

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

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

Clerk Krug called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Mathis

OPENING PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer. Clerk Krug led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON:

Clerk Krug stated that, due to the absence of the Township Supervisor, a temporary chairperson needs to be appointed for this evening's meeting.

Motion to appoint Clerk Krug as chairman pro-tem.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Lorraine

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Mathis

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Krug asked to add a resolution of support for the proposed regional dog park to the *New Business* section of the agenda. Motion to approve the 8/22/16 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as amended.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Goupil

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Mathis

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

PRESENTATION:

Resolution No. 2016-12, Honoring Levi Brewer

Chairman Krug announced that the Township is honoring a young hero this evening.

Operations Manager Broecker presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-12

WHEREAS, on the afternoon of July 21, 2016, an electrical fire, possibly started by a nearby lightning strike, broke out in the kitchen at the home of Fenton Township residents John and Karen Rogers, and

WHEREAS, Mr. & Mrs. Rogers' 4-year old grandson Levi Brewer was watching television when he noticed smoke coming from the kitchen area, and quickly alerted his

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grandmother, who was in another part of the home and unaware that a fire had started, and

WHEREAS, Levi's quick action allowed the family to exit the home safely and call 911. Quick response by the fire department limited the damage to a portion of the kitchen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton hereby honors Levi Brewer for his heroic actions, which may well have saved the lives of his grandparents as well as his own, and expresses its gratitude and appreciation for his courageous efforts, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy presented to Mr. Brewer.

Motion to adopt resolution No. 2016-12 as presented:

Motion by: Goupil

Seconded: Shumaker

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mathis

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Fire Chief Ryan Volz presented a Citizen Hero award to Levi Brewer, who then shook hands with several members of the Fenton Township Fire Department that were in attendance. Chief Volz also took the opportunity to have those fire fighters in attendance introduce themselves to the board.

MEETING MINUTES

Treasurer Tucker and Trustee Lorraine noted minor corrections needed in the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes for the 8/8/16 regular meeting stand approved as corrected.

EXPENDITURES:

Treasurer Tucker questioned the payment for roofing on Eastview Drive. Operations Manager Broecker explained that, although the old Frank's Tavern restaurant was torn down, there is still a garage on the property, which contains all of the salvageable items from the restaurant. The roof was in very poor condition and Supervisor Mathis approved having it replaced. Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$248,187.69 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mathis

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

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REPORTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments to Construction Code and Fire Code Board of Appeals

Chairman Krug reported that the terms of three members of the Construction Code and Fire Code Board of Appeals will expire at the end of September. Dave Franz, John Shayna and Chris Weir have all done a fine job in the few instances this board has met, and all three have expressed a desire to be re-appointed. Supervisor Mathis has recommended that all three be re-appointed to 2-year terms. Trustee Shumaker noted that one of the appointees is not a Fenton Township resident and suggested these appointments be first offered to township residents in the future. It was noted that these boards require individuals with specific skills/background. It is sometimes difficult to find qualified people to serve on these boards, which is why we sometimes go outside of our boundaries to find them.

Motion to re-appoint David R. Franz to the Fenton Township Construction Code Board of Appeals and Fire Code Board of Appeals for the term ending September 30, 2018.

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

Motion carried.

Motion to re-appoint John P. Shayna to the Fenton Township Construction Code Board of Appeals and Fire Code Board of Appeals for the term ending September 30, 2018.

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

Motion carried.

Motion to re-appoint Christopher M. Weir to the Fenton Township Construction Code Board of Appeals and Fire Code Board of Appeals for the term ending September 30, 2018.

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

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Absent: Mathis
Motion carried.

Regional Dog Park

Chairman Krug updated the board on the proposed dog park development. The City of Fenton has indicated they will participate in the development of a regional dog park. The City of Linden has been involved in discussions but has not yet made a commitment. Chairman Krug stated that the construction of the park is expected to be paid for by donations, fundraising, grants and donations of materials, equipment and labor.

Trustee Shumaker asked who would be responsible for maintenance of the dog park. Chairman Krug stated that Fenton Township would oversee the ongoing maintenance of the park. The maintenance costs are also expected to be funded by donations, although the participating communities may need to commit up to \$3,000 each per year as a backup. Trustee Shumaker expressed concern regarding the potential spending of public funds on the park when the board has stated it would not do so.

Trustee Shumaker asked who would be responsible for insuring the park. Chairman Krug stated that, since the township owns the property, our insurance would provide the appropriate coverage. Trustee Shumaker also noted that the property would be serviced by police and fire protection paid for by the township. He also suggested that Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation could be used as an overseer of the park rather than executing a separate inter-local agreement between the same member communities. Chairman Krug noted that this option has been discussed but he prefers establishing an oversight committee comprised of non-elected officials from each community.

Operations Manager Broecker presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-13

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Fenton has developed plans for a park on Thompson Road to provide recreational opportunities for the public, and

WHEREAS, the Township, together with the City of Fenton and the City of Linden have had discussions regarding the potential development of a regional dog park within said park property, which would be a benefit to dog owners throughout our communities, and

WHEREAS, the construction of the regional dog park would be accomplished through fundraising activities, cash donations, grants and donations of materials, equipment, labor and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton hereby declares its support for the development of a regional dog park for the benefit of the Fenton Township, City of Fenton and City of Linden communities.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-13 as presented.

Motion by: Krug
Seconded: Tucker
Ayes: Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Kesler, Lorraine

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Nays: Shumaker

Absent: Mathis

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

BOARD COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Charles Chapple

Mr. Chapple was the applicant for a conditional rezoning that was postponed at the last meeting. He inquired as to the status of his rezoning. Treasurer Tucker confirmed that the request is “on hold” for now while the board reviews the Thompson Road Corridor Plan. Mr. Chapple will be contacted when the rezoning is brought back to the board.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Robert Krug, Chairman Pro-Tem

Thomas Broecker, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Posted 8/23/16