

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 31, 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

OPENING PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Treasurer Tucker noted that, based on the discussion at the workshop meeting, the proposed zoning amendment regarding road frontage should be removed from the agenda. Motion to approve the 8/31/15 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as amended.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Lorraine

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the 8/17/15 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$246,741.25 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Road Frontage/1st Reading

Removed from the agenda.

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Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Private Roads/1st Reading

Supervisor Mathis reviewed a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise language regarding private roads. A previous version of the amendment was reviewed by the board and referred to a workshop meeting, which was held earlier this evening. The amendment requires that the construction of a private road be completed before any building permits can be issued on that road.

There was no public comment. The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be conducted at the 9/21/15 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2015-16, Public Hearing on 2015 Fenton Township Fire Protection Special Assessment Roll

Supervisor Mathis stated that, in keeping with past practice and policy, the board needs to schedule a public hearing at the 9/21/15 board meeting for the 2015 Fenton Township Fire Protection Special Assessment Roll. The proposed roll maintains the assessment amount at \$65 per parcel. A resolution has been prepared to formally schedule the public hearing. Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-16

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 special assessment roll in the total amount of \$533,715.00, covering all parcels of land within the Fenton Township Fire Protection 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 September 21, 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 in a newspaper of local circulation not less than five (5) days prior to the hearing, in accordance with the law and statute provided.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-16 as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Goupil

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

Nays: None

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Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Township Staff Resignation

Supervisor Mathis reported that office employee Nancy Orr had submitted her resignation on 8/20/15. The board needs to take formal action to accept the resignation.

Motion to accept the resignation of Nancy Orr, effective August 20, 2015.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

BOARD COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following residents spoke regarding the condition of the house and property at 16080 Silvercrest Drive:

John Jones, 16088 Silvercrest Drive

John Nolkemper, 16104 Silvercrest Drive

Their concerns included:

- The house is partially open to the elements.
- The weeds and vegetation growing around the house needs to be cut.
- They believe the abandoned home has increased the vermin population in the neighborhood.
- Many of the windows and doorways are rotting.

The residents are asking the Township to do something about this property.

Treasurer Tucker briefly explained the redemption process. The individual that the residents and the Township have been dealing with (Herbert Hein) is likely the purchaser of the property by Sheriff Deed. During the redemption period he has very limited authority to do anything more than routine property maintenance. He does not have the right to go inside the house until he takes ownership, or unless he takes appropriate legal steps to gain access to the home.

After considerable discussion, the board agreed to look into the situation more extensively to see if the property can be cleaned up as soon as possible.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 9/1/15