

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

**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, Shumaker, Attorney Belzer and  
Operations Manager Broecker.

Absent: Lorraine

**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 2/5/18 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Goupil  
Seconded: Shumaker  
Ayes: All Present  
Nays: None  
Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The minutes for the 1/22/18 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$223,657.55 for payment as presented.

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

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**Proposed Amendment to Sign Regulation Ordinance/1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

The board reviewed a memo from Zoning Administrator Doug Piggott recommending an amendment to the Township's Sign Regulation Ordinance. While the existing ordinance addresses "digital" signs, the language was drafted for on-premise signs, and does not adequately address digital billboards that are becoming more commonplace. The proposed amendment would adopt the digital billboard provisions of the Michigan Highway Advertising Act.

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Denise Bartholomew of Outfront Media explained that her company wishes to upgrade one of their existing billboards to digital. The proposed amendment would allow them to upgrade only that one billboard, as all other existing signs are non-conforming in one way or another and could never be replaced.

Attorney Belzer suggested that the board spend more time reviewing this issue before moving forward on the ordinance amendment. He suggested that the board meet with the Zoning Administrator to discuss the amendment further.

Treasurer Tucker agreed that more time is needed on this issue and suggested that the board refer the proposed amendment to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

The board agreed to refer the proposed amendment to the Fenton Township Planning Commission.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution No. 2018-01, Authorization for Changes to Consumers Energy Street Lighting Contract**

Supervisor Mathis stated that Consumers Energy requires an updated resolution to be adopted each year that designates township officials to authorize changes to the street lighting contract. Such a resolution has been prepared for board consideration. Clerk Krug presented the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01**

*BE IT RESOLVED, that it is hereby deemed advisable to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the street lighting service as provided in the Standard Street Lighting Contract between Consumers Energy Company and the Charter Township of Fenton, dated January 1, 2018 in accordance with Authorizations for Change in Standard Street Lighting Contract executed by the Charter Township of Fenton during the calendar year of 2018, and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Supervisor and the Township Clerk be and are authorized to execute such authorizations for change on behalf of the Charter Township of Fenton.*

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-01 as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Tucker

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

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

Supervisor Mathis reported that the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) has identified four storm drain catch basins to be repaired this year. The total estimated cost of the repairs is \$21,600, which, if approved, would be shared equally with GCRC. The road commission has identified many more than four catch basins that are in some need of repair. The four that have been recommended are in the worst condition.

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

Cussewago Beach Drive at Front Street  
Cussewago Beach Drive at Oak Street  
12260 Water Green Court  
12275 Water Green Court

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

Motion carried.

**Sale of Tax-Reverted Properties**

Ed Constable, the realtor hired by the township to sell several tax-reverted properties, asked the board to consider reducing the listing price on three of the parcels.

1. V/L Linden Road; Recommends reducing from \$20,000.00 to \$17,500.00  
Linden Rd has had very low activity, which he believes is due to the shape/slant of the parcel on the road, the closeness to the busy road, the wetness of the land, and the uneven ground. A price reduction may help justify these fixes for a potential buyer.
2. 11396 Audubon Drive; Recommends reducing from \$25,000.00 to \$19,900.00  
The retention pond on this parcel concerns buyers about placement of their building envelope and usability of the yard.
3. 12161 Dalhart Drive; Recommends reducing from \$35,000.00 to \$30,000.00  
This lot will require a variance to build and one of the neighboring homes is extremely distressed. Concerns raised include the distance of the home from the water and the difficulty the hill will cause with accessing the waterfront.

After a brief discussion, the board agreed with Mr. Constable's recommendations.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

None

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Motion to recess the open meeting to convene a closed session to review the proposed employment agreement for the Township Assessor.

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

The open meeting was recessed at 8:07 p.m.

**RECONVENE:**

The open meeting was reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS (continued):**

**Proposed Employment Agreement - Assessor**

Motion to approve the employment agreement for Assessor Julia Wilson as presented, with the following revisions:

- Annual salary of \$67,000
- No bonus payments
- No Health Care Savings Plan

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

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

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Robert Krug, Clerk

**Minutes Posted 02/06/18**