

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 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, Garfield, Krug, Mathis, Rowe, Office Manager
Broecker and Attorney Cooley

Absent: McKenna

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Local Girl Scouts Allison Smith, Marissa Hagon and Amanda Hinz led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Supervisor Gabrielson asked to have the Girl Scout Week Proclamation moved to the beginning of the agenda and to add the following item *Unfinished Business* section of the agenda:

Sale of Fire Truck #48-24 – Pierce Pumper

Motion to approve the 2/18/02 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as amended.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Garfield

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: McKenna

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

GIRL SCOUT WEEK PROCLAMATION:

Supervisor Gabrielson introduced Girl Scout leader Karen Anderson from the Girl Scouts Fairwinds Council. Ms. Anderson introduced Allison Smith, Marissa Hagon and Amanda Hinz, members of local Girl Scout troops. Supervisor Gabrielson noted that 2002 marks the 90th anniversary of the founding of Girls Scouts and the week of March 10, 2002 will be designated as Girl Scout Week. Clerk Mueller presented the following proclamation:

GIRL SCOUT WEEK PROCLAMATION – 2002

WHEREAS, Tuesday March 12, 2002 marks the 90th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, an American tradition founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia, and

WHEREAS, throughout its long and distinguished history, Girl Scouts – the pre-eminent organization for girls – has inspired millions of girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, and patriotism, and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting will lead businesses and communities to teach girls the skills needed to take active roles in math, science and technology careers and to fulfill our country's economic needs, and

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WHEREAS, through Girl Scouting, every girl, everywhere, grows strong, gains self-confidence and skills for success, and learns her duty to the world around her, and

WHEREAS, through participation in Girls' Voices, a national community service project, every girl will learn to use her own voice to address an issue of concern to her and perhaps make a change for the better in her community, and

WHEREAS, some 50 million women have enjoyed the benefits of the Girl Scouts program during its 90 year history;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton does hereby proclaim the week of March 10-16, 2002 as Girl Scout Week.

Motion to adopt the proclamation as presented.

Motion by: Mueller

Seconded: Krug

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

Nays: None

Absent: McKenna

Motion carried. The proclamation is declared adopted. A sealed, certified copy of the proclamation was presented to the Girl Scouts in attendance.

PRESENTATION:

State Representative Patricia Lockwood provided the Township Board with a brief update on several current legislative issues. Among the items discussed were:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2003 Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewage discharge monitoring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel fuel tax | <input type="checkbox"/> Anchored raft regulations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband internet proposal | <input type="checkbox"/> Telemarketing restrictions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ban on slant-drilling | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact lens prescriptions | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire service fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription drugs for seniors | <input type="checkbox"/> Straight party voting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school diplomas for WWII veterans | <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-terrorism legislation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinated Planning Act | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufactured housing |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> School taxes |

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes of the 2/04/02 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve invoices for payment as presented.

Motion by: Mueller

Seconded: Rowe

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

Nays: None

Absent: McKenna

Motion carried.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

REPORTS:

Voting Precinct Changes

Clerk Mueller reported that the Election Commission had approved changes to voting precinct boundaries in Fenton Township. A sixth precinct has been added and other boundaries shifted to move more voters into Precinct 3, which is the largest facility. Once the changes are approved by the State, all affected voters will be issued a new voter registration card.

Ambulance Service

Regarding the action taken by the Township Board on 2/4/02, Trustee Mathis asked why the Public Safety Committee was not consulted before the issue was brought to the board. Their committee has been working for several months with leaders of other area communities to find a long-term solution to the ambulance service problems. Supervisor Gabrielson responded that the issue was brought to the board on very short notice due to Argentine Township suspending their contract with Regional EMS. That, combined with Regional's decision to vacate their location in the City of Fenton, created a serious ambulance coverage problem for this part of the county. This temporary agreement to have Regional EMS run two ambulances from Fenton Township Fire Station #2, is only a stopgap measure. The combined efforts of the local communities regarding ambulance service must continue. Trustee Rowe stated that, initially, he was also concerned that the Public Safety Committee was not notified of the situation. Under the circumstances, however, he believes the action taken was the right thing to do. The multi-jurisdictional committee must now continue their efforts to find a long-term solution.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-OTHER:

Sale of Fire Truck #48-24 – Pierce Pumper

Supervisor Gabrielson reminded the board of a discussion at a previous meeting regarding Fire Truck #48-24, a 1982 Pierce Pumper. This truck is beyond the normal useful life of a fire truck and will be replaced by the new truck that was ordered in late 2001. The township solicited offers for the truck and has received two – Halt Fire and Cox Emergency Services. Cox Emergency Services submitted the highest offer - \$17,000.00., which is \$2,000.00 higher than our original estimate. It was also noted that all useable equipment would be removed from the truck before sale.

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Motion to approve the sale of Fire Truck #48-24, 1982 Pierce Pumper in “as is” condition, to Cox Emergency Services for a price of \$17,000.00.

Motion by: Garfield

Seconded: Mueller

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

Nays: None

Absent: McKenna

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Extension of Preliminary Plat Approval – Silver Landings

Supervisor Gabrielson reported that James Bacon, the developer of the Silver Landings subdivision, has requested an extension for the approval of the Preliminary Plat for this development. The Final Plat has not yet been recorded and an approval extension is needed to allow him to continue the plat process.

Motion to grant a one-year extension to the approval for the Preliminary Plat of Silver Landings.

Motion by: Rowe

Seconded: Mueller

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

Nays: None

Absent: McKenna

Motion carried.

Wetlands Delineation & Phase I Environmental Assessment – Foley Park Property

Supervisor Gabrielson reviewed a letter from Rowe Incorporated regarding a proposed wetlands delineation and environmental assessment for the Foley Park property. These studies, which would be required prior to any development of the property, would be completed by Global Environmental Engineering. The total cost of the proposal is \$4,000.00. Trustee Krug stated that, although funding sources for development of the park have not been identified, several area organizations have indicated a willingness to donate resources to develop ballfields on the property. The township should complete this project so as not to delay any of this no-cost development. Trustee Krug made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Treasurer Garfield seconded the motion. After a brief discussion regarding the lack of permanent access to the property, the board agreed to delay the study until the access issue has been resolved. The motion and second were withdrawn.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Patrick Carmody, 16245 Silvershore Drive

Mr. Carmody stated that he recently visited the Genesee County Court complex, which was recently renovated. Many of the employees in that facility work in modular workstation units rather than enclosed offices. He is opposed to the number of individual offices in the proposed renovation plans for the Fenton Township Hall. He also stated that many residents are opposed to the renovation plans. Mr. Carmody stated that he

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received a letter from residents of Silvercrest Drive expressing concerns about the cost of their proposed road improvement project through the Genesee County Road Commission, and the township's lack of financial participation in the project.

Maxine Lenk, 6243 Smith Road

Ms. Lenk expressed concern that the construction of the bridge for the Isle of Bordeaux development is now proceeding, despite the fact that 350 residents signed a petition opposing this bridge back in 1996. Supervisor Gabrielson clarified that the site plan was approved by the Planning Commission, not the Township Board. The bridge required approval from both the MDEQ and Genesee County Road Commission. Clerk Mueller added that, at the request of the Township Board, the MDEQ conducted a public hearing on this issue and gave residents the opportunity to be heard. The ultimate decision on the bridge was not the township's.

Ms. Lenk also asked about the number of sewer units available for connection. Supervisor Gabrielson stated that the current number of unissued units is just under 3,000. A study is under way to project sewer unit connections over the next several years, taking into account all existing and potential homes that will need to connect to the sewer.

David Lenk, 6243 Smith Road

Mr. Lenk asked for clarification on the definition of a sewer unit. Clerk Mueller explained that one unit is equivalent to one average household.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Carl Gabrielson, Supervisor

Charles Mueller, Clerk

Minutes Posted 2/19/02