

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2021**

**MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM
PER MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 254 OF 2020**

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

OPENING PRAYER:

Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Krug called the roll.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Attorney Belzer, Operations Manager Broecker, Township Engineer Allen Lawrence

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the 2/15/21 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Kesler

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

PRESENTATION:

Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition Presentation

Supervisor Lorraine introduced David Lossing, Chairman of the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition. Mr. Lossing presented information about their organization, including the many projects they have worked on and continue to work on, such as mile markers, the release of sturgeon into the river, and increasing the number of launch sites along the trail. At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Lossing asked the Township Board to consider becoming a member of the coalition by approving the Memorandum of Understanding, which is included in the board packet.

Clerk Krug asked if it is known how many people use the river for recreational purposes. Mr. Lossing stated there is no formal tracking, however local businesses that rent kayaks and canoes have reported an increase in business every year.

Trustee Goupil asked if the rental businesses pick up the kayakers/canoers at the end of the route. Mr. Lossing confirmed that the rental companies drop you off at the launch site, and are waiting for you at the end of the route to take you back.

Treasurer Tucker stated that he lives on Tupper Lake, which is part of the water trail, and has seen a steady increase in kayak/canoe traffic in recent years. He especially enjoys the moonlight events.

The board thanked Mr. Lossing very his very informative presentation.

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Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Fenton Township to become a member of the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition, as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Goupil

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for the 2/1/21 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$444,812.32 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Goupil

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BOARD COMMENT:

Katruk – add SRWTC link to website?

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Brian Saad, Argentine Township Supervisor

Mr. Saad thanked the board for joining the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition and welcomed them to the organization.

Will Stiverson, representing Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Stiverson thanked Supervisor Lorraine for his involvement in chamber activities, and also thanked Operations Manager Broecker for being part of the recent virtual local

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forecast breakfast. He urged the Township to look upon the Chamber as a partner and utilize their services as needed.

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

Vince Lorraine, Supervisor

Robert Krug, Clerk

Minutes Posted 02/16/21