

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2002**

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

Absent: Garfield

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Gabrielson led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the 1/7/02 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: McKenna

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Garfield

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

Trustee Mathis asked that the section of the 12/17/01 minutes relating to the Fire Chief Moulton's employment agreement reflect that he has 14 years of service on the Fenton Township Fire Department and has been Chief since 1993. The minutes of the 12/17/01 regular meeting stand approved as amended.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices for payment as presented.

Motion by: Rowe

Seconded: Krug

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

Nays: None

Absent: Garfield

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2002 Local Road Improvement Projects

Supervisor Gabrielson opened the public hearing to gather input regarding potential local road improvement projects for 2002.

Public Comment:

Ginger Hawcroft, 3302 Ponemah Drive

Ms. Hawcroft asked if Ponemah Drive could be included in the 2002 road projects to correct the drainage problem and repair the damage caused by flooding.

Michele Spear, 3194 Ponemah Drive

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Ms. Spear asked if the residents of Ponemah Drive would have to pay any of the cost of the road repairs. Supervisor Gabrielson confirmed that the residents would not be asked to absorb any of the cost of the repairs.

In addition to the Ponemah Drive project, Supervisor Gabrielson and the board discussed several other potential local road improvement projects:

1. Hogan Road (Lahring Road to Ray Road) – limestone resurfacing
2. Lobdell Road (Linden Road to Whitaker Road) – limestone resurfacing
3. Sharp Road (Lahring Road to Ray Road)– limestone resurfacing
4. Rolston Road (Hogan Road to Linden City limits) – limestone resurfacing
5. Whitaker Road (Lobdell Road north to pavement) – limestone resurfacing

The input from this hearing will be used to gather cost estimates for potential projects. After a comparison to budget, recommendations will be brought back to the next meeting.

REPORTS:

Ordinance Enforcement Quarterly Report

Supervisor Gabrielson briefly reviewed the quarterly report from the Ordinance Enforcement Officer.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

**Rezoning #359, Lake Fenton Community Schools, 06-09-400-008 & part of
06-09-400-007; AG to R1-E/2nd Reading**

Supervisor Gabrielson reviewed the proposed rezoning ordinance. There was other discussion.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 589, an amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 186 to rezone parcel 06-09-400-008 and part of parcel 06-09-400-007 from AG to R-1E, as presented.

Motion by: Mueller

Seconded: Krug

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

Nays: None

Absent: Garfield

Motion carried. Ordinance declared adopted.

Amendment to Open Burning Regulation Ordinance/1st Reading

Supervisor Gabrielson reviewed a proposed amendment to the Open Burning Regulation Ordinance. The amendment would reduce the minimum land area for issuance of a burning permit from 15 acres to 10 acres. The additional requirement that the land must be used for agricultural purposes will remain in the ordinance. Fire Chief Moulton has reviewed the issue and has indicated support for this amendment. Clerk Mueller stated

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that the original language was intended to limit the issuance of burning permits. Experience has shown, however, that the current ordinance unfairly restricts land-clearing efforts of legitimate agricultural operations. There was no public comment. The second reading of the proposed amendatory ordinance will be conducted at the 1/21/02 meeting.

Proposed Amendment to Ordinance No. 461 – Group Medical Insurance/1st

Reading

Supervisor Gabrielson briefly reviewed the proposed amendment to the Group Medical Insurance ordinance. The amendment changes the language in the eligibility section from “All Township Fire Chiefs” to “The Township Fire Chief”. There was no public comment. The second reading of the proposed amendatory ordinance will be conducted at the 1/21/02 meeting.

Proposed Amendment to Ordinance No. 462 – Group Life Insurance/1st Reading

Supervisor Gabrielson briefly reviewed the proposed amendment to the Group Life Insurance ordinance. The amendment changes the language in the eligibility section from “All Township Fire Chiefs” to “The Township Fire Chief”. There was no public comment. The second reading of the proposed amendatory ordinance will be conducted at the 1/21/02 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-OTHER:

January Workshop Meeting

The board discussed the workshop meeting scheduled for January 12, 2002. Due to scheduling conflicts, the board agreed to change the meeting to Monday January 14, 2002, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Industrial Development District – Contour Fabricators, Inc.

Office Manager Broecker reviewed a letter from Contour Fabricators Inc., requesting that their property be established as an Industrial Development District. Creation of the district would then allow them to apply for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (i.e. tax abatement) for a planned expansion of their current facility. A public hearing is necessary before making a decision on the establishment of the Industrial Development District.

Motion to schedule a public hearing to consider the request of Contour Fabricators Inc. to establish parcel 06-24-100-010 as an Industrial Development District, in accordance with PA 198 of 1974, as amended.

Motion by: Mueller

Seconded: McKenna

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

Nays: None

Absent: Garfield

Motion carried.

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Employment of Co-op Student / Spring 2002 Semester

Office Manager Broecker requested that the board once again consider hiring a co-op student for the Spring 2002 semester. Fenton High School senior Shelby Brayton will be completing her co-op semester on January 11th. Shelby has done an outstanding job for the township over the past several months. Lake Fenton High School senior Megan Reynolds has expressed an interest in working at the Fenton Township office this semester as a co-op student. If approved, the student/employee would work 15-20 hours per week and rotate among various jobs in the office, work on special projects and be trained to provide backup to key positions.

Motion to approve the hiring of Megan Reynolds as a part-time co-op student for the Spring 2002 school semester, as presented.

Motion by: Mueller

Seconded: Rowe

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

Nays: None

Absent: Garfield

Motion carried.

Purchase of GPS Equipment

Supervisor Gabrielson asked the board to review the recently approved contract with North Arrow Technologies for GIS services. North Arrow has asked for an interpretation of the section of the contract that obligates the township to provide computer equipment for the project. The issue is whether the township or the contractor is responsible to provide the Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment necessary to complete the project. Trustee Rowe stated that the GPS equipment should fall under the category of "workman's tools" and should be the responsibility of the contractor. After a brief discussion the board agreed with this position. No further board action is necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

David Hawcroft, 3302 Ponemah Drive

Mr. Hawcroft asked when the township would be addressing lake-related ordinances. Supervisor Gabrielson responded that lake-related ordinances would likely be reviewed in the March/April time frame.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Carl Gabrielson, Supervisor

Charles Mueller, Clerk

Minutes Posted 1/8/02