

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2020**

**MEETING HELD BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
PER MICHIGAN EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-75**

Supervisor Mathis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mathis, Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Kesler, Lorraine, Reid

Absent: None

Also Present: Attorney Belzer, Operations Manager Broecker, Zoning Administrator Deem, Fire Chief Volz

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the 6/1/20 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The minutes for the 5/18/20 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Treasurer Tucker questioned the Auto Zone invoices for batteries. Chief Volz confirmed that one invoice was for the Fire Chief Tahoe and one was for another fire department vehicle. Mr. Tucker suggested shopping prices for future purchases as the prices seemed high. Treasurer Tucker also questioned the HVAC invoice from Trane. Supervisor Mathis confirmed this is for an electric heat ceiling panel for the Supervisor's office. That corner of the building tends to get very cold in the winter and this heater will allow the office temperature to be better controlled without affecting other offices. Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$906,932.99 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Lorraine

Seconded: Tucker

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

**Election Update**

Operations Manager Broecker reported that a key area of focus currently is the upcoming primary election in August. The Township is in the process of setting up remote training sessions to re-certify election inspectors, and an election worker recruiting poster has been posted on the website. Best practices are still being developed to maintain safety in the polling place. The Secretary of State issued Absent Voter Ballot Applications to all registered voters except those on the permanent AV list, and those applications are being submitted in large numbers. The Township will be mailing applications for the permanent

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AV list this week. With no-reason absentee voting and concerns over the ongoing pandemic, it is expected that the Township's volume of absentee ballots will far exceed any previous election, possibly approaching 80 or 90% for this year's elections.

Clerk Krug stated that, due to this very high volume of absentee ballots, he plans to bring in one of our election workers on a part-time basis to assist with the processing of absentee ballots and applications. This Election Assistant will work 20-25 hours per week at rate of \$12 per hour, which would come out of the election budget. While a budget amendment is not necessary, Clerk Krug wanted to advise the board in case they feel it necessary to formally approve this temporary arrangement. The board did not see a need for formal action.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appointments to Fenton Township Planning Commission**

Supervisor Mathis noted that the Planning Commission terms of Jim McGuirk and Andy Marko expired as of 5/31/20. She stated that both gentlemen have done an excellent job on the Planning Commission and have expressed a desire to be re-appointed. She recommends that both be re-appointed to 3-year terms.

Zoning Administrator Mike Deem supported the Supervisor's recommendation. He stated that both are outstanding Planning Commissioners.

Motion to re-appoint James D. McGuirk Jr. to the Fenton Township Planning Commission for the term ending May 31, 2023.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Lorraine

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion to re-appoint Andrew N. Marko to the Fenton Township Planning Commission for the term ending May 31, 2023.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Lorraine

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Status of Mantawauka Park (aka Township Beach)**

The board reviewed a memo from Operations Manager Broecker regarding the closure of Mantawauka Park (aka the Township Beach), due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The park has, so far, remained close, but with the onset of warmer weather, the Township

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has received inquiries regarding the beach and when it might be open for use. After consulting with Attorney Belzer, it made sense to place the issue on the agenda for discussion.

Operations Manager Broecker stated that he was prepared to recommend that the park/beach area remain closed to the public to comply with existing Executive Orders. With the enactment of Executive Order 2020-110 earlier today, however, outdoor gatherings of up to 100 people are now allowed. After a brief discussion, the board agreed that the new Executive Order justifies opening the park immediately.

Motion to open Mantawauka Park to the public, effective immediately.

Motion by: Lorraine

Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Clerk Krug noted that most, if not all, board members received an email from AYSO Director Amy Converse, indicating that negotiations with Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation (SLPR) had failed, and asking the township to extend the existing license and sub-license for the Deer Run soccer facility. Operations Manager Broecker advised that he was contacted earlier today by Pat Lockwood of SLPR, who confirmed that negotiations were still in process and that an agreement is still anticipated.

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

None

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

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Robert Krug, Clerk

**Minutes Posted 06/02/20**