

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2011**

**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 1/24/11 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Hill

Seconded: Tucker

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for the 1/10/11 regular meeting and the 1/17/11 workshop meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$519,045.25 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Brown

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2011 Local Road Improvement Projects

Supervisor Mathis opened a public hearing to gather citizen input regarding potential local road improvement projects in 2011.

Public Comment:

The following individuals provided input on potential road projects:

Dennis Hawk, 6306 Smith Road
Nathan McNamara, 12356 Dollar Lake Court
Derek Watson, Jr., 14469 Hogan Road
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The following roads were suggested for improvements:

Smith Road from Hogan Road to Sharp Road – limestone resurfacing
Windsor Beach Drive, Dollar Lake Drive and Dollar Lake Court, asphalt resurfacing
Hogan Road from Silver Lake Road to the Shiawassee River bridge – asphalt paving
North Long Lake Road from Torrey Road to Fenton Road – asphalt resurfacing

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Bowles Street from North Long Lake Road to Sonora Drive – asphalt resurfacing

It was noted that Windsor Beach Drive, Dollar Lake Drive and Dollar Lake Court are residential streets rather than local roads. If the residents wish to have these roads resurfaced, the Township can provide petitions for a special assessment district.

The Township will request the appropriate cost estimates and bring recommendations back to a future meeting.

REPORTS:

Ordinance Enforcement Quarterly Report

Supervisor Mathis briefly reviewed the 4th quarter report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Bob Atkinson.

Miscellaneous Updates

Supervisor Mathis stated that she was contacted in December regarding seven needy families in our community. She was very impressed with the support she received throughout the community to provide assistance to these families during the holidays.

Supervisor Mathis also reported that she visited the old St. Michael's school in Flint recently. The facility is being used by the Mott Foundation as a shelter for homeless people. It was a very eye-opening experience as she witnessed the difficulties for these people. The center is seeking donations to assist with their efforts. They can especially use recliners, clothing, pillows, toilet paper and other personal care items. Anyone interested in donating can contact Supervisor Mathis directly.

Supervisor Mathis attended an assembly at Lake Fenton High School that addressed the issue of bullying. The student/actors did an excellent job of portraying the terrible consequences of bullying and felt that it was an excellent program.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

2011 Board of Review Hardship Policy

Supervisor Mathis stated that the Township adopts a revised property tax hardship policy for the Board of Review each year to use in reviewing hardship exemption applications. The proposed 2011 policy and application are very similar to the policies adopted in previous years. There was no further discussion.

Motion to adopt the 2011 Fenton Township Property Tax Financial Hardship Exemption Policy as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Hill

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Nays: None
Motion carried.

Proposed Summer Property Tax Agreements – Fenton Schools, Linden Schools & Genesee Intermediate School District

Supervisor Mathis stated that Fenton Township has received requests again this year to collect a portion of the local school district taxes in the summer property tax bills. Agreements have been prepared to formalize these arrangements with the Linden and Fenton school districts and the Genesee Intermediate School District. The agreements are virtually identical to the agreements executed in prior years. Treasurer Tucker asked how the fees are determined for these agreements. Operations Manager Broecker stated that the fee is based on the loss of the \$2.50 per parcel fee the Township receives from the State of Michigan when a taxing unit places a levy on the summer bill. There was no further discussion.

Motion to approve the 2011 Summer Tax Collection Agreement with Linden Community Schools as presented.

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

Motion to approve the 2011 Summer Tax Collection Agreement with Fenton Area Schools as presented.

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

Motion to approve the 2011 Summer Tax Collection Agreement with the Genesee Intermediate School District as presented.

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

Initiation of Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Parking on Vacant Commercial Property

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a memo from Zoning Administrator Doug Piggott regarding a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment. The amendment would allow the parking of recreational vehicles on vacant commercial property, with specific restrictions. The board reviewed the proposed ordinance language and agreed to initiate the proposed amendment and refer it to the Planning Commission for public hearing.

Motion to initiate an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding the parking of recreational vehicles on vacant commercial property, and to forward the proposed amendment to the Planning Commission for public hearing.

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

BOARD COMMENT:

Supervisor Mathis reported that there will be an ice fishing contest on Lake Fenton sponsored by the Moose Lodge this weekend.

Trustee Hill announced that the Lake Fenton Youth Football program will hold a clinic on 3/12/11 at Premier Indoor Sports on Torrey Road.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 1/25/11