

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2020**

**MEETING HELD BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
PER MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 228 OF 2020**

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, Fire Chief Volz, Engineer Allen Lawrence

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the 10/19/20 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Lorraine

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The minutes for the 10/5/20 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Treasurer Tucker questioned the invoices for CCR. Operations Manager Broecker explained that a hard drive failure on the data server increased the costs for September. Treasurer Tucker asked to review the invoices in detail and have the motion to approve the expenses subject to that review. Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$455,488.83 for payment as presented, subject to the review by the Treasurer of invoices from the Center for Computer Resources.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Reid

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

**Ordinance Enforcement – 3rd Quarter Report**

Supervisor Mathis reviewed the 3rd quarter report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Pat Shaw. Zoning, tall grass, junk vehicles and blight were the categories with the highest number of complaints for the quarter.

**Hogan Road Bridge Replacement Project**

Operations Manager Broecker reported that the application of the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) for funding to replace the Hogan Road bridge over the Shiawassee River has been approved for 2023. The Township's share of the \$1.57 million project is

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\$188,400.00. The Township can reserve fund balance over the next three years to allocate toward the project.

Engineer Allen Lawrence noted that there are many bridges in need of repair throughout the state and that GCRC did a good job getting the funding approved for 2023.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Proposed Amendments - 2020 Fenton Township Budget**

Operations Manager Broecker reviewed proposed amendments to the 2020 General Fund budget. Significant changes included:

- Decreased Building Permit revenue due to lower building activity during the pandemic shutdown.
- Increased Revenue Sharing due to higher sales tax projections from the State.
- Increased Federal Grant revenue, partially offset by a reduction in CVTRS revenue due to the State of Michigan replacing the August CVTRS payment with CARES Act funds.
- Increased Museum-related expenses due to a concrete replacement project for Podunk House/Pioneer Museum.

The proposed amendments still result in a projected surplus for 2020. There was no further discussion.

Motion to adopt amendments to the 2020 Fenton Township budget, as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Reid

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Proposed Hazard Pay Premium - Election Workers**

Clerk Krug reported that Fenton Township recently applied for grant funding from the **Center for Tech and Civic Life** (CTCL), an organization that has allocated \$250 million for election related expenses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Township has been advised that the application has been approved and Fenton Township has been awarded a grant of \$5,000.00.

With that in mind, Clerk Krug recommended that the Township Board approve a hazard pay premium for Fenton Township election workers for the upcoming election. Even with all of the safety measures in place, he contends that election workers spending 15-16

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hours at the polls or even longer in absent voter counting boards constitutes “being on the front lines” of the pandemic.

Clerk Krug’s recommendation is to increase election worker pay by \$50.00. Election Inspectors, Help Desk and support workers would receive \$200.00 and precinct chairpersons would be paid \$250.00. The increase would apply only to the November 3, 2020 General Election. The total cost increase would be approximately \$2,500.00, or about half of the grant amount.

Trustee Lorraine suggested using all of the grant for the hazard pay premium, which would equate to a \$100 increase per election worker, provided other COVID-related costs were covered by federal grant funds. Operations Manager Broecker confirmed that virtually all COVID-related expenses would be offset by the Federal CARES Act funds received in August. After a brief discussion, the board agreed to increase the hazard pay premium to \$100 per election worker.

Motion to approve a \$100 hazard pay premium for Fenton Township's election workers working at the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Lorraine

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

None

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

Fred Hensler, 14007 Swanee Beach Drive

Mr. Hensler asked about the status of the proposed “doggie day care” facility next to his business at the corner of North Long Lake and Fenton Roads. Treasurer Tucker stated that the special use permit application initially submitted was denied by the Planning Commission. Nothing further has been brought before the Planning Commission.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

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Robert Krug, Clerk

**Minutes Posted 10/20/20**