

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 1, 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, Lorraine, Shumaker and Attorney Cooley

Absent: Kesler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Members of Boy Scout Troop 219 led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the 7/1/13 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Lorraine

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Kesler

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for the 6/17/13 regular meeting and 6/17/13 workshop meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$225,902.38 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Lorraine

Seconded: Tucker

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

Nays: None

Absent: Kesler

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

Supervisor Mathis reported that a safety inspection was recently conducted at the Lake Ponemah Mobile Home Park by the Township Building Inspector, Fire Chief and Ordinance Enforcement Officer. She briefly reviewed the results of the inspection, which included several issues that needed to be addressed, but park management is addressing them. Overall the park is in better condition than the last inspection. The board continued discussion regarding a variety of items relating to the mobile home park.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2013-10, Honoring Eagle Scout John Trecha

Supervisor Mathis reported that Fenton Township resident John Trecha was honored by the Township Board in December for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scout Troop 219. He has now earned every possible merit badge, a feat accomplished only about 200 times in over 100 years of scouting. She also read an extensive list of John's scouting achievements dating back to 2006. The board members commended John for his impressive accomplishment. A resolution has been prepared to honor young Mr. Trecha. Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10

WHEREAS, John Joseph Trecha, a Fenton Township resident, has been an active member of the community through Scouting activities for several years, and

WHEREAS, in December 2012 the Fenton Township Board recognized Mr. Trecha for attaining the rank of Eagle in Boy Scout Troop 219, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trecha has now earned all possible merit badges, an accomplishment achieved by only about 200 Boy Scouts in the 103 year history of Scouting, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trecha is only the fourth Michigan Boy Scout to earn all possible merit badges, and

WHEREAS, the 135 merit badges earned by Mr. Trecha are the most ever in the history of Boy Scouts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton hereby applauds the commitment and dedication of John Joseph Trecha for earning the highest number of merit badges in the history of Boys Scouts and extends its heartiest congratulations to him for this most impressive achievement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy provided to Mr. Trecha.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-10 as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Tucker

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

Nays: None

Absent: Kesler

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Resolution No. 2013-11, Accelerated Foreclosure on Abandoned Property

Supervisor Mathis reported that the Township has adopted a resolution in recent years to allow accelerated foreclosure on abandoned tax delinquent properties. If a property is

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truly abandoned, faster foreclosure proceedings will help get the property back on the active tax roll sooner. Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-11

WHEREAS, Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton determines that parcels of abandoned tax delinquent property exist, and

WHEREAS, abandoned tax delinquent property has the potential to contribute to crime, blight and decay within the Charter Township of Fenton, and

WHEREAS, the certification of tax delinquent abandoned property as certified abandoned property will result in the accelerated forfeiture and foreclosure of certified abandoned property under the General Property Tax Act and return abandoned property to productive use more rapidly, thereby potentially reducing crime, blight and decay within the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Fenton hereby notifies residents and owners of property within the Township that abandoned tax delinquent property will be identified and inspected, and may be certified as certified abandoned property under the Certification of Abandoned Property for Accelerated Forfeiture Act and subject to accelerated forfeiture and foreclosure under the General Property Tax Act.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-11 as presented.

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

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Appointment to Fenton Township Planning Commission

Supervisor Mathis reported that the Planning Commission term of Sandra Carlson has expired and she had indicated a desire to continue as a Planning Commissioner. She recommends the re-appointment of Ms. Carlson for another 3-year term.

Motion to re-appoint Sandra K. Carlson to the Fenton Township Planning Commission for the term ending May 31, 2016.

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

Motion carried.

Proposed METRO Act Right of Way Permit Extension – AT&T

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a request from AT&T to extend their existing METRO Act Right of Way Permit to 12/31/18. The METRO Act requires telecommunications companies to pay fees to local units of government for the use of the public rights of way.

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Motion to extend the existing METRO Act permit for AT&T Michigan for the term ending December 31, 2018.

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

Motion carried.

Proposed Amendment to Fenton Township Employee Handbook

Supervisor Mathis reviewed proposed revisions to the Fenton Township Employee Handbook. The previous union collective bargaining agreements included language regarding nepotism. During the recent contract negotiations, however, both parties agreed that it would be more appropriate to remove that clause from the CBA and add it to the employee handbook. Treasurer Tucker questioned the definition of “directly related” and also suggested that the issue be reviewed further in order to adopt a formal policy in addition to updating the employee handbook. The board agreed to postpone action on the item pending further research.

Motion to postpone action on proposed amendments to the Fenton Township Employee Handbook.

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

Motion carried.

BOARD COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

David Hawcroft, 3302 Ponemah Drive

Mr. Hawcroft asked for a copy of the mobile home park inspection report. Supervisor Mathis will provide a copy. Mr. Hawcroft also questioned why it has taken so long for these issues to be addressed. Treasurer Tucker explained that the State Mobile Home Commission rules have made it very difficult to enforce any issues. Mr. Hawcroft asked about the status of demolishing the former Frank’s Tavern building. Supervisor Mathis explained that the Township is using CDBG funding to demolish the building and clean up the property. The CDBG funding for 2013 has been delayed and we are waiting for final approval. Finally, Mr. Hawcroft asked if there would be extra Marine Patrol for the holiday weekend. Trustee Goupil stated that the Marine Patrol typically has all deputies on duty during holiday weekends.

Ted Goupil, 14166 Eastview Drive

Mr. Goupil questioned the process for bringing a mobile home into the Township. He stated that Fenton Township used to require a permit before bringing in a mobile home, including an inspection by the local building inspector. The board discussed the issue briefly, but also noted that no new mobile homes have been brought in within the last couple of years.

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Jeff Trecha, Troop Leader – Boy Scout Troop 219

Mr. Trecha noted that several members of Troop 219 were also in attendance. Boy Scouts Parker Trecha, Luke Lowerson, John Galvin, Cole Lowerson and Girl Scout Junior Brianna Trecha each introduced themselves.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 7/2/13