

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

Absent: Kesler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Supervisor Mathis asked to have the scheduling of a workshop meeting added to the agenda. Motion to approve the 8/19/13 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as amended.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Tucker

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Kesler

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

Treasurer Tucker noted a typo in the agenda approval section. The minutes for the 8/5/13 regular meeting stand approved as corrected.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$1,017,191.63 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:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Proposed Amendment to Health Insurance Ordinance/1st Reading

The board reviewed a proposed amendment to the Township's existing health insurance ordinance. The proposed amendment adds language regarding retiree health benefits. Treasurer Tucker explained that the language mirrors the provisions of the recently

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approved union collective bargaining agreement, which was modified to limit some of the Township's legacy costs. In order to be eligible for retiree coverage, the retiree must be at least 62 years old with a minimum of 20 years of employment with Fenton Township.

There was no public comment. The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be conducted at the 9/3/13 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2013-13, Genesee County Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a request from Genesee County to formally approve an amendment to the county's solid waste management plan.

Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-13

WHEREAS, the Genesee County Solid Waste Management Plan ("Plan") was prepared pursuant to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, Part 115, Solid Waste Management, and its Administrative Rules by the Solid Waste Management Committee and the staff of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission, and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Plan has been approved by the Solid Waste Management Committee and the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Fenton Township Board have had an opportunity to review the Plan amendment and have determined that the proposed Plan Amendment is acceptable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton, County of Genesee, Michigan, that the proposed Amendment to the Genesee County Solid Waste Management Plan is an acceptable amendment to the current Plan, and is hereby approved.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-13 as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Tucker

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

Nays: None

Absent: Kesler

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Local Road Improvement Project – West Rolston Road

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposal for gravel resurfacing of West Rolston Road from the Linden city limits to the Fenton Township/Argentine Township border. Additional 50/50 matching funds have become available and this \$14,525.00 project will only cost the township \$7,262.50.

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Motion to approve gravel resurfacing of West Rolston Road as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Appointment of Provisional Building Inspector

Clerk Krug reported that, although Dave Gibson is doing an outstanding job of providing building inspection services to Fenton Township, there are times when scheduling inspections is difficult since Mr. Gibson also works in other communities and is not always available for inspections on short notice or on certain days. Clerk Krug is recommending that the board appoint Fire Chief Ryan Volz as a provisional building code inspector to be utilized as a backup on an as-needed basis to provide scheduling flexibility. Chief Volz is an experienced builder and very well qualified to serve in this capacity. Trustees Shumaker and Lorraine expressed concern that compensation has not been determined and also how serving as a backup inspector might impact Chief Volz's fire department responsibilities. The board agreed to discuss this issue at the upcoming workshop meeting before taking action.

Schedule CDBG Public Needs Hearing

Supervisor Mathis noted that Fenton Township's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to construct a sidewalk along North Long Lake Road was deemed ineligible due to insufficient income survey results. As a result, the Township still has approximately \$80,000 in CDBG funds available for eligible projects. It has been suggested that the township board schedule another CDBG public needs hearing for the September 3, 2013 regular meeting to obtain additional input and discuss potential projects.

Motion to schedule a Community Development Block Grant public needs hearing for the September 3, 2013 Township Board meeting.

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

Motion carried.

Schedule Workshop Meeting

Supervisor Mathis stated that she would like to schedule a workshop meeting to discuss several issues. After a brief discussion, the board agreed to schedule the workshop meeting for Monday 8/26/13 at 7:30 p.m.

BOARD COMMENT:

Supervisor Mathis reported that the Township has been involved in several complaints over the past few weeks that can only be described as "neighborhood feuds". Most, if not all, of the issues are civil matters and not under the township's authority, (property line disputes, water access issues, etc.). She expressed dismay over the behavior of some of the individuals involved in these disputes and indicated that any disorderly conduct may result in the issuance of tickets.

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PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Lydia and Elise Ryan, 1152 Crooked Lake Road

Misses Ryan made a presentation to ask the board to look into lowering the speed limit on Butcher Road for safety reasons. The speed of the vehicles and the sharp curves make it a dangerous road for pedestrians, bikers, pets, etc. The presentation included a PowerPoint slideshow to support their request to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 35mph. Supervisor Mathis stated that the Township will request the appropriate traffic studies to see if a speed limit change can be approved. She also encouraged the youths to take their presentation to a Genesee County Road Commission meeting, as they will make the final determination of whether the speed limit can be reduced. The board commended and thanked the young ladies for their presentation.

Deborah Lee, LaForza Soccer Club

Ms. Lee stated that the LaForza Soccer Club is interested in obtaining a lease from township for soccer fields in the Thompson Road park. She stated that LaForza is a community-wide organization with approximately 380 players. They would like to have a soccer facility that can serve as their “home field”. They are also pursuing grants to help with the development costs. It is understood that the lease will be discussed at workshop meeting and they look forward to discussing the proposed lease then.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 8/20/13