shores, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Proposed Purchase Contract – Fire Department Tanker Truck

Operations Manager Broecker outlined the proposed purchase of a new tanker truck for Fire Station #1, replacing a 21-year old truck that has significant maintenance issues. The proposal submitted by the Fire Chief is for a Pierce Quantum tanker truck, purchased through Halt Fire, Inc. in Wixom. The base price of the truck is \$571,651.00. The Township can save approximately \$23,000 by paying the total contract cost up front. Also, if the truck is ordered and paid for before 1/1/11, the Township would avoid a 3% price increase (approximately \$16,000). The Fire Fund, with a \$50,000 appropriation allocation from the General Fund (to be repaid in 2011), has enough funds to make the purchase before the end of the year.

There was also some discussion regarding the possibility of ordering a less expensive truck. It was pointed out that all pumpers and tankers purchased in the past 13 years have been from the Pierce Quantum series. Aside from the Quantum's proven track record of reliability and durability, having all of the primary trucks from the same series makes training easier and emergency operations more efficient. It was also confirmed that proposals were requested from two other companies.

Public Comment:

Michael Vincent, 13227 Harborview Drive

Mr. Vincent questioned the high cost of the fire truck. He has researched tanker trucks on the internet and has contacted sales reps for other truck manufacturers. He believes the Township should look into purchasing a less expensive vehicle. Treasurer Tucker stated that the purchase is based on a recommendation from the Fire Chief, whose job it is to provide such recommendations. Due to the time constraints to avoid the price increase, Clerk Krug suggested that the board act on the proposal, with the condition that a meeting be arranged for Mr. Vincent with the Fire Chief and if the Chief believes some reconsideration is appropriate, the contract will not be signed.

Motion to approve the purchase of Pierce Quantum Tanker truck at a cost of \$548,143.00, as presented, with the condition that the contract will not be executed if the Fire Chief believes the issue should be reconsidered after reviewing citizen input.

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

Motion carried.

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Resolution No. 2010-33, Honoring Former ZBA Member Les Scott

Chairman Krug noted that Les Scott recently stepped down from the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals after 12 years of service. A resolution has been prepared to honor Mr. Scott for his public service. Operations Manager Broecker presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-33

WHEREAS, Leslie D. Scott completed his term as a member of the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals as of November 30, 2010, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott has been a resident of Fenton Township for many years, during which time he has contributed greatly to the progress and welfare of the community, most notably as a member of the Fenton Township ZBA, as Fenton Township's representative on the Loose Senior Citizen Center Board of Directors, and also working as an Election Inspector on a regular basis for Fenton Township, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott served loyally and faithfully as a member of the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals from 1998 to 2010, exhibiting the qualities of vision and leadership throughout his term of service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton hereby recognizes Leslie D. Scott for his valuable contributions to our community and expresses sincere appreciation and gratitude for his dedicated service to the government and citizens of Fenton Township;

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

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-33 as presented.

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

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Appointments to Fenton Township Board of Review

Chairman Krug reported that the terms of the members of the Fenton Township Board of Review will expire at the end of this year. All three members, Jim Hall, Bev McKenna and Beth Ryan, have done an outstanding job for the Township and all have indicated the desire to be re-appointed.

Motion to re-appoint H. James Hall to the Fenton Township Board of Review for the term ending December 31, 2012.

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

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Motion carried.

Motion to re-appoint Beverly J. McKenna to the Fenton Township Board of Review for the term ending December 31, 2012.

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

Motion carried.

Motion to re-appoint Beth A. Ryan to the Fenton Township Board of Review for the term ending December 31, 2012.

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

Motion carried.

Proposed Amendments – 2010 Fenton Township Budget

Operations Manager Broecker reviewed proposed amendments to the 2010 Fenton Township Budget. The only significant changes in the General Fund are reductions to the budgeted amounts for road improvements due to lower than projected costs, and a \$50,000 allocation to the Fire Fund to allow the purchase of the new fire truck approved earlier this evening. It was noted that this \$50,000 will be paid back to the General Fund in 2011. The Fire Fund allocation results in a budgeted deficit of \$50,000, although current projections indicate that the actual year-end figures should result in a small surplus. There are no other substantial revisions to the Fire Fund. There are several proposed revisions to the Sewer Fund, due primarily to paying expenses from the operating budget since all bond proceeds have now been spent. The projected cash position for the Sewer Fund is anticipated to be slightly higher than 12/31/09. There are no proposed amendments to the Trash Collection or Mosquito Control funds.

Motion to adopt amendments to the 2010 Fenton Township Budget as presented.

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

Motion carried.

BOARD COMMENT:

Clerk Krug and Treasurer Tucker commended Trustee Hill for his work with the youth football program

Treasurer Tucker reported that Planning Commissioner Marty Spees has accepted a new position with his current employer and will be moving out of state, creating a vacancy on the Planning Commission. He also suggested a resolution be drafted to honor Mr. Spees for his public service.

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PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Dave Hawcroft, 3302 Ponemah Drive

Regarding the fire truck purchase, Mr. Hawcroft stated that he has the utmost respect for Fire Chief Moulton and he also realizes that Pierce is a top-of-the-line fire truck. If there are less expensive alternatives, however, he believes the board should explore them.

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

Robert Krug, Chairman Pro-Tem

Thomas Broecker, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Posted 12/21/10