

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 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 asked to add an update on the ET Rover Pipeline to the *Communications* section of the agenda. Motion to approve the 2/2/15 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as amended.

Motion by: Goupil

Seconded: Tucker

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

**MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes for the 1/19/15 regular meeting and the 1/29/15 workshop meeting stand approved as presented.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$268,899.25 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Shumaker

Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**ET Rover Pipeline Update**

Supervisor Mathis reported that ET Rover Pipeline LLC has announced that they have acquired capacity from an existing pipeline for part of their project and will not be building their planned pipeline through Genesee County.

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**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**Amendment to Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater Ordinance/2<sup>nd</sup>  
Reading**

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposed amendment to the Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater ordinance, which was introduced at the 1/19/15 meeting. 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 further discussion.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 776, an amendment to Section 7 of Ordinance No. 769 to revise language relating to discharge prohibitions, as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Shumaker

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. Ordinance declared adopted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**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, personal days and sick leave hours have been replaced with paid time off (PTO).

Treasurer Tucker noted that the proposed agreement stops the accumulation of sick days, although the "bank" of sick leave hours will remain available for the employee. He suggested adding the actual number of sick leave hours as of 12/31/14 to that section of the agreement.

Trustee Lorraine stated that, based on his research, the amount of PTO in the proposed agreement is not comparable to private sector employees and is high for someone with only three years on the job. Clerk Krug clarified that, although Mr. Volz has been chief for three years, he has been a member of the Fenton Township Fire Department since 1997 and served as Battalion Chief for about ten years before being named chief.

The board also discussed the issue of legacy costs. It was clarified that, although the "bank" of sick days would remain intact, sick days would no longer be accumulated, thereby limiting the township's liability. Any remaining sick days would be paid out upon retirement/resignation but there would be no ongoing costs.

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Motion to approve the employment agreement for Fire Chief Ryan Volz as revised.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Krug

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Workshop Meeting Reminder – 2/16/15 at 6:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Mathis reminded the board that a workshop meeting to discuss the trash collection contract is scheduled for 2/16/15 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Letter of Retirement – Ordinance Enforcement Officer**

Supervisor Mathis read a letter from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Bob Atkinson notifying the Township that he will retire at the end of March 2015. Supervisor Mathis stated that Mr. Atkinson has done an outstanding job for Fenton Township since he was hired in 2012 and he will be difficult to replace. Attorney Cooley agreed, noting that his public relations skills are excellent, which has served the township well.

Motion to accept, with regret, the letter of resignation/retirement from Robert Atkinson, effective March 28, 2015.

Motion by: Lorraine

Seconded: Kesler

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Kesler, Shumaker

Nays: Tucker, Goupil, Lorraine

Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 2015-01, Supporting Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation 5-Year Master Plan**

Supervisor Mathis reported that the Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation Board of Commissioners recently adopted a 5-Year Master Plan. Southern Lakes has asked member communities to adopt a formal resolution of support for the new plan. A resolution has been prepared for board consideration. Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01**

*WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Fenton is a member of the Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District, and*

*WHEREAS, Fenton Township supports the mission of Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation to establish, maintain and operate recreational facilities and programming, and*

*WHEREAS, Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation has created and adopted a five year parks & recreation master plan, and*

*WHEREAS, the parks & recreation plan provides a solid foundation for the development of recreational facilities and continued improvements in recreational*

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*programs to support a healthy, desirable quality of life for the residents throughout the Southern Lakes region;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton hereby declares its support for the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Five Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan.*

Motion to adopt resolution No. 2015-01 as presented:

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Shumaker

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Supervisor Mathis announced that the “Polar Plunge” Special Olympics fundraiser will be held Saturday 2/7/15 at the Moose Lodge. She also noted that she was very pleased with the workshop meeting last week with the Planning Commission and ZBA.

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

None

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

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Robert Krug, Clerk

**Minutes Posted 2/3/15**