

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2003**

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

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Gabrielson led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Supervisor Gabrielson noted that the first reading of a proposed rezoning ordinance had been added to the agenda since the packets were distributed. Motion to approve the 3/17/03 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Mathis

Seconded: Krug

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

PRESENTATION:

Trustee McKenna presented an overview of the sanitary sewer inventory/upgrade project. The driving force behind the project is the Administrative Consent Order (ACO) approved by the DEQ and the Township. The primary purpose of the ACO is to eliminate Sanitary Sewer Overflows. The specific requirements of the ACO include:

- Create a surveyed “blueprint” of the entire sanitary sewer system.
- Identify problems within the system (infiltration, damage, disrepair, etc.)
- Correct identified problems by 12/31/05.
- Develop a hydraulic model of the system by 6/1/03.
- Enter into a flow limit contract with Genesee County WWS by 6/1/04.
- Submit quarterly update reports to the DEQ.
- Submit a final report by 12/31/06.

Trustee McKenna introduced the members of the team that is performing the various components of the project:

- Penny Sharich is the Fenton Township employee who coordinates the project and maintains the information and records generated by the project.
- Allen Lawrence of Lawrence Engineering, PC. Lawrence Engineering is performing the inventory of the sewer structures, providing technical advice regarding the various aspects of the project, and installing infiltration bladders on all manholes.
- Robert Rowley of Mid-Michigan Manufacturing & Maintenance, Inc. Mid-Michigan is the Township’s maintenance contractor for the sewer system.
- Jason Taylor of North Arrow Technologies, LLC. North Arrow is completing all GIS-related tasks associated with the project and also coordinating and assigning work orders through the CityWorks program.

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- Mike Bostwick of Bostwick Excavating, Inc. Bostwick Excavating is completing the various repairs and upgrade tasks identified through this project (raising manholes, repairing lines, etc.).
- Two other contractors involved in the project are not in attendance at this meeting. Precision Pipe Services Inc. is performing video inspection of all sewer lines. SOS Service Group, Inc. is pressure cleaning sewer lines and repairing leaks in the lines using a robotic device to grout the interior of the sewer lines.

The sewer system has been divided into 12 sectors. Two sectors have been completed, two more are approximately 85% complete and another five sectors are in progress. The hydraulic model is approximately 65% complete. Identified problems and subsequent corrective actions have already eliminated millions of gallons of inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer system. Current estimates place the total cost of the project at \$3 million with a three-year time frame for completion.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes of the 3/3/03 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

Motion to approve expenditures as presented.

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Brancheau

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Emergency Response Call

Trustee Mathis asked about an emergency medical call Sunday evening. Robert Rowley of Mid-Michigan Manufacturing & Maintenance explained that he and one of his employees were cleaning the inside of a pump station on Harp Drive that had flooded from melting snow. One of the cleaning solutions caused a reaction in both individuals. Both were removed from the station and treated by emergency personnel and transported to the hospital. Both were released and back to work Monday morning.

Lake Study Update

Supervisor Gabrielson reported that he had been in contact with Wally Fusilier of Water Quality Investigators (WQI). WQI completed a comprehensive lake study for the Township in the late 1990's. Mr. Fusilier is proposing to do an update of the plan in conjunction with a school project at Lake Fenton High School. Supervisor Gabrielson has forwarded the information to the various lake associations to see if they are interested in covering the \$300-450 cost of the project.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS-ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Rezoning #R02-007, Kristin Poniers, 06-02-400-035/036; R-4 to OS/1st Reading

Supervisor Gabrielson reviewed the proposed rezoning ordinance. Trustee McKenna reported that the request was initially referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals to determine the appropriate zoning district for the proposed use, which includes a youth art center with classroom facilities and sale of art supplies. The ZBA determined that OS was the appropriate zoning district, noting that OS would create a logical buffer between adjacent residential and commercial/industrial uses. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the rezoning. There was no public comment. The second reading of the proposed rezoning will be conducted at the 3/31/03 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-OTHER:

2003 Local Road Projects

Supervisor Gabrielson reported that, based on the input gathered at our public hearing, and after reviewing the local roads with Genesee County Road Commission personnel, he is recommending the following local road improvement projects to be approved for 2003:

Limestone Resurfacing – Sharp Road (Lahring Road to Ray Road)

Limestone Resurfacing – Ray Road (US-23 to Fenton Road)

Supervisor Gabrielson noted that Ray Road is the boundary between Fenton and Mundy Townships. If approved, this project will be funded equally by the two communities. It was also noted that a small budget increase would be necessary to cover the estimated costs of these projects.

Motion to approve 2003 local road improvement projects as presented.

Motion by: Mueller

Seconded: McKenna

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2003-04, Supporting City of Linden Grant Application

Supervisor Gabrielson reported that the City of Linden is seeking designation as a *Michigan Main Street Community* in order to apply for a planning grant through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Linden is asking Fenton Township to support their application. Clerk Mueller presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-04

WHEREAS, the City of Linden is preparing to submit an application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation seeking designation as a Michigan Main Street Community, and

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WHEREAS, this application, if approved, would provide planning assistance over a 3-year period to the City of Linden in a effort to revitalize downtown Linden, and

WHEREAS, the City of Linden provides important commercial and retail services to the greater Linden area, a significant portion of which is located in Fenton Township;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Fenton Board of Trustees hereby declares its support for the application of the City of Linden for designation as a Michigan Main Street Community under the program administered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2003-04 as presented.

Motion by: Mueller

Seconded: Krug

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Proposed Revision to Fire Department Pay Scale

Treasurer Garfield reported that the Public Safety Committee had reviewed a proposed pay increase for the Fenton Township Fire Department. The committee is recommending a \$.50 per run increase for all levels. The committee is recommending an increase for 2003 only at this time. A separate retirement or longevity program is also being researched.

Motion to approve the revised Fenton Township Fire Department Wage/Salary Schedule as presented.

Motion by: Garfield

Seconded: Mathis

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Treasurer Garfield also recommended that the board consider paying off the remaining balance on one of our fire trucks. The Township has available funds to pay off the outstanding balance of approximately \$55,000 and the interest rate on the loan is higher than what we can earn on the Township's funds. The board agreed that paying off this loan makes good sense. Supervisor Gabrielson suggested that a payoff figure be obtained and brought to the next meeting for approval.

Scheduling of Workshop Meeting

After a brief discussion the board agreed to schedule a special workshop meeting for Monday March 24, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Tom Richard, 12425 Jennings Road

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Mr. Richard asked what the new per run pay is for the Fenton Township Fire Department with the increase approved this evening. Supervisor Gabrielson clarified that the per run rate ranges from \$10.25 (new hire) to \$16.25 (officer).

Jean Johnson, 12101 Jennings Road

Ms. Johnson asked if the per run rate was all a fire fighter earned. Supervisor Gabrielson clarified that an hourly rate is added to that amount for any runs that exceed two hours.

Patrick Carmody, 16245 Silver Shore Drive

Mr. Carmody expressed concern over the emergency situation described earlier by Mr. Rowley and asked what the cost was for a typical medical run by the fire department. Supervisor Gabrielson responded that the average cost per run was approximately \$500.00-550.00. Mr. Carmody also repeated his concerns related to the oversight of the sewer project.

Tony Brown, 12159 Jennings Road

With regard to the incident reported by Mr. Rowley, Mr. Brown asked if the air quality is monitored during confined space activities. Mr. Rowley confirmed that air quality monitors (same type as used by the fire department) are used for all confined space activities.

David Franz, 3435 Breezepointe

Mr. Franz complimented Bostwick Excavating for work being done near his home. He spoke to some of Mr. Bostwick's crew and was very impressed by their quality of work and professionalism.

David Boyd, 3515 Lahring Road

Mr. Boyd asked if there was a master timetable for the sewer project. Supervisor Gabrielson responded that a copy could be obtained at the township office.

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

Carl Gabrielson, Supervisor

Charles Mueller, Clerk

Minutes Posted 3/18/03