

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2014**

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

Absent: Tucker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the 3/3/14 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Goupil

Seconded: Shumaker

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Tucker

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for the 2/17/14 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$136,212.45 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Lorraine

Seconded: Goupil

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

Nays: None

Absent: Tucker

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

**Proposed Amendment to Wild, Dangerous and Vicious Animals Ordinance/1st
Reading**

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposed amendment to the Wild, Dangerous and Vicious Animals Ordinance to revise the enforcement and penalty language, per recommendation from Attorney Cooley.

There was no public comment. The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be conducted at the 3/17/14 meeting.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

2014 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. It was noted that Law Day is designed to give students an appreciation for the legal system. 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:

2014 LAW DAY PROCLAMATION

“American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters”

WHEREAS, Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgement of our nation’s and Michigan’s heritage of justice, liberty and equality under the law, and May 1st has been declared “Law Day” by the United States Congress, and

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association has declared the theme for Law Day 2014 as “American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters”, and

WHEREAS, voting is the cornerstone of democratic government, and

WHEREAS, citizens’ participation in the political process ensures that government is truly by the people and reinforces the legitimacy of the rule of law, and

WHEREAS, every eligible voter is entitled to have an equal opportunity to have his or her voice heard at the ballot box, and

WHEREAS, this Law Day occurs as our nation prepares to commemorate the fiftieth anniversaries of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, two landmark pieces of legislation protecting the civil, economic and political rights of Americans, and

WHEREAS, local, state and federal government all benefit when voters exercise their rights, thereby ensuring that government is truly reflective of the people whom it represents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton does hereby proclaim May 1, 2014 as Law Day. We urge the people of Fenton Township and all of Genesee County 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,

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civic and service organizations to join the members of the bar and bench in commemorating Law Day.

Motion to adopt the 2014 Law Day Proclamation as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Shumaker

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

Nays: None

Absent: Tucker

Motion carried. The proclamation is adopted.

BOARD COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 3/4/14