

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

**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
Belzer 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:

Supervisor Mathis asked to add the following item to the New Business section of the agenda:

Offer to purchase Tax-Reverted Property – 12480 Fenton Road

Motion to approve the 2/6/17 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 1/23/17 regular and special meetings and the 1/30/17 special meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Treasurer Tucker questioned invoices from Expetec for IT services. Operations Manager Broecker stated that the majority of the cost was due to recent server issues. Treasurer Tucker requested that these invoices not be approved for payment until he has had an opportunity to review them. Trustee Lorraine asked if IT services have been bid out. Operations Manager Broecker confirmed that the Township has not solicited IT proposals in the recent past. Expetec (formerly BCL Computing Solutions) has held their service rate at \$85 per hour since 2004, although there is no formal contract currently in place. Trustee Lorraine asked if the \$8,000 invoice for Cook Excavating was for work to be done in the bond funded upgrade project. Treasurer Tucker confirmed that it was. Trustee Lorraine also asked Treasurer Tucker to review Lawrence Engineering invoices for the past year. Trustee Shumaker questioned the invoice from Ken Lee Well Drilling. Operations Manager Broecker conveyed that the invoice was for the emergency replacement of the pump and related equipment at Fire Station #1. The pump failed and had to be replaced as soon as possible. Trustee Shumaker indicated that he knows of another well contractor that may be less costly that should be considered for future needs. Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds, (excluding Expetec invoices), totaling \$127,824.14 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2017-02 - Supporting DNR Canada Goose Egg & Nest Destruction Program – Lake Fenton

Supervisor Mathis reported that the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association (LFPOA) is making application to the Michigan DNR to participate in the Canada Goose Egg & Nest Destruction program again this year. A resolution of support from the local governing body is required.

LFPOA President George Dyball gave a brief history of their efforts to control the population of Canada Geese on and around Lake Fenton. LFPOA requested and received special approval from the DNR in 2016 to begin the egg & nest destruction program, even though they had not done the roundup program for the required number of years.

Treasurer Tucker asked if the first year in the program produced any noticeable improvements. Mr. Dyball stated it is too early to make any definitive evaluations, but the lake residents believe the program has already been somewhat effective.

Supervisor Mathis asked when the egg & nest destruction process occurs. Mr. Dyball stated that the timing is determined by the DNR. It is expected to be a 2-3 week period sometime in April.

Trustee Lorraine stated that he hasn't experienced any problems with Canada Geese. Is there any evidence of danger or risk resulting from the Canada Goose population? Mr. Dyball clarified that the program does seek to eradicate the Canada Geese, but attempts to control their population. In addition to being a general nuisance, the high population of geese has resulted in elevated e-coli levels in the lake and on beaches. This poses a serious health risk to residents.

There was no further discussion. Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02

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WHEREAS, the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association wishes to make application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to participate in the Canada Goose Egg & Nest Destruction Program on and around Lake Fenton in 2017, and

WHEREAS, such application must be supported by the governing body of the local unit of government, and

WHEREAS, the Fenton Township Board supports the efforts of the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association to control the population of Canada Geese to benefit the health, safety and welfare of the lake residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the township board of the Charter Township of Fenton hereby supports the application of the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association to participate in the MDNR Canada Geese Egg & Nest Destruction Program in 2017.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-02 as presented.

Motion by: Shumaker

Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Proposed Repair of Street Drain Catch Basins – Genesee County Road Commission

Supervisor Mathis reported that the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) has identified six storm drain catch basins that are in need of repair. The total estimated cost of the repairs is \$32,400 which, if approved, would be shared equally with GCRC. Trustee Lorraine asked how these specific catch basins were selected for repair. Operations Manager Broecker explained that GCRC has identified many more than six catch basins that are in some need of repair. Based on budgetary limitations, they have provided six locations that are in the worst condition.

Motion to approve the repair of storm drain catch basins at the following locations as presented:

15070 Cutler Drive

16115 Silverwood Drive

4226 North Shore Drive

2379, 2405 & 2480 Golden Shores Drive

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

PEG Grant Application – Linden, Fenton & Lake Fenton Schools

Operations Manager Broecker reported that Lake Fenton, Linden and Fenton school districts have submitted a combined PEG grant application to upgrade and replace video equipment for the high school programs, which produce content for Channel 191. The

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FACT Consortium has reviewed and approved the application, and recommended approval of funding up to a maximum of \$166,441.02.

The allocation of the costs is based on annual PEG fee receipts for each community. The \$166,441.02 will be allocated as follows:

Fenton Township	41.9521%	\$ 69,825.53
City of Fenton	32.7584%	54,523.43
Tyrone Township	15.7558%	26,224.08
City of Linden	9.5337%	15,867.98

As with prior grant approvals, the FACT Consortium has requested that the municipalities approve an “up to” amount to allow the orders to be placed. Payments to the school districts will occur after the actual costs are finalized.

Trustee Lorraine questioned the seemingly high cost associated with these grants. Could the Township reduce the amount we collect from the cable companies, thereby reducing the cable costs for our residents, without harming the school programs? Operations Manager Broecker stated that the franchise agreement sets the PEG fee percentage. That agreement is up for renewal this year. Treasurer Tucker noted that reducing the PEG fee rate wouldn't necessarily result in lower bills for our residents. He also reminded the board that these funds are from the Township's restricted fund balance. PEG fees can only be used for capital purchases to support PEG television programming.

Trustee Shumaker asked how the costs are divided. Is Fenton Township paying a higher percentage of Fenton School District's grant than other communities? Operations Manager Broecker explained that the cost allocation for all grants is based on PEG revenues for each community. Since Fenton Township has the highest PEG revenue, our cost allocation is higher than the other communities. While we pay more of the grants for the Fenton and Linden School Districts than the cities of Fenton and Linden, the City of Fenton pays a significant portion of Lake Fenton School District's grant, despite having very little property in the Lake Fenton School District, and the City of Linden also pays a portion of the Lake Fenton grant despite having no property in the Lake Fenton School District.

Motion to approve funding for the PEG Grant applications of Linden Community Schools, Fenton Area Public Schools, and Lake Fenton Community Schools up to a total amount of \$69,825.53, as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Goupil

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

Nays: Shumaker

Motion carried.

Resignation from Zoning Board of Appeals and Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Board of Directors

Supervisor Mathis reported that Clerk Krug has submitted his resignation from the Township Board seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals and as a representative on the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Board of Directors. Board action is required to formally accept these resignations.

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Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Robert Krug from the township board seat on the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion by: Goupil
Seconded: Shumaker
Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Goupil, Kesler, Lorraine, Shumaker
Nays: Tucker

Motion carried.

Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Robert Krug from the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Board of Directors.

Motion by: Goupil
Seconded: Shumaker
Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Goupil, Kesler, Lorraine, Shumaker
Nays: Tucker

Motion carried.

Appointment to Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Supervisor Mathis asked if any of the board members were interested in assuming the Township Board seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Lorraine stated that he is willing to serve on the ZBA.

Motion to appoint Trustee Vince Lorraine to the Fenton Township Board seat on the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals for the term ending November 20, 2020.

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

Motion carried.

Appointment to Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Board of Directors

Supervisor Mathis asked if any of the board members were interested in serving on the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Board of Directors. Trustee Kesler stated that he is willing to accept this appointment.

Motion to appoint Trustee Robert Kesler as Fenton Township representative on the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Board of Directors for the term ending December 31, 2018.

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

Motion carried.

Offer to Purchase Tax-Reverted Property – 12480 Fenton Road

Supervisor Mathis reported that the Township has received an offer to purchase the vacant lot at 12480 Fenton Road. The house on that lot was demolished just last week, which has apparently generated interest from potential buyers. After a brief discussion, the board agreed not to consider any offers until a decision is made on how the Township should proceed with respect to selling all tax-reverted properties.

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BOARD COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None

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

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 2/7/17