

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2015**

**FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC COMMUNITY CENTER
12060 MANTAWAUKA DRIVE, FENTON, MICHIGAN**

Supervisor Mathis called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Lorraine, Shumaker, Attorney Cooley and
Operations Manager Broecker.

Absent: Kesler

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 reported that the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association request regarding a Canada geese roundup has been postponed until the 3/2/15 meeting. Motion to approve the 2/16/15 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as amended.

Motion by: Lorraine

Seconded: Tucker

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Kesler

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the 2/2/15 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Supervisor Mathis noted that the sewer maintenance crews have been dealing with cold weather issues with the pump stations. Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$1,256,775.01 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Shumaker

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

Nays: None

Absent: Kesler

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dan & Marilyn Daniels – Discussion of Alternative Measures for Control of Canada Geese

Mr. Daniels read a prepared statement opposing Canada geese roundups. He cited several reasons that roundup are ineffective in reducing goose populations. He also noted that the roundup process leads to many of the geese being injured. He urged the board to deny all future requests for resolutions supporting roundups and require the property owners to petition the DNR for their permit. This will ensure more involvement by most, if not all, lakefront property owners, rather than just a few.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2015-03, Schedule Public Hearing on Revised Special Assessment Roll for Latourette Drive Road Improvement Project

Operations Manager Broecker reported that the special assessment roll for the Latourette Drive paving project confirmed in 2014 was based on preliminary cost estimates, with the understanding that the roll would be revised once the final actual costs were determined. The final costs for the project were \$5,464 higher than the original special assessment roll and a public hearing must be scheduled to confirm a revised roll. A resolution has been prepared to schedule the required hearing. Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and assessing officer of Fenton Township has, in accordance with the Resolution of the Fenton Township Board and the laws and statutes pertinent thereto, prepared a revised special assessment roll in the total amount of \$44,389.04 covering all parcels of land in the Latourette Drive Road Improvement Special Assessment District, and has affixed thereto her Certificate as required by said Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said special assessment roll shall be filed with the Township Clerk and shall be available for public examination during regular business hours of regular business days from the present date until the public hearing upon the same and shall further be examined at such public hearing, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fenton Township Board shall meet at 7:30 p.m. on March 2, 2015 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center located at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, within the Township, to review such special assessment roll and hear any objections thereto, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall cause notice of such hearing and the filing of such assessment roll to be published twice in a newspaper of local circulation prior to the date of the hearing, with the first publication being not less than ten (10) days prior to the hearing and shall further cause notice of such hearing to be mailed by First Class Mail to all owners of or persons having an ownership interest in property within the Latourette Drive Road Improvement Special Assessment District as shown on the current assessment roll of the Township also at least ten (10) days prior to said hearing, all in accordance with the law and statute provided.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-03 as presented.

Motion by: Krug

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

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Resolution No. 2015-04, Supporting DNR Canada Goose Egg & Nest Destruction Program – Silver Lake & Marl Lake

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a letter from the Silver & Marl Lakes Area Homeowners Association again requesting a letter of support from the Township Board for them to participate in the DNR Canada Goose Egg & Nest Destruction Program this year. The geese continue to be a nuisance and source of health concerns due to the number of them in and around the lakes.

Public comment:

Mark Mustola, 16489 Hi Land Trail

Mr. Mustola stated that the roundup and egg/nest destruction programs have been effective in reducing Canada geese populations on Silver and Marl Lakes. He supports approval of the resolution to support the continuation of the program. He believes the health, safety and welfare of the public outweighs wildlife concerns.

Bart Harris, 4479 Island View Drive

Mr. Harris, Vice President of the Silver & Marl Lakes Area Homeowners Association, also urged the board to support their request. The egg & nest destruction program has been effective in reducing the Canada goose population on their lakes and they would like to continue the program. Without these control efforts, the e-coli levels in the lake will make it more difficult to enjoy the lake.

Dan Daniels, 13293 Haddon Street

Mr. Daniels again urged the board to deny the resolution and require property owners to submit a petition to the DNR to obtain their permit. Mr. Harris responded that, because the DNR requires 70% of the property owners to sign a petition, that option is not practical. It would be difficult to get 70% of the property owners to give an opinion on the issue, let alone sign a petition.

Supervisor Mathis stated that, although she has typically opposed the goose roundups, she is less opposed to the egg & nest destruction program.

Treasurer Tucker stated that he wants to do what the property owners want. Since there have been no objections from the residents of Silver or Marl Lake, he is inclined to support the request.

Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04

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WHEREAS, the Silver & Marl Lakes Area Homeowner's Association, Inc. wishes to make application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to once again participate in the Canada Goose Egg & Nest Destruction Program on and around Silver Lake and Marl Lake in 2015, and

WHEREAS, such application must be supported by the governing body of the local unit of government, and

WHEREAS, the Fenton Township Board supports the efforts of the Silver & Marl Lakes Area Homeowner's Association, Inc. to control the population of Canada Geese to benefit the health, safety and welfare of the lake residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the township board of the Charter Township of Fenton hereby supports the application of the Silver & Marl Lakes Area Homeowner's Association, Inc. to participate in the MDNR Canada Geese Egg & Nest Destruction Program in 2015.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-04 as presented.

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

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Proposed Hiring to Fill Ordinance Enforcement Officer Position

Supervisor Mathis reported that the Township recently advertised for applicants to fill the Ordinance Enforcement Officer position vacancy. Despite the strict qualifications, a total of ten applications were received, eight of which were interviewed. The Personnel Committee was very impressed with the quality of the applicants and it was difficult to narrow the field down to a single choice. After careful consideration, the position has been tentatively offered to Thomas Hosie and he has accepted. The Personnel Committee is recommending that the board formally approve his hiring to fill the position.

Treasurer Tucker also stated how impressed he was with the number of very qualified individuals that applied for this position. If the Township was hiring six Ordinance Enforcement Officers, it still would have been a difficult choice.

Motion to approve the hiring of Thomas Hosie for the position of Ordinance Enforcement Officer.

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

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

BOARD COMMENT:

Mathis urged residents to shovel snow for elderly neighbors, even if only a path to their mailbox.

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PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 2/17/15