

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2015**

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

Supervisor Mathis called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

Absent: None

OPENING PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the 4/20/15 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Lorraine

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the 3/30/15 regular meeting and executive session stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Treasurer Tucker noted that the amount for Cook Excavating had increased from the preliminary list to the final version. Operations Manager Broecker confirmed that the difference was due to invoices for a pump station rebuild and three weeks of miscellaneous repairs. Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$498,266.53 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Dangerous Building Hearing – 13205 Hogan Road

Supervisor Mathis reported that a home on Hogan Road that was damaged by fire has gone through the Dangerous Buildings process and the property owner has not complied with the order to demolish the structure. Dangerous Buildings Hearing Officer John Shayna has referred the matter to the Township Board, as required by ordinance. As a part of this hearing the owner, agent or lessee now has the opportunity to show cause why the order should not be enforced. It was noted that Mrs. Hisey (co-owner) is in attendance and has presented information indicating that she and her husband have gone through bankruptcy and she does not believe that they own the property. Treasurer Tucker clarified that bankruptcy discharge does not necessarily mean that the Hiseys don't own the property. Attorney Cooley noted that the Township can ultimately demolish the house and place the cost on the property taxes.

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Treasurer Tucker further clarified that the Township cannot rely on receiving reimbursement for the demolition costs through the tax reversion process as those charges could ultimately be passed back to the Township if the taxes are not paid within 3 years of tax foreclosure.

Supervisor Mathis stated that, since the property owner has not shown cause why the order should not be enforced, she recommends that the Township Board approve the order as outlined in Mr. Shayna's letter to the property owner dated February 9, 2015. Because the structure cannot be repaired, it is also recommended that the owner, agent or lessee be given 21 days after the date of this hearing to comply with the order. If the owner or party in interest fails to comply with the decision of the Township Board, the Township will contract for the demolition of the structure. The demolition costs will be billed to the property owner or party in interest.

Motion to approve the order of Dangerous Building Hearing Officer John Shayna for the property owner, agent or lessee to demolish the residential structure located at 13205 Hogan Road within 21 days of this hearing, and to authorize the Township to demolish the structure and bill the demolition costs to the property owner, agent or lessee if they fail to comply with the order.

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

Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Fire Department Quarterly Report

Fire Chief Ryan Volz reviewed 1st quarter Fire Department statistics:

Total alarms	145 (10 in Tyrone Twp)
Fires/Explosions	15
EMS	98
Hazardous cond.	2
Service calls	11
Good intent calls	10
False alarms	9
Weather/Natural Disaster	0

Treasurer Tucker asked about open burning regulations. Chief Volz confirmed that small (3'x3') recreational fires are allowed. Larger fires (i.e. "bonfires) are prohibited, as is the burning of leaves and grass clippings.

Ordinance Enforcement Quarterly Report

Ordinance Enforcement Officer Tom Hosie reviewed the first quarter enforcement report. Dog control, littering and watercourse issues were the top three complaint categories for the quarter. Mr. Hosie also stated that, after being on the job for a little more than a month, he is enjoying his new position and has received plenty of support from Township staff and officials.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – May 2, 2015

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The board reviewed a flyer for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. The spring collection day will be Saturday 5/2/15 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Carman-Ainsworth High School and the Flint East Water Service Center.

Treasurer Tucker also noted that the University of Michigan-Flint is sponsoring an electronic waste collection this weekend at the William S. White parking lot in downtown Flint (intersection of East 5th Avenue and Saginaw Street). Residents can properly dispose of old computers, phones, televisions, etc. on Friday 4/24/15 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday 4/25/15 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Performance Guarantees/1st Reading

Supervisor Mathis introduced a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise language relating to performance guarantees. Treasurer Tucker reported that this amendment gives authority to the Zoning Administrator to require renewal/replacement of bonds for infrastructure completion that have lapsed or expired.

The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be conducted at the May 4th meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Amendments to 2015 Fenton Township Budget

Operations Manager Broecker reviewed proposed amendments to the 2015 Budget. In the General Fund, additional revenues are projected from the sale of tax reverted properties, which would be offset by an operating transfer to the Sewer Fund. Most other General Fund amendments are relatively minor, with a net change of zero to the fund balance. In the Sewer Fund the operating transfer from the General Fund and a projected increase in connection fees are the only significant amendments. No amendments are proposed for the other funds.

Motion to adopt amendments to the 2015 Fenton Township Budget as presented.

Motion by: Shumaker

Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

PEG Grant Applications – Lake Fenton, Linden & Fenton Schools

Supervisor Mathis reported that Lake Fenton, Linden and Fenton school districts have submitted a combined PEG grant application to upgrade and replace video equipment for their high school programs, (copy attached). The FACT Consortium has reviewed and approved the application, and recommended approval of funding up to a maximum of \$191,675.69. The application amount was originally \$198,139.44, however Linden and Lake Fenton submitted revised equipment requests within the past week that lowered the total amount.

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The allocation of the costs is based on annual PEG fee receipts for each community. The \$191,675.69 will be allocated as follows:

Fenton Township	43.1899%	\$ 82,784.60
City of Fenton	31.1933%	59,790.05
Tyrone Township	15.4302%	29,575.94
City of Linden	10.1865%	19,525.10

In past grant approvals, the actual costs have been somewhat lower than what was approved due to price reductions between the time the proposal was developed and when the equipment was actually ordered. This resulted in all three school districts returning funds to all four municipalities. To avoid that situation, the FACT Consortium has requested that the municipalities approve an “up to” amount to allow the orders to be placed. Payments to the school districts will occur after the actual costs are finalized.

Please keep in mind that these funds are from the Township’s restricted fund balance. PEG fees can only be used to support PEG television programming.

Motion to approve funding for the PEG Grant applications of Lake Fenton Community Schools, Fenton Area Public Schools and Linden Community Schools up to a total amount of \$82,784.60, as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Lorraine

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

BOARD COMMENT:

Supervisor Mathis announced that **Step Out to End Bullying**, a fundraising walk, has been scheduled for Saturday 5/2/15 at 1:00 p.m. Participants in this event, which is sponsored by Lake Fenton High School’s Starfish Initiative, will walk from the UM-Flint Pavilion to Flint City Hall. Clerk Krug added that the Community Parent group is also involved in this effort. It is a very worthwhile event and a good cause.

Supervisor Mathis also reminded everyone that springtime severe weather sometimes results in power outages. Residents are encouraged to be prepared for such emergencies and should also limit water usage during power outages to reduce the impact on sewer system.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None

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

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 4/21/15