

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 3, 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, Tucker, Kesler, Lorraine, Attorney Belzer and Operations
Manager Broecker.

Absent: Krug, Goupil, Shumaker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Fenton Township resident Stone Gooding led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the 4/3/17 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Lorraine

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Krug, Goupil, Shumaker

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for the 3/20/17 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Treasurer Tucker asked to have the Expetec invoice excepted from approval. He has some issues he would like to discuss with Expetec before processing payment. Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$1,348,511.77 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Kesler

Ayes: Mathis, Tucker, Kesler, Lorraine

Nays: None

Absent: Krug, Goupil, Shumaker

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Donation of Vehicle to Fenton Township Fire Department

The board reviewed a memo from Fire Chief Ryan Volz outlining the proposed donation of a 1993 Ford ambulance pickup from Atlas Copco Tools and Assembly Systems to the

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Fenton Township Fire Department. If accepted, the vehicle will be used for the fire department's dive rescue team.

Motion to accept the donation of a 1993 Ford Ambulance Pickup from Atlas Copco Tools and Assembly Systems, LLC, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

BOARD COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Jamie Gooding, 4100 Minnetonka Drive

Ms. Gooding stated that she and her family have lived on a 1.5 acre parcel on Minnetonka Drive for the past year and a half. After doing extensive research, they decided they would like to raise chickens on their property. When they inquired at the township, however, they discovered that this use is not permitted in residential zones. She asked if there is any way to change this regulation. Attorney Belzer clarified that there is no mechanism to allow deviation or variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. The only way to permit chickens in residential zones would be to amend the Zoning Ordinance. Treasurer Tucker explained that the Master Plan is currently under review for updating. Urban agricultural uses were not considered in current Master Plan but will be discussed during the update process. There may be an opportunity to amend Zoning Ordinance at some point, depending on what changes are made to the Master Plan. There is also proposed legislation that could impact this issue.

John Forbes, 2139 Wiggins Road

Mr. Forbes reported that a drain on property at the intersection of Wiggins Road and Thompson Road has been filled in, which is preventing Barnum Lake from draining properly. The current lake level is 16 inches higher than normal. Supervisor Mathis clarified that the Township does not have any authority in this case and referred Mr. Forbes to the Genesee County Drain Commissioner's office. She added that all lake levels are extremely high right now due to heavy rains.

Sheila Rhoades, 2127 Wiggins Road

Ms. Rhoades reported that they also have severe flooding problems. The last six feet of fence on her property that runs to the end of their lot is now under water. Supervisor Mathis also referred Ms. Rhoades to the Genesee County Drain Commissioner's office.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

Thomas Broecker, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Posted 4/4/17