

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2015**

**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, Attorney  
Cooley and Operations Manager Broecker.

Absent: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / OPENING PRAYER:**

Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Supervisor Mathis noted that Victor Lukasavitz was unable to attend tonight's meeting so his presentation regarding the Southern Lakes Trail Coalition will be rescheduled to a future meeting. The item regarding boat storage also needs to be removed from the agenda. Motion to approve the 1/19/15 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as amended.

Motion by: Shumaker

Seconded: Goupil

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

**MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes for the 1/5/15 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Treasurer Tucker questioned the line item for a sewer refund. Operations Manager Broecker stated that a resident was making extra sewer payments to make up for the prior year delinquency. The delinquency, however, was placed on the property tax bill and had already been paid. The extra payments resulted in a credit balance exceeding \$1,000, which is being refunded. Treasurer Tucker also questioned the \$1,400 payment to the General Fund. Operations Manager Broecker clarified that this amount is the sum of several building permit deposits that were not being fully refunded due to re-inspections, etc. Trustee Lorraine questioned the \$1,500+ payment to MLive. Operations Manager Broecker stated that the Township recently placed two classified ads in the Flint Journal. One was for the Ordinance Enforcement Officer position opening and the other for a CDBG project bid.

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$364,110.75 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Shumaker

Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**2015 Local Road Improvement Projects**

Supervisor Mathis opened a public hearing to gather citizen input regarding potential local road improvement projects in 2015.

There was no public comment. The following roads were suggested for improvements based on the Township's 3-year road improvement plan:

Hogan Road from Lahring Road to Smith Road - limestone resurfacing

Hogan Road from Smith Road to Ray Road – limestone resurfacing

Wiggins Road from Thompson Road to North Long Lake Road - asphalt resurfacing (2" cap)

Jennings Road from Rolston Road to Lahring Road – chip & seal resurfacing

The Township will request the appropriate cost estimates and bring recommendations back to a future meeting.

**REPORTS:**

**Ordinance Enforcement 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report**

Supervisor Mathis reviewed the 4th quarter report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Bob Atkinson. Blight, zoning and junk vehicle issues were the categories with the highest number of complaints for the quarter.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**Amendment to Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater Ordinance/1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Supervisor Mathis introduced a proposed amendment to the Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater ordinance that was adopted in September. Operations Manager Broecker explained that the ordinance was part of the Township's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit application to the DEQ. The DEQ has reviewed the application and ordinance and requested that the language be slightly modified. This amendment incorporates the necessary revision.

There was no public comment. The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be conducted at the 2/2/15 meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Discussion of Boat Storage Issues (resident Corrine Growney)**

Removed from the agenda.

**Workshop Meeting Reminder – 1/29/15 at 7:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Mathis reminded the board that joint workshop meeting with the Planning Commission and ZBA has been scheduled to discuss the issue of accessory buildings on vacant property. The meeting will be Thursday 1/29/15 at 7:00 p.m.

**Workshop Meeting to Discuss Trash Contract**

Supervisor Mathis stated that another workshop meeting is needed to finalize the decision regarding the trash collection contract with Republic Services. After a brief

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discussion the board agreed to schedule the meeting for 2/16/15 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Adoption of Post-Construction Stormwater Control Standards**

Operations Manager Broecker explained that the requirements of the DEQ MS4 permit discussed earlier necessitate the adoption of post-construction stormwater control standards. The Genesee County Drain Commissioner has developed a document, entitled ***Genesee County Stormwater and Flood Control Design Standard Requirements***, which will fulfill that requirement. The Township can simply adopt these standards, but the standards would only apply to stormwater systems owned by the Township, (i.e. only on township owned property).

Motion to adopt the *Genesee County Stormwater and Flood Control Design Standard Requirements* as the mechanism to regulate post construction stormwater runoff, only to the extent that it impacts Fenton Township's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System.

Motion by: Shumaker

Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Proposed Employment Agreement – Fire Chief**

Clerk Krug reviewed a proposed 4-year employment agreement for Fire Chief Ryan Volz. The agreement is similar to his previous agreement, with the following significant changes:

- The term of the agreement is four years rather than three.
- An annual salary of \$54,600 in year 1, with subsequent raises based on the inflation rate.
- The job description has been expanded to include Dive Rescue Team supervision and serving as backup building inspector.
- The language pertaining to health insurance has been revised to match the language in the union contract.
- Vacation days and personal days have been replaced with paid time off (PTO).

Supervisor Mathis, noting that Chief Volz is her son-in-law, asked to abstain from voting on the agreement due to a perceived conflict of interest.

Motion to allow Supervisor Mathis to abstain from voting on the proposed Fire Chief employment agreement due to a perceived conflict of interest.

Motion by: Mathis

Seconded: Goupil

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

Nays: Goupil

Motion failed. Supervisor Mathis may not abstain from voting on this issue.

Trustee Goupil reported that the Public Safety Committee has reviewed the proposed agreement for the past two committee meetings and are recommending approval.

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Trustee Lorraine asked how the proposed salary compares to the salary paid to the previous Fire Chief. Clerk Krug noted that the proposed salary is still well below the salary paid to the previous chief. That is why the committee was comfortable with the concept of salary increases equal to the rate of inflation plus 1%.

Trustee Lorraine also stated that he believes sick hours should also be incorporated into PTO. Accumulated sick hours create a liability for the employer. After additional discussion, Trustee Lorraine made a motion to table action on the proposed employment agreement to the 2/2/15 meeting.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Supervisor Mathis reported that the Township received ten applicants for the Ordinance Enforcement Officer position. After a brief discussion the Personnel Committee tentatively scheduled the first round of interviews for Friday 2/6/15, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Operations Manager Broecker will contact the applicants to schedule the interviews.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

None

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

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Robert Krug, Clerk

**Minutes Posted 1/20/15**