

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2013**

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

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Supervisor Mathis asked to have a discussion regarding the former Frank's Tavern property added to the Unfinished Business section of the agenda. Motion to approve the 1/7/13 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as amended.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Krug

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for the 12/17/12 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$225,559.17 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Lorraine

Seconded: Tucker

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

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, 2012</u>	<u>Total 2012</u>
Total alarms	172 (16 in Tyrone Twp)	678 (69 in Tyrone Twp.)
Fires	5	36
EMS	128	476
Hazardous cond.	8	18
Service calls	13	65
Good intent calls	7	50
False alarms	11	33

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COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Commercial Vehicles on Residential Lots/2nd Reading

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise provisions regarding commercial vehicles on residential lots, which was introduced at the 12/17/12 meeting. The proposed amendment more clearly identifies vehicle categories, which will make interpretation and enforcement easier. There was no further discussion.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 752, an amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 594 to revise provisions regarding commercial vehicles on residential lots, as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Lorraine

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. Ordinance declared adopted.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Agricultural Tourism Facilities/2nd Reading

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the definition of *Agricultural Tourism Facilities*, which was introduced at the 12/17/12 meeting. The proposed amendment was drafted in response to multiple inquiries from property owners regarding the use of agricultural properties for “barn weddings”, which are becoming increasingly popular. The amendment would list barn weddings and similar social events under the existing *Agricultural Tourism Facilities* definition, which requires a special use permit. Supervisor Mathis questioned if structures would have to be inspected for building code compliance before the special use permit is issued. Treasurer Tucker stated that safety would be one of the issues addressed as part of the special use permit process. Clerk Krug asked if this type of use might be better controlled through the Home Occupation process. After additional discussion the board agreed that the best approach is to adopt the amendment as is and address additional issues with future amendments.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 753, an amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 594 to revise the definition of Agricultural Tourism Facilities, as presented.

Motion by: Goupil

Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. Ordinance declared adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Former Frank’s Tavern Property

Supervisor Mathis stated that she would prefer not to burn the structure on the former Franks’ Tavern property as a fire department training exercise. She believes the neighboring properties are too close and there are too many unknowns regarding this property (possible existence of underground fuel or grease tanks, asbestos in structure, etc.) She suggested that the structure simply be demolished. The board agreed with this

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approach. The Township will solicit demolition proposals and also look into the possibility of using CDBG funds for the demolition.

NEW BUSINESS:

Schedule Public Hearing – 2013 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 1/21/13 meeting. 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 21, 2013 to obtain citizen input regarding potential local road improvement projects for 2013.

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

Motion carried.

Appointments to Fenton Township Board of Review

Supervisor Mathis reported that the terms of our Board of Review members expired at the end of 2012. All three members, Bev McKenna, Beth Ryan and John Brancheau, have done a fine job for the Township and all have indicated a desire to be re-appointed.

Motion to re-appoint Beverly J. McKenna to the Fenton Township Board of Review for the term ending December 31, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

Motion to re-appoint Beth A. Ryan to the Fenton Township Board of Review for the term ending December 31, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

Motion to re-appoint John A. Brancheau to the Fenton Township Board of Review for the term ending December 31, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

BOARD COMMENT:

Supervisor Mathis noted that the Township issued 17 sewer connection permits in 2012, the highest total in several years.

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Supervisor Mathis also cautioned the public to stay off the partially frozen lakes. The ice is still very thin and the weather forecast calls for warmer temperatures later this week.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 1/8/13