

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2012**

**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, Lorraine, 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 1/9/12 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Brown

Seconded: Tucker

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The minutes for the 12/19/11 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$155,918.20 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Brown

Seconded: Tucker

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

**Fire Chief Report**

Fire Chief Ryan Volz provided 4th quarter and annual Fire Department statistics:

	<u>Oct-Dec, 2011</u>	<u>Total 2011</u>
Total alarms	154 (17 in Tyrone Twp)	679 (78 in Tyrone Twp.)
Fires	6	37
EMS	89	445
Hazardous cond.	5	30
Service calls	42	95
Good intent calls	9	46
False alarms	1	25
Other	0	1

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**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Internet Sales/2nd Reading**

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to add provisions related to internet sales, which was introduced at the 12/19/11 meeting. The Zoning Ordinance does not currently provide for internet-based home businesses. Under the proposed amendment, such businesses would be permitted by right if there is no on-site sales or inventory. There was no further discussion.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 744, an amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 594 to add provisions related to internet sales, as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Brown

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

Nays: Goupil

Motion carried. Ordinance declared adopted.

**Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Agricultural Accessory Residence/2nd Reading**

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to add provisions regarding accessory residences on agricultural property, which was introduced at the 12/19/11 meeting. The Zoning Ordinance does not currently permit any residential use on farm property other than the occupants of the primary residence. The proposed amendment would allow one accessory residence on a working farm. There was no further discussion.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 745, an amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 594 to add provisions regarding accessory residences on agricultural property, as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: Goupil

Motion carried. Ordinance declared adopted.

Supervisor Mathis asked Trustee Goupil what his concerns were with the ordinances. Trustee Goupil stated that he favors smaller government over bigger government. He doesn't see a need to regulate the issues covered by these ordinances. Trustee Brown and Treasurer Tucker pointed out that the ordinances actually are more permissive since neither internet sales or accessory residences on agricultural property were permitted under the current ordinance.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Schedule Public Hearing – 2012 Local Road Improvements**

Supervisor Mathis stated that, in keeping with the past practices of the Township Board, a local road improvement public hearing needs to be scheduled for the 1/23/12 meeting.

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This hearing will give us the opportunity to accept citizen input regarding potential local road improvement projects prior to making any final decisions.

Motion to schedule a public hearing for January 23, 2012 to obtain citizen input regarding potential local road improvement projects for 2012.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Brown

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Josh Parks, Guy Pickover, Richard Hamilton & Bill Boike, (residents of the Gables of North Shore condominium development)

Four property owners in the Gables of North Shore development stated that they plan to construct a 9-slip common dock area this year in compliance with the plan approved by the Township and their master deed. They expressed concern regarding the potential for another property owner to construct an additional dock (purportedly for a seaplane), which may violate the PUD conditions and also impede their ability to use the common dock area.

Attorney Cooley and Treasurer Tucker explained that the Township has little, if any, authority over such a matter. The condo association, however, does have the ability to establish rules and regulations that could put the proper controls into place.

Mr. Hamilton stated that their primary concern was the potential violation of the PUD conditions so they wanted to make the board aware of the situation.

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

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Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

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Robert Krug, Clerk

**Minutes Posted 1/10/12**