

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 11, 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, Attorney Doyle and
Operations Manager Broecker.

Absent: Shumaker

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 7/11/16 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Lorraine

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Shumaker

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES

Treasurer Tucker noted one minor typo in the financial statement presentation portion of the minutes. The minutes for the 6/20/16 regular meeting stand approved as corrected.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$508,570.44 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Lorraine

Seconded: Tucker

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

Nays: None

Absent: Shumaker

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

Fenton Township Fire Department – 2nd Quarter Report

Fire Chief Ryan Volz reviewed 2nd quarter Fire Department statistics:

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| Total alarms | 197 (17 in Tyrone Twp) |
| Fires/Explosions | 12 |
| EMS | 143 |
| Hazardous conditions | 10 |
| Service calls | 11 |
| Good intent calls | 16 |
| False alarms | 4 |
| Other | 1 |

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Chief Volz reported that the department recently acquired an Auto-Pulse automatic CPR/backboard unit. The department responds to an average of 25-30 full cardiac arrests per year.

Chief Volz also reported that the Dive Rescue team continues to train on a weekly basis. He asked the public to be aware when the dive team is in training on the lake and avoid those areas.

Chief Volz also confirmed that the burning ban put into effect on 6/28/16 is still in effect until more rain falls.

The board thanked Chief Volz for his report.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Schedule Workshop Meeting

Supervisor Mathis stated that a workshop meeting is needed to discuss the potential financing of additional sewer upgrades and repairs. After a brief discussion the board agreed to schedule the meeting for Monday 7/25/16, immediately after the regular board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Schedule Public Hearing - Proposed Amendment to Fenton Township Parks & Recreation Plan

Supervisor Mathis reported that the Parks & Recreation Plan amendment has been drafted and is now available for public review and comment. The next step in the process is a formal public hearing on the plan amendment.

Motion to schedule a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Fenton Township Parks & Recreation Plan to be conducted at the July 25, 2016 Fenton Township Board meeting.

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

Motion carried.

Proposed METRO Act Permit Extension - McLeodUSA

Supervisor Mathis reported that McLeodUSA Telecommunications, LLC (d/b/a PAETEC Communications, LLC and Windstream Communications, Inc.) has applied for a 5-year extension of their METRO Act Right-of-Way Permit, which expires in December 2016. McLeodUSA is not proposing any new construction but simply applying for a 5-year extension of their existing permit.

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Motion to approve a 5-year extension for the METRO Act Right-of-Way Permit issued to McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2016-07, Honoring Retired Township Attorney Richard Cooley

Supervisor Mathis reported that a resolution has been prepared to honor recently retired Township Attorney Richard Cooley. She also reminded the board that reception has been scheduled for Mr. Cooley on Monday 8/1/16 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center.

Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-07

WHEREAS, Richard E. Cooley has retired after practicing law in Genesee County for more than 55 years, 45 of those years as legal counsel for the Charter Township of Fenton, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cooley, with his reassuringly calm approach to all legal matters, helped guide Fenton Township through 4½ decades of growth, political turmoil and economic transformation in an ever-changing legal landscape, providing the Township with expert legal service and advice, while maintaining the highest levels of excellence and professionalism throughout his many years of service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton hereby recognizes Attorney Richard E. Cooley for his valuable contributions to the progress and development of Fenton Township, for his commitment to the entire Fenton Township community, and expresses sincere appreciation and gratitude for his dedicated service to the government and citizens of Fenton Township, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy provided to Mr. Cooley.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-07 as presented.

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

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

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Approval of Ballot Proposal Language – Renewal of Mosquito Control Assessment

Supervisor Mathis noted that the 2016 property tax roll is the final year of the current special assessment for mosquito control. The funds collected from the 2016 assessment will pay for the 2017 program year. In order to continue the mosquito control program in Fenton Township without interruption, it will be necessary to place the issue on the ballot for the November 8, 2016 General Election. Although the Township will not have a new contract for the 2018-2021 period until sometime in 2017, costs are not expected to change significantly. Therefore, asking to the voters to again approve a proposal for “up to \$30.00” per year should be sufficient. The proposed ballot language is as follows:

Mosquito Control Program Renewal

Shall each parcel of real estate in Fenton Township upon which there is located a dwelling or commercial building be assessed the sum of up to thirty dollars (\$30.00) per year per commercial building and per dwelling unit commencing with the December 2017 property tax statements for a four year period to fund the continuation of the Township Mosquito Control Program for the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?

Motion to approve the ballot proposal language for mosquito control as presented, and to authorize the placement of said proposal on the ballot for the November 8, 2016 General Election.

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

Motion carried.

Proposed Amendments - 2016 Fenton Township Budget

Operations Manager Broecker reviewed proposed budget amendments for the General Fund and Fire Fund. In the General Fund significant changes include offsetting budget entries for the Parks & Recreation plan amendment and dog park development, and an increase to the road budget to account for moving the Wiggins Road paving project from 2015 to 2016. In the Fire Fund, changes include the \$5,000 received from the sale of the 2003 Tahoe and moving the purchase of the new Fire Chief vehicle from 2015 to 2016.

There are no proposed budget amendments for the other township funds at this time.

Motion to adopt amendments to the 2016 Fenton Township Budget as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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BOARD COMMENT:

Lake Ponemah Mobile Home Park Update

Supervisor Mathis reviewed reports from the Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector and Fire Chief regarding the Lake Ponemah Mobile Home Park. Ordinance Enforcement Officer Hosie reported that the overall condition of the park has improved significantly in recent months. It is obvious that the park residents and management have been working on improvements. There are a few blight issues that still need to be addressed and he will follow up on them. Building Office Dave Gibson reports there were no building code violations. Fire Chief Volz reported no fire code violations.

Clerk Krug reported that he spoke to Representative Graves earlier today. Officials from LARA are unable to attend a meeting in Fenton Township but agreed to meet in Lansing or via conference call. The meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday 7/21/16. The time has yet to be determined.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

John Lauve, Candidate for State Representative

Mr. Lauve thanked the board for the opportunity to address the meeting. As a candidate for 51st District State Representative, he has many concerns regarding how our state is run. Some specific issues include:

- Corruption in state government.
- Money that should have been used for school aid was diverted to the City of Detroit to subsidize the new hockey arena.
- Auto/Driver License tax increase passed by one vote in the house. Representative Graves voted for this tax increase.
- A tax on beer has been frozen at \$0.019 for 50 years. This should be increased to provide more funding.

The board thanked Mr. Lauve for his presentation.

Sharon Garfield, 14008 Eastview Drive

Ms. Garfield stated that, contrary to the report provided by Supervisor Mathis, there are still serious blight issues in the Lake Ponemah Mobile Home Park. There are two shopping carts and an old mattress lying on the ground near the dumpster. Supervisor Mathis stated that this report will be given to the Ordinance Enforcement Officer for investigation.

Walt Demell, 14022 Eastview Drive

Mr. Demell asked why the inside of the mobile homes were not inspected. Trustee Goupil responded that the Township does not have the authority to enter the mobile homes without being invited.

Mr. Demell also reported that the pavement near a pump station that underwent significant repairs a few years ago has sunk. Supervisor Mathis stated that the sewer maintenance crew will look into this.

Dave Hawcroft, 3302 Ponemah Drive

Mr. Hawcroft expressed concern that voters can't vote for both Republicans and Democrats on the primary ballot. Clerk Krug and Treasurer Tucker explained that primary elections in Michigan are closed parties. Voters can only vote in one primary or the other. This is a requirement of Michigan election law.

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Mr. Hawcroft also expressed concern that the City of Fenton is continuing their practice of harvesting weeds in the mill pond. Weed fragments float downstream and re-seed in Fenton Township lakes, which make our problems worse. The board suggested that Mr. Hawcroft communicate these concerns directly to the City of Fenton

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 7/12/16