

MEMBERS PRESENT: BALDWIN, REYNOLDS, CRAWFORD, BRADLEY, KISH AND BRUCKNER
 MEMBERS ABSENT: KELLY
 ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF
 LISA SHAGENA, ASSISTANT ASSESSOR
 MARK SMITH, GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FOREMAN

Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of January 6th, 2016, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: * NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Agenda, amending Item #1, NEW BUSINESS: Changing Carl Johnson's effective date of retirement from 01/31/2016 to 02/06/2016. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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| GENERAL FUND | \$ | 2,048,053.38 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND | \$ | 109,353.38 |
| POLICE PROTECTION FUND | \$ | 349,300.77 |
| TRASH/RECYCLING FUND | \$ | 291,450.70 |
| BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND | \$ | 94,693.06 |
| UTILITY RECEIVING FUND | \$ | 1,013,428.80 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 3,906,280.09 |
| MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS | \$ | 1,340,240.65 |
| GENERAL INVESTMENTS | \$ | 41,649.57 |
| PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT | \$ | 152,805.70 |
| UTILITY BOND MONEY MARKET | \$ | 42,803.41 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$ | 5,483,779.42 |

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 5,483,779.42.**

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

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| GENERAL FUND | \$ | 35,906.00 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND | \$ | 6,815.91 |
| POLICE PROTECTION FUND | \$ | 56,373.46 |
| TRASH/RECYCLING FUND | \$ | 94,723.93 |
| BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND | \$ | 188.35 |
| UTILITY RECEIVING FUND | \$ | 280,777.01 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 474,784.66 |
| MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MUNICIPAL BLDG. CONST.) | \$ | 187.50 |
| (UTILITY MAINT. & IMP.) | \$ | 1,995.00 |
| (BRACE/TICE BOND DEBT) | \$ | 750.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$ | 477,717.16 |

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Baldwin, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 477,717.16.**

* According to Section 6 of the Charter Township of Fort Gratiot By-Laws adopted 02/20/2003.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Allen Kodet, of Algonac, regarding Community Blight (Illegal Signage).
2. Michigan Township Participating Plans *The Par Plan News* (Issue 122 - DECEMBER 2015)
3. St. Clair County Road Commission *Township News Bulletin* (Winter 2016)
4. Notification from the State of Michigan Senate re: New Laws that go into effect this month.
5. Upcoming Meetings / Seminars / Workshops / Events:
 - St. Clair County EDA's 2016 Semi-Annual Meeting/Dinner, February 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at Alexander's Premier Banquet Facility in Marysville. (\$30.00/person)
 - MTA's *Utilizing Strategic Planning Class*, March 28, 2016; and *At Your Service: Meeting Township Needs Class*, at the Holiday Inn in Battle Creek. (\$214.00/per attendee for both classes; and \$89.00/per attendee for *Strategic Planning*; and \$125.00/per attendee for *At Your Service*.

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Bruckner, to accept correspondence, as given. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to accept Carl Johnson's Letter of Resignation from the Fort Gratiot Fire Department, amended to be effective February 06, 2016.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * 48 ½ Years of Service
* Fire Department Dinner held in honor of Buck & Larry Johnson

Vote, 5/1, Crawford voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Motion by Kish, seconded by Reynolds, to appoint Robert Buechler, to the Board of Review for a one (1) year term ending January 1, 2017, at the following rates: \$500.00 for March, 2016; \$50.00 for July 2016; and \$49.99 for December 2016.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Letter of Interest received from Robert Buechler, Quaker Hill Drive

Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to approve attending the Annual Meeting with the St. Clair County Road Commission on Monday, February 22, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., at the Central Service Center, 21 Airport Dr., St. Clair, MI 48079. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to approve the posting and possible publishing to hire two (2) Part-Time / Seasonal Grounds Maintenance Workers, from April 1st thru October 31st, annually, at an hourly rate of \$10.15 - \$10.50 per hour, depending on qualifications.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Baseball Tournaments
* Applications due by 4:00 p.m. February 19, 2016

Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

5. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the 2016 Membership Dues for SEMCOG for the period covering January 15, 2016 thru January 15, 2017, in the amount of \$ 1,584.00. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

6. Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Bradley, to approve payment of the 2016 Northeastern Watersheds Budget Allocation for Fort Gratiot Township, in the amount of \$ 1,188.98.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Sturgeon Festival
* Training & Support to meet DEQ requirements for storm water & watershed planning.

Roll Call Vote, 4/2, Kish and Crawford voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

7. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the GASB Administrative Services Agreement with Burnham & Flower Group, Inc.; and authorize the Township Clerk to sign the Agreement.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Calculation of the Annual Required Contribution by use of the Alternate Method, as prescribed under GASB 45.
* Part of our Audit Requirement

Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- 60 Day Gag Order regarding local ballot issues - Hearing on February 4th 2016 in front of a Federal Judge
- DTE and the tree trimming efforts within the Township
 - * Lengthy discussion re: possibility of future tree removal/maintenance fund (i.e., Special Assessment, Tax Millage, etc.)
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CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Mark Smith spoke regarding a Policy in Troy, Michigan, that requires the removal of dangerous trees. He also noted those residents also receive an insurance break for removing those types of trees.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Reynolds, to adjourn. Time, 7:57 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED.**



ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, CMMC
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

JORJA BALDWIN, SUPERVISOR
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP