

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2018**

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

Supervisor Mathis called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Present: Mathis, Krug, Tucker (arrived 6:20 p.m.), Goupil, Kesler, Lorraine, Shumaker, Attorney Belzer and Operations Manager Broecker

Absent: None

Also Present: Attorney Nancy Chinonis

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Attorney Belzer recommended that the board go into a closed session to discuss pending litigation.

Motion to recess the open meeting to convene a closed session to discuss pending litigation.

Motion by: Lorraine

Seconded: Goupil

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

Nays: None

Absent: Tucker

Motion carried.

The open meeting was recessed at 6:10 p.m.

The open meeting was reconvened at 6:55 p.m. There were no decisions made or actions taken during the closed session.

**Disciplinary Hearing – Paul Bjorklund**

Treasurer Tucker asked if Mr. Bjorklund wishes to conduct the hearing in open or closed session. Alec Gibbs, attorney for Mr. Bjorklund, requested that the hearing be conducted in closed session.

Motion to recess the open meeting to convene a closed session to conduct a disciplinary hearing, at the request of Firefighter Paul Bjorklund.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Goupil

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The open meeting was recessed at 7:02 p.m.

The open meeting was reconvened at 9:25 p.m. There were no decisions made or actions taken during the closed session.

Motion to:

1. Suspend Firefighter Paul Bjorklund without pay for a period of 142 days, commencing July 9, 2018.

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2. Require that Firefighter Bjorklund attend and successfully complete, at his own expense, a management-level, employment based training dealing with harassment in the workplace. Said training shall be approved in advance by the township and completed within 90 days of today's date.
3. Require that Firefighter Bjorklund obtain, at his own expense, a drug & alcohol assessment from a facility of his choice. A copy of the assessment report shall be provided to the township within 90 days of today's date.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Krug

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Treasurer Tucker noted that length of the suspension amounts to "time served". No additional suspension time is required and Firefighter Bjorklund will remain on active duty.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

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Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

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Robert Krug, Clerk

**Minutes Posted 12/11/18**