

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2012**

**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, Goupil, Kesler, Lorraine, Attorney Cooley and
Operations Manager Broecker

Absent: Mathis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Clerk Krug 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: Brown

Seconded: Tucker

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Mathis

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Krug asked to have a discussion regarding the proposed lease of township-owned property added to the Reports section of the agenda. Motion to approve the 3/5/12 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as amended.

Motion by: Brown

Seconded: Tucker

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Mathis

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for the 2/20/12 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Treasurer Tucker asked about the \$5,200 invoice for ESRI, Inc. Operations Manager Broecker confirmed that the invoice is for the annual maintenance and support services on our GIS program. Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$171,116.65 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mathis

Motion carried.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

Proposed Lease of Township-Owned Property

Realtor David Goldstein stated that he is representing Morey Farms, a local farming family. Morey Farms is interested in acquiring and farming all 5 parcels that were a part of the BVM development project near the intersection of Fenton and Thompson Roads. Because the Township has indicated that it does not want to sell the one parcel it owns because it may be needed for a public purpose, Mr. Goldstein is proposing that the Township lease this property to his client until the Township decides on a direction. Trustee Lorraine asked if there is a proposed lease rate for the property. Mr. Goldstein stated that he is proposing a 3-year lease at \$50 per tillable acre in the first year, \$60 in the second year and \$70 in the third year. The land will need a lot of work in the first year to improve soil conditions and drainage, thus the lower rate. The board discussed the issue and decided that it warrants additional review and discussion at the next workshop meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Schedule Workshop Meeting

At the 2/20/12 meeting the board had tentatively scheduled a workshop for 3/12/12. This date will not work due to the Board of Review sessions that week. After a brief discussion the board agreed to schedule the workshop meeting for Monday 3/26/12 at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Letters of Support – Silver & Marl Lake Goose Removal

Chairman Krug reported that the Silver & Marl Lakes Area Homeowners Association has again requested letters of support for participation in the Canada Goose Nest & Egg Destruction and Roundup programs. Dick Sandell, vice-president of the association, stated that Silver and Marl Lakes have used similar procedures since 1999 to keep goose populations down. Their primary concerns are e-coli contamination and nuisance. He asked the board to consider 5-year letters of support for each program. The roundup procedure would only be used if the egg & nest destruction program does not sufficiently reduce the goose population.

Public Comment:

Marilyn Daniels, 13293 Haddon Street

Ms. Daniels urged the use of alternative methods to control the goose population before using the lethal procedures.

William Daniels, 13293 Haddon Street

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Mr. Daniels added that the failure to attempt the non-lethal methods will require the destruction of eggs and geese every year.

Trustee Lorraine asked if the DNR has any input in the decision. Operations Manager Broecker stated that the DNR will not take one side or the other. They encourage the use of alternative methods first, but will not deny a permit if they haven't been attempted. Trustee Lorraine also asked who performs the procedures. Mr. Sandell confirmed that they use a vendor to do all the work – not residents. Treasurer Tucker stated that he can understand both sides of the issue. If this is something the lakefront property owners want, he is inclined to support the wishes of the residents. He is concerned, however, about giving a 5-year support approval.

Motion to authorize letters of support, effective for five years, for the Silver-Marl Lakes Area Homeowners Association to reduce the Canada Goose population by participating in the Nest & Egg Destruction Program and/or the Goose Roundup Program, as requested.

Motion by: Brown
Seconded: Kesler
Ayes: Brown, Goupil, Kesler
Nays: Krug, Tucker, Lorraine
Absent: Mathis

Motion failed.

Motion to authorize letters of support, effective for one year, for the Silver-Marl Lakes Area Homeowners Association to reduce the Canada Goose population by participating in the Nest & Egg Destruction Program and/or the Goose Roundup Program.

Motion by: Brown
Seconded: Tucker
Ayes: Tucker, Brown, Goupil, Kesler
Nays: Krug, Lorraine
Absent: Mathis

Motion carried.

Proposed Genesee County Road Commission Agreement – Fenton Road Project/Sewer Line Relocation

Chairman Krug reviewed a proposed agreement with the Genesee County Road Commission for the relocation of a Township sanitary sewer force main due to the realignment of part of Butcher Road as a part of the Fenton Road widening project. The sewer line is being added to the overall project and the Township is responsible for approximately 20% of the cost. Treasurer Tucker noted that several representatives from the Township met with road commission officials on this issue and is pleased that the negotiations have resulted in having the sewer line relocation added to the Fenton Road project, thus saving the Township money.

Motion to approve the local road agreement with the Genesee County Road Commission for the Butcher Road sanitary sewer force main relocation, as presented.

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

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Motion carried.

BOARD COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None

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

Robert Krug, Chairman Pro-Tem

Thomas Broecker, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Posted 3/6/12