

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 10, 2000**

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

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

Present: Gabrielson, Mueller, Garfield, Lambert, Mathis, McKenna, Office  
Manager Broecker and Attorney Cooley.

Absent: Ketchmark (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Supervisor Gabrielson led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the 7/10/00 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Mueller

Seconded: McKenna

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Ketchmark

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The minutes of the 6/19/00 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Motion to approve invoices for payment as presented.

Motion by: McKenna

Seconded: Ketchmark

Ayes: Gabrielson, Mueller, Garfield, Ketchmark, Lambert, Mathis, McKenna

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

**Election Commission Meeting**

Clerk Mueller announced that the Fenton Township Election Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. on 7/24/00 to appoint inspectors for the August 8<sup>th</sup> primary election.

**Fenton Area Cable Television Consortium**

Trustee McKenna reported that the FACT Consortium had recently approved a grant application from 3 District Productions for approximately \$60,000 to purchase new equipment.

**Law Enforcement Update**

Trustee Mathis reported that she is very concerned about the activities that took place on Lake Fenton over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. She is especially concerned about the so-called

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“Belly-Flop” contest that seems to grow larger each year. Board members agreed that this and other events are getting out of hand. The township will work with the Genesee County Sheriff Department to formulate a plan to provide more control in future years.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Supervisor Gabrielson reported that the Genesee County Road Commission has issued a copy of their political sign policy to all townships. We will forward copies to Fenton Township candidates.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**Rezoning #338, John D. Groves, part of parcel 06-30-100-016; R-1B to OS/2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Supervisor Gabrielson reported that the applicant has requested postponement of the second reading of this proposed rezoning. The applicant will be contacted and given a choice between the 7/24/00 and 8/7/00 meetings.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-OTHER:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution No. 2000-24 / Retirement of Tom V. Waldron, II**

Supervisor Gabrielson noted that Ordinance Enforcement Officer Tom Waldron is now retired, his last day of work being 7/7/00. An honorary resolution is in order. Clerk Mueller presented the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-24**

*WHEREAS, Tom V. Waldron, II retired from his position as Fenton Township Ordinance Enforcement Officer on July 7, 2000, and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Waldron has served Fenton Township in the capacity of Ordinance Enforcement Officer since July, 1994, and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Waldron was instrumental in the development and continued progress of ordinance enforcement operations in Fenton Township, and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Waldron has been a definite asset to the Fenton Township community;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fenton Township Board of Trustees hereby honors Tom V. Waldron, II for his commitment and devotion to the citizens and government of Fenton Township through the performance of his duties as the Fenton Township Ordinance Enforcement Officer and expresses its gratitude, appreciation and sincere thanks to him for the six years of dedicated service he has given to Fenton Township, and*

*BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy presented to Mr. Waldron.*

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Motion to adopt resolution No. 2000-24 as presented:

Motion by: Mueller

Seconded: Ketchmark

Ayes: Gabrielson, Mueller, Garfield, Ketchmark, Lambert, Mathis, McKenna

Nays: None

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

**Proposed Road Improvement Project – Lobdell Road**

Supervisor Gabrielson reviewed a memo regarding a proposed project to pave Lobdell Road. With a daily vehicle count of over 2,000, it is by far the most heavily traveled unpaved road in Fenton Township. The preliminary cost estimate to pave the Fenton Township section of Lobdell Road is \$400,000. This type of cost has always been too much for our budget to absorb for a local road improvement. However, recent discussions with the Genesee County Road Commission have led us to a new possibility. The road commission has indicated a willingness to approach the Genesee County Board of Commissioners to issue bonds to fund this project. If approved, it would allow the township to spread the cost over a ten year period. Payments to the county would be similar to the “at-large” portion of special assessments we currently pay. If the board is favorable to this approach, a motion to approve submission of an appropriate letter of request to the Genesee County Road Commission would be in order.

Clerk Mueller asked the board to allow him to abstain from voting on this issue. He owns a significant amount of frontage on Lobdell Road and voting on the issue may represent a conflict of interest.

Motion to allow Clerk Mueller to abstain from voting on the issue of paving Lobdell Road, due to a possible conflict of interest.

Motion by: Gabrielson

Seconded: McKenna

Ayes: Gabrielson, Mueller, Garfield, Ketchmark, Lambert, Mathis, McKenna

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the submission of a letter to the Genesee County Road Commission to request the development of detailed plans & estimates for the paving of Lobdell Road, and to request that the Genesee County Road Commission seek approval from the Genesee County Board of Commissioners to issue bonds to finance this road improvement project.

Motion by: Garfield

Seconded: McKenna

Ayes: Gabrielson, Garfield, Ketchmark, Lambert, Mathis, McKenna

Nays: None

Abstentions: Mueller

Motion carried.

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**Fenton Township Firefighters Association Constitution**

Supervisor Gabrielson reported that the Fenton Township Firefighters Association has submitted a revised constitution for the board to review. After some discussion, the board agreed to review it and place it back on the agenda for the 7/24/00 meeting. Since the association is independent of the township government, the board may choose not to take any formal action, but simply make recommendations.

**Proposed Sewer Extension Project – North Road**

Supervisor Gabrielson reviewed a memo regarding the need for a new sewer line on North Road. Because the sewer line installed by the Grandma's Loft establishment has been designated as a lead by Genesee County Water & Waste Services, no additional connections can be made to that line. A line is needed to service the new Chrysler dealership, (site plan already approved), and other homes and businesses in the area. The preliminary cost estimate from Rowe Incorporated is just under \$300,000.00.

Motion to authorize the development of construction plans for the North Road Sewer Project and to solicit competitive bids for the construction of said project.

Motion by: Mueller

Seconded: Garfield

Ayes: Gabrielson, Mueller, Garfield, Ketchmark, Lambert, Mathis, McKenna

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Amendments to 2000 Fenton Township Budget**

Proposed amendments to the 2000 budgets were reviewed. There were no changes since the last workshop meeting. There was no further discussion.

Motion to adopt the amendments to the 2000 Fenton Township Budget as presented.

Motion by: Mueller

Seconded: McKenna

Ayes: Gabrielson, Mueller, Garfield, Ketchmark, Lambert, Mathis, McKenna

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

None

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Carl Gabrielson, Supervisor

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Charles Mueller, Clerk

**Minutes Posted 7/11/00**