

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 19, 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, Attorney Cooley and
Operations Manager Broecker

Absent: Lorraine

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Dan Chambers, a member of the military that recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Clerk Krug asked to have a presentation added to the agenda regarding a fund raising event being sponsored by the *Wings of Mercy* organization. Motion to approve the 3/19/12 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as amended.

Motion by: Brown

Seconded: Tucker

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

PRESENTATION:

Supervisor Mathis introduced Tim Draeger, a member of the *Wings of Mercy* organization. Mr. Draeger thanked the board for the opportunity to speak at this meeting. He explained that *Wings of Mercy* is an organization of volunteer pilots that provide free air transportation for patients that need to travel to distant medical facilities, (i.e. Mayo Clinic), but can't afford it. While these pilots are continuing to donate their time and use of their aircraft to this program, rising fuel costs are severely impacting the group's effectiveness. As an example, Mr. Draeger stated that the amount of fuel needed for his plane to travel to Minnesota and back cost about \$200 five years ago. That same amount of fuel today costs over \$700.

Wings of Mercy is teaming up with the Knights of Columbus to hold a fund raising event called Wings & Wheels. The event will be held at Price's Airport on 6/23/12 beginning at 7:00 a.m. The day will start with a pancake breakfast and will also include free airplane and helicopter rides, classic car show, police and fire department displays and much more. Mr. Draeger asked for the board's support in getting the word out regarding this event. Supervisor Mathis stated that the Township will place a notice on our website regarding the fundraiser. The board thanked Mr. Draeger for his informative presentation.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for the 3/5/12 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$1,175,513.07 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Workshop Meeting Reminder

Supervisor Mathis reminded the board that a workshop meeting is scheduled for Monday 3/26/12 at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

2012 Genesee County Road Commission Chloride Contract

Operations Manager Broecker reviewed information regarding the Genesee County Road Commission's dust control program for 2012. The proposed agreement includes one application of liquid calcium chloride on unpaved roads funded by the Road Commission and the option of one or two applications funded by the Township. Based on the mileage of unpaved roads in Fenton Township, our cost would be approximately \$17,997.00 per application. Based on past practice it is recommended that the Township authorize one additional chloride application for June.

Motion to approve the 2012 Genesee County Road Commission Dust Control Program, including one application of 38% liquid calcium chloride in June, at a rate of 2,000 gallons per mile at the Township's expense, as presented.

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

Resolution No. 2012-02, Property Tax Payments

Treasurer Tucker explained that the Township's policy for the past several years has been not to accept as paid on time, property tax payments that are mailed on or before the payment deadline but received after the deadline. The Michigan Property Tax Act does allow local units of government to accept payments up to seven days after the deadline if they are postmarked on or before the deadline. While he does not plan to automatically accept payments for seven days, Treasurer Tucker would like some flexibility built into the policy in order to make some exceptions.

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Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-02

WHEREAS, Section 44b of the Michigan General Property Tax Act, (MCL 211.44b; PA 206 of 1893, as amended), provides that the date of a United States Postal Service postmark may be considered the date of receipt for property tax payments, provided that the effective date of receipt is not more than 7 calendar days before the date of actual receipt, and

WHEREAS, applying this provision to the property tax collection procedures will be to the benefit of the taxpayers of the Charter Township of Fenton;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Fenton may, at the discretion of the Township Treasurer, consider the United States Postal Service postmark as the date of receipt for property tax payments, provided that the effective date of receipt is not more than 7 calendar days before the date of actual receipt, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this policy shall be effective as of July 1, 2012.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-02 as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Brown

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Resolution No. 2012-03, Assignment of Fund Balance – Fire Fund

Operations Manager Broecker reported that Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54 (aka GASB 54) was implemented to enhance the usefulness of fund balance information by providing clearer fund balance classifications that can be more consistently applied and by clarifying the existing governmental fund type definitions. Simply stated, all revenues in the special revenue funds must be appropriately classified. In the case of the Fire Fund, the special assessment revenue is automatically classified as “restricted”, however the other revenue sources (primarily revenues for providing emergency services to Tyrone Township), must be classified by board action. A resolution has been prepared to classify all non-special assessment revenues in the Fire Fund as “assigned” to the Fire Fund.

Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-03

WHEREAS, Statement No. 54 as issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB 54) was implemented to enhance the usefulness of fund balance information by providing clearer fund balance classifications that can be more

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consistently applied and by clarifying the existing governmental fund type definitions, and

WHEREAS, revenues in the Fenton Township Fire Fund, except for special assessment revenues, are not considered "restricted" under GASB 54;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton hereby classifies all revenue sources in the Fenton Township Fire Fund, except for special assessment revenue, as "assigned" revenues for purposes of classifying fund balances in compliance with GASB 54.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-03 as presented.

Motion by: Brown

Seconded: Goupil

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

2012 Law Day Proclamation

Supervisor Mathis stated that the Genesee County Bar Association has requested that the Township consider adopting a proclamation designating May 1st as Law Day. The Township has adopted similar proclamations in previous years. Treasurer Tucker noted that, among other activities, Law Day is an opportunity for students to appear before a real judge in a mock trial. Clerk Krug presented the following:

LAW DAY PROCLAMATION 2012
"No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom"

WHEREAS, the American justice system is charged with upholding and protecting the rights, as well as the freedom and justice of all Americans, and

WHEREAS, in 1961 Congress issued a joint resolution declaring May 1st of each year to be "Law Day" - a national day to recognize and celebrate our justice system and the rule of law, and

WHEREAS, the Law Day 2012 theme, "No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom", provides an opportunity to highlight the crucial role of our courts and to foster a better understanding of the judiciary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton does hereby proclaim May 1, 2012 as Law Day. We urge the people of Fenton Township and all of Genesee County to use this occasion to acknowledge the importance of our legal and judicial systems with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and to display the flag of the United States and the State of Michigan in support of this educational observance. We further encourage schools, businesses, media, religious institutions, civic and service organizations to join the members of the bar and bench in commemorating Law Day.

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Motion to adopt the Law Day 2012 Proclamation as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Tucker

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried. The proclamation is adopted.

BOARD COMMENT:

Clerk Krug asked about the status of clearing the township owned property on Thompson Road. Attorney Cooley stated that proceedings are under way to remove all of the equipment and the litigation regarding the property should be completed within the next month or two.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 3/20/12