

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 21, 2001**

**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, Krug, Mathis, McKenna, Rowe, Office  
Manager Broecker and Attorney Cooley

Absent: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Supervisor Gabrielson led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the 5/21/01 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: McKenna

Seconded: Krug

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

**2000 Fenton Township Audit Report/Financial Statements – Dupuis & Ryden, PC**

Supervisor Gabrielson introduced Tadd Harburn of Dupuis & Ryden, PC. He presented an overview of Fenton Township's 2000 financial statements. Areas highlighted included:

- ⇒ General Fund unreserved fund balance of \$726,115 represents approximately four months of budgeted expenditures.
- ⇒ General Fund revenues increased 4% from the previous year. Expenditures increased approximately 10%.
- ⇒ All General Fund expenditure categories were within the approved budget for 2000.
- ⇒ The sewer fund continues to maintain a healthy cash balance.
- ⇒ For the sixth consecutive year, no internal control deficiencies were noted in the review of accounting policies and procedures.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Trustee McKenna asked that the section regarding final plat approval for Pinnacle Shores No. 2 be amended to indicate that this was the final step in the approval process *for this phase of the development*. The minutes of the 5/7/01 regular meeting stand approved as amended. The minutes of the 5/12/01 special workshop meeting stand approved as presented.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Motion to approve invoices for payment as presented.

Motion by: McKenna

Seconded: Garfield

Ayes: Gabrielson, Mueller, Garfield, Krug, Mathis, McKenna, Rowe

Nays: None

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Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Supervisor Gabrielson reviewed a letter from Ed Rodemsky thanking the board for allowing he and Representative Lockwood to address the board regarding the Mike Bloomfield sign project.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**Rezoning #350, Timothy M. Gordon, Parcel 06-12-100-013; AG to R-T/1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Supervisor Gabrielson reviewed the proposed rezoning. Trustee McKenna explained that the Planning Commission had recommended denial of the rezoning request. They did not feel the property was appropriate for the higher density development permitted in the R-T zoning district. This property is one of several considered by the Planning Commission for designation as high density residential on the Land Use Map. Since the Planning Commission did not feel that high density was appropriate for this property, he could not support rezoning the parcel. Since the applicant was not in attendance, the first reading of the proposed rezoning was postponed until the 6/4/01 meeting.

**Revised PUD Conditions Rezoning/Ordinance #576 – Parcel 06-29-200-004 & part of 06-29-200-003/1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Supervisor reviewed a proposed ordinance to amend the conditions of rezoning ordinance #576, which was adopted on 4/2/01. It was noted that the Planning Commission had recommended approval of the amendment, which allows for larger general hangars and permits additional flexibility in the mix of detached vs. attached residential units. The board also agreed to limit the large general hangars to a maximum of three. There was no public comment. The second reading of the proposed amendatory ordinance will be conducted at the 6/4/01 meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-OTHER:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Proposed Amendment – 911 Consortium Agreement**

Supervisor Gabrielson reviewed a proposed amendment to the 911 Consortium Agreement. The amendment adds new language regarding the use of the 911 telephone bill surcharge for the purchase of equipment.

Motion to approve the proposed amendment to the Genesee County 911 Consortium Agreement as presented, and to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to sign the amendment on behalf of Fenton Township.

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Motion by: Mueller  
Seconded: Garfield  
Ayes: Gabrielson, Mueller, Garfield, Krug, Mathis, McKenna, Rowe  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

**Request to Construct Sign – Martin-O’Dell Cemetery**

Supervisor Gabrielson reviewed a letter from William Stoolmaker requesting permission to place a new sign at the Martin-O’Dell Cemetery (also known as the Kimball Cemetery), located near the intersection of Odell and Linden Roads. Mr. Stoolmaker has donated considerable time and effort to cleaning up and maintaining this very old graveyard. He would like to put up a sign to give the cemetery proper recognition. The board commended Mr. Stoolmaker for his efforts stated support for his request. Trustee Mathis added that Mr. Stoolmaker should include his own name on the sign in recognition of his hard work.

Motion to authorize the placement of a sign at the Martin-O’Dell Cemetery, as requested.

Motion by: Mueller  
Seconded: Garfield  
Ayes: Gabrielson, Mueller, Garfield, Krug, Mathis, McKenna, Rowe  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

**OTHER ISSUES-TOWNSHIP BOARD:**

None

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

Paul Sharp, 4425 Thompson Road

Mr. Sharp asked why he was denied a burning permit for his 20-acre property. Supervisor Gabrielson explained that only active agricultural operations are allowed burning permits for the purpose of clearing land for farming. It was suggested that Mr. Sharp may be able to burn small amounts of brush in a recreational fire.

Mr. Sharp also asked about the heavy equipment still located on the residential development across the road from his property. Supervisor Gabrielson will have the Ordinance Enforcement Officer to investigate.

David Hawcroft, 3302 Ponemah Drive

Mr. Hawcroft asked the board to look into fixing the flooding problem on Ponemah Drive. Even moderate rains result in severe flooding. He is concerned about safety. Supervisor Gabrielson will look into alternatives to resolve the problem.

Mr. Hawcroft also expressed concern regarding the use of Ponemah Drive to access the campground located west of Ponemah Drive. It was noted that there was a legal case regarding this campground which may impact that issue. Attorney Cooley will research the legal file and report back to the township.

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**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Carl Gabrielson, Supervisor

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Charles Mueller, Clerk

**Minutes Posted 5/22/01**