

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 18, 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

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 asked to add an update regarding the township attorney search to the Reports section of the agenda. Motion to approve the 4/18/16 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as amended.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Goupil

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the 4/4/16 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$418,382.68 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:

Fire Department - 1st Quarter Report

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

Total alarms	181 (22 in Tyrone Twp)
Fires/Explosions	9
EMS	137
Hazardous conditions	5
Service calls	10
Good intent calls	13
False alarms	5
Weather/Natural Disaster	2

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Chief Volz also reminded the public that burning leaves, grass, building materials, etc. is illegal. The board thanked Chief Volz for his report.

Township Attorney Search Update

Treasurer Tucker gave an update on the process of designating a new Township Attorney to replace Mr. Cooley, who is retiring. All seven candidates have been interviewed and every one of them is well qualified and capable of doing the job. Supervisor Mathis noted that the board officers will meet again between now and the next meeting to finalize a recommendation for the 5/2/16 meeting.

Dog Park Update

Clerk Krug announced that the next meeting to discuss and plan the development of the Dog Park will be held 4/27/16 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Parks & Recreation Plan Update Proposal – Rowe Professional Services Company

Supervisor Mathis noted that, as mentioned at the last board meeting, the Township has received a \$3,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint to pay for an amendment to our Parks & Recreation Plan. Rowe Professional Services, the company that developed the original plan in 2014, has submitted a proposal to complete the amendment process over the next few months. The amendment will add a non-motorized pathway component and update the Thompson Road park design.

Clerk Krug noted that the updated plan will position the Township to apply for grant funds to continue the development of the park.

Motion to approve the proposal from Rowe Professional Services Company to complete an amendment to the Fenton Township Parks & Recreation Plan with a cost not to exceed \$3,000, as presented.

Motion by: Lorraine

Seconded: Tucker

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

BOARD COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Terry Garfield, 14008 Eastview Drive

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Mr. Garfield asked for an update on the mobile home park issue. Clerk Krug noted that Senator Horn, Representative Graves and County Commissioner Brown all walked through the mobile home park after meeting with residents last Friday. Representative Graves has indicated that the best way to compel improvements to the mobile home park would be for health and safety issues. He felt that blight was difficult to prove and would not likely be an effective way to effect improvements.

Treasurer Tucker noted that Commissioner Brown stated that the water system in the park is required to be tested periodically and asked Representative Graves to check into this at the state level.

Al Wilson, 14032 Eastview Drive

Mr. Wilson asked if the mobile home park residents will be notified if a special meeting is scheduled. Clerk Krug stated that, if such a meeting is scheduled, the residents of the park, as well as Eastview Drive residents, will be invited.

Ted Goupil, 14166 Eastview Drive

Mr. Goupil asked for clarification regarding process for initiating complaints. Supervisor Mathis confirmed that, for the most part, only complaints filed by residents are investigated. Attorney Cooley clarified that the Ordinance Enforcement Officer can, and will if necessary, initiate a complaint to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community.

Mr. Goupil also suggested using the Dangerous Building Ordinance to investigate mobile home conditions and condemn individual structures if appropriate.

Supervisor Mathis noted that flyers regarding the Friday meeting were distributed to area residents and the residents in the mobile home park. Some park residents felt threatened by the flyer.

Gary Walker, 14111 Eastview Drive

Mr. Walker expressed concern that the mobile homes being so close together creates a safety hazard in the case of fire. If one home adds a cover over the entrance, the structures are only about three feet apart. Supervisor Mathis noted that the Township does a complete inspection each year to look at building and fire code issues.

Walter Demell, 14022 Eastview Drive

Mr. Demell noted that the existing school bus stop is located next to the mobile home used as a medical marijuana grow house. Is that a violation? Treasurer Tucker suggested asking the school board to move the bus stop.

Toby Bragy

Mr. Bragy recently witnessed a resident burning a mattress next to a mobile home. This may be indicative of a bug problem.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 4/19/16