

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 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, Operations
Manager Broecker and Attorney Cooley

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the 8/20/12 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Brown

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for the 8/6/12 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$1,017,379.18 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Lorraine

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

Supervisor Mathis introduced State Senator John Gleason. Senator Gleason announced that "Donate Life" license plates are now available for purchase through the Secretary of State. Funds raised from the sale of these license plates will benefit organ donation education.

Supervisor Mathis reported that tests of lake water at Fenton Township's beach have resulted in e-coli levels well below the allowable maximums.

Clerk Krug reported that the development of a township park on Thompson Road is moving forward. The Township's application to rezone the property will be on the 9/6/12 Planning Commission agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

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ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Commercial & Industrial Uses/1st Reading

Supervisor Mathis introduced a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to add the use **Fabrication** and to revise language regarding the use **Light Fabrication**. Treasurer Tucker explained that uses allowed under the “High Tech” zoning district in the previous Zoning Ordinance were reclassified when the current Zoning Ordinance was adopted in 2002. This resulted in some uses inadvertently becoming legal non-conforming uses, making it more difficult to find appropriate uses for some properties. The proposed amendment adds the use Fabrication and revises the definition of Light Fabrication. Both uses are permitted by right in the M-1, M-2 and M-3 zoning districts, although the Zoning Administrator can refer any Fabrication use to the Planning Commission for zoning approval if it has a significant potential for violating certain performance standards (noise, odor, air quality, etc.).

There was no public comment. The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be conducted at the September 4th meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Request to Implement Completion Bond Requirement on New Construction

Supervisor Mathis reviewed minutes from the most recent Planning Commission where the issue of requiring completion bonds on new construction was discussed. Treasurer Tucker confirmed that the Planning Commission has reviewed the issue and has recommended not pursuing such a requirement. The major concern is that increasing the cost of development would likely drive developers away. Additionally, in the case of condominium developments, they already have the authority to amend their master deed and by-laws to implement completion bonds or similar requirements on their own development. The potential problems raised by residents (partially finished construction, etc.) are not a problem in Fenton Township at this time.

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and not move forward with the request to require performance and/or completion bonds on new construction.

Motion by: Mathis

Seconded: Brown

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2012-12, Crane Lake Improvement Special Assessment District

Supervisor Mathis reported that owners of lakefront properties on Crane Lake have submitted a petition to create a special assessment district for a lake improvement project consisting of eradication and control of aquatic weeds. A resolution has been prepared to schedule the required public hearing on the proposed special assessment district. Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-12

WHEREAS, the Fenton Township Board has accepted a petition from the record owners of properties abutting Crane Lake to establish a special assessment district for

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the purpose of improving the lake through the eradication and control of aquatic weeds, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the petition has been signed by the record property owners representing more than 50% of the land area in the proposed special assessment district, and

WHEREAS, plans and estimated costs for the foregoing lake improvement have been placed on file in the office of the Township Clerk,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fenton Township Board does hereby tentatively declare its intent to implement an aquatic weed eradication and control program for Crane Lake, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fenton Township Board does hereby tentatively establish the boundaries of the proposed special assessment district to include all properties abutting Crane Lake, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Fenton Township Board will hold a public hearing on the establishment of the proposed special assessment district at its regular meeting to be held on Tuesday September 4, 2012 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-12 as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Tucker

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Request for PEG Funding – Lake Fenton, Linden & Fenton School Districts

Operations Manager Broecker reported that Lake Fenton, Linden and Fenton school districts have submitted a combined PEG grant application to upgrade and replace video equipment in their high school programs. The FACT Consortium has reviewed and approved the application, and recommended approval of funding up to a maximum of \$285,000.00.

The allocations of cost are based on annual PEG fee receipts for each community. The \$285,000.00 will be allocated as follows:

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| Fenton Township | 39.317% | \$112,054.69 |
| City of Fenton | 34.089% | 97,153.84 |
| Tyrone Township | 18.356% | 52,313.61 |
| City of Linden | 8.238% | 23,477.86 |

It is also emphasized that these funds are from the Township's restricted fund balance. PEG fees can only be used to support PEG television programming and cannot be spent on anything else.

Motion to approve PEG funding for Lake Fenton, Linden and Fenton school districts up to \$112,100.00, as presented.

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

Proposed Change to Township Board Meeting Schedule

The board reviewed proposed changes to the 2012 Township Board meeting schedule. It has been proposed to move the 11/5/12 meeting to 10/29/12 due to the election on 11/6/12. The 11/19/12 meeting would then be moved to 11/12/12 to avoid Thanksgiving week and deer hunting season.

Motion to approve the revised 2012 Fenton Township meeting schedule as presented.

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

BOARD COMMENT:

Supervisor Mathis reported that recent heavy rains caused inflow issues for the Torrey Road sewer pump station. Pumper trucks utilized to pump & haul excess flows to prevent overflows or backups. The Sewer Committee is reviewing a proposal to upgrade this station to prevent future problems.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Joyce Kelley, 3270 Horrell Court

Regarding the upcoming hearing on the proposed Crane Lake special assessment, Ms. Kelley asked if Lake Fenton has a weed control program. Supervisor Mathis responded that some areas are treated for weeds but contracted privately. There is no lake-wide program or special assessment.

Kathleen Lage, 13132 North Road

Ms. Lage stated that she would like to look at non-chemical options to address the weed problem on Crane Lake. She hopes all of the property owners will work together to come up with the best solution.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 8/21/12