CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2016

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

The board observed a moment of silence for the six members of the Quasarano family that tragically lost their lives this past weekend.

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 2/22/16 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Lorraine
Seconded: Tucker
Ayes: All
Navs: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

PRESENTATION:

Lindsey Younger - FARR

Supervisor Mathis introduced Lindsey Younger of Fenton Area Resources & Referral Network, Inc. a local non-profit corporation whose purpose is to meet community humanitarian needs. The old FARR thrift store is no longer in operation but they have moved into a new office at 14165 Fenton Road. FARR can assist residents in the areas of housing, utility assistance, transportation, medical care, counseling and emergency needs. The board thanked Ms. Younger for her informative presentation.

MEETING MINUTES

Treasurer Tucker noted a minor spelling correction in the minutes pertaining to the Government Agency Cost Recovery Ordinance. The final version of the minutes will be corrected accordingly. The minutes for the 2/8/16 regular meeting stand approved as corrected.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$906,933.35 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Goupil Seconded: Shumaker

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

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REPORTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

LAFF Pathway Update

The board briefly reviewed an update from the LAFF Pathway organization. The Silver Road Corridor plan is moving forward, with Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation as the signing agent. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Lot Depth-to-Width Ratio Variance, Parcel 06-02-400-034 (Wiggins Road)

The board reviewed a request to divide vacant property on Wiggins Road into four parcels. The proposed land division complies with all township ordinances except the depth-to-width ratio. A variance is required from the Township Board to allow the division as requested. Treasurer Tucker stated that he believes such variances should be heard and decided by the Zoning Board of Appeals rather than the Township Board and would like to amend the Land Division Ordinance accordingly. This will be researched. The board briefly discussed concerns with the proposed divisions. Clerk Krug noted that the applicant had initially sought a variance from the ZBA to have the westerly lot 66' wide to provide additional property for the existing house. The ZBA denied that variance but had no problem with the proposed division of four 80-foot lots.

Motion to grant a lot depth-to-width ratio variance to permit the requested division of parcel 06-02-400-034, as presented, subject to approval of the Fenton Township Fire Chief.

Motion by: Lorraine Seconded: Tucker

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Appointment to Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Supervisor Mathis noted that the appointment of Andy Marko the Fenton Township Planning Commission in December created a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Former ZBA member Michele Spear has expressed an interest in being appointed to fill this seat. Michele served on the ZBA from 1999 to 2008 and would be a great addition to this board. Treasurer Tucker agreed that Ms. Spear was an excellent ZBA member in the past and will do a great job for the Township.

Motion to appoint Michele K. Spear to the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals for the term ending November 30, 2016.

Motion by: Tucker

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Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

BOARD COMMENT:

Treasurer Tucker reported that the Township is working on agreement with Vicinia Garden regarding "flushable" items entering into the sanitary sewer, which cause line blockage. These items (cleaning wipes, shop towels, medical pads, etc.) are marketed as "flushable" but cause serious problems in sewer systems nationwide. For Vicinia Garden, we are currently trapping these items and manually cleaning them out 2-3 times per month but a more permanent solution is needed. The owner of Vicinia Garden is proposing to construct something similar to a septic tank to catch the items before they reach the sewer main. They prefer to construct one such structure to handle all three of their facilities, however it would have to be on the township's sewer main rather than on their own leads. Treasurer Tucker also stated that he would like to look into adopting an ordinance to prohibit putting certain items into the sewer (wipes, shop towels, grease, etc.). The board agreed to discuss these items at workshop scheduled for Monday 3/7/16 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Hassan Machlab

Mr. Machlab stated that he currently owns and operates three oil change facilities in Livingston County and is interested in acquiring the oil change facility owned by Fenton Township on Thompson Road. He has previously submitted offers to the Township, the highest of which was \$260,000. Supervisor Mathis stated that she is aware of at least one other party that is interested in the property but prefers to wait a little longer before entertaining offers. The current and anticipated development in this area may increase the value of the property. Trustee Shumaker requested that any future offers be presented to the entire board.

ADJOURN:	Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.		
Bonnie Mathi	s, Supervisor	Robert Krug, Clerk	
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