

MEMBERS PRESENT: BALDWIN, REYNOLDS, CRAWFORD, BRADLEY, KISH, BRUCKNER AND KELLY
 MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE
 ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF

Motion by Kelly, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of June 3rd, 2015, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: * NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Agenda, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$	<u>1,921,849.41</u>
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	<u>593,944.00</u>
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	<u>393,712.97</u>
TRASH/RECYCLING FUND	\$	<u>357,344.69</u>
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	<u>91,552.70</u>
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	<u>1,127,400.09</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u>4,485,803.86</u>
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$	<u>1,901,573.48</u>
GENERAL INVESTMENTS	\$	<u>304,949.09</u>
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	\$	<u>152,449.84</u>
UTILITY BOND MONEY MARKET	\$	<u>42,788.96</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$	<u>6,887,565.23</u>

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kelly, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 6,887,565.23.**

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$	<u>28,802.79</u>
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	<u>2,207.53</u>
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	<u>56,581.62</u>
TRASH/RECYCLING FUND	\$	<u>0.00</u>
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	<u>17.75</u>
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	<u>7,522.69</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u>95,132.38</u>
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MUNICIPAL BLDG. CONST.)	\$	<u>207,632.29</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$	<u>302,764.67</u>

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Kelly, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 302,764.67.**

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

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT: Given by representative of Sheriff Department: Captain Muxlow.

Total Calls for Service for the month of May, 2014, (416). Number of Patrol Hours, (948). 24 Animal Complaint; 1 Assault & Battery; 31 Assist Other Depts.; 42 Assist Public; 4 B&E/Building; 31 B&E/Alarm; 5 Child Abuse/Neglect; 12 Disorderly Persons; 17 Domestic Assault; 3 Fraud; 72 Harassment & Threats; 4 Juvenile; 8 Larceny; 4 MDOP; 1 Narcotics; 6 PI Traffic Crash; 31 PD Traffic Crash; 22 Retail Fraud; 4 Stolen Vehicle; 33 Suspicious Incidents; 6 Trespasser; 120 Misc. Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hang-ups, etc...; 117 Traffic Stops; 69 Tickets Issued.

Brief discussion regarding State Police presence in Township.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total runs for the month of May, 2015, (141). Fort Gratiot Township: 89 Medical Emergencies; 16 Alarm/Fire; 1 CO Alarm; 2 Wire Down/Arcing; 8 Fire/Misc.; 3 Fire/Structure; 7 Personal Injury Accidents; 2 Mutual Aid; 8 6 Overtime. Clyde Township: 7 Medical Emergencies. Total Personnel, 141. Total Cost, \$ 23,347.50.

Brief discussion regarding Unit 95 (Aerial Ladder Truck) repairs; and Mutual Aid calls.

PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of May, 2015, (16). 12 Mechanical; 4 Plumbing. Total Fees, \$ 3,119.00.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of May, 2015, (28). 2 Residential Addition / Alteration/Repair (Val. \$267,000); 13 Residential Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. \$79,198); 2 Fence; 2 Deck/Porch (Val. \$1,500); 2 Pools (Val. \$7,500); 4 Commercial Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. \$1,110,000); 3 Signs (Val. \$20,750). Total Valuation, \$ 1,485,948.00. Total Fees, \$ 10,030.25.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of May, 2015, (12). Total Fees, \$ 2,221.00.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: Total complaints in the month of May, 2015, (22). 10 Blight; 8 Unlicensed Vehicles; 4 Misc. Ordinance Violations.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. St. Clair County Parks & Recreation Commission's letter of approval for the "Request for Millage Distribution".

Motion by Baldwin, seconded by Kelly, to accept report(s) and correspondence, as given. Vote, Unanimous.
MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC HEARING, CONTINUED: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to approve extending the Medical Marihuana Moratorium (Ord. No. 204), for a period of one year.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Ordinance 204 was effective 06/02/2010

Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to accept the Letter of Resignation from Jeffery Baron, from the Township Planning Commission, effective immediately. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

3. Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Bradley, to set the Public Hearing Date to hear citizen comments, questions and/or objections to the Proposed Township-Wide Law Enforcement Services Special Assessment District; and adopt Resolution No. 1, *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COST ESTIMATES FOR 2015 - 2017 TOWNSHIP-WIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT*; and Resolution No. 2, *RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CREATE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR TOWNSHIP-WIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR A CONTRACT PERIOD TO COVER 2015-2017*.

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:
- * Contract period covering 2015 - 2016 - 2017
 - * Ordinance Enforcement
 - * Previously a three (3) year millage. Millage didn't raise enough money to cover Contract costs. Millage was charged to all Real and Personal Property within the Township.
 - * Fund Balance
 - * Special Assessment to be charged to all Real Property within the Township. Public Hearing to continue Special Assessment District for Law Enforcement Services will be held annually, just as the Fire Protection Special Assessment.
 - * Phasing out of Personal Property taxes.
 - * MTA recommendation, statewide, is that essential services should be under Special Assessment rather than a millage.
 - * Special Assessments based on a rate times Taxable Value of a Real Property.

Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTIONS 1 & 2, ADOPTED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Dave Norris regarding the Law Enforcement Services Special Assessment vs. Millage.

Mr. Marlar regarding the Law Enforcement Contract and making information available to the public. (i.e., cost, coverage).

The Board clarified that this will be a change to the way funds are collected, only. It will, in no way, affect the contract coverage we currently have.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Lisa Shagena, Assistant Assessor, has received notification that she has successfully passed the State Tax Commission's Michigan Advanced Assessing Officer Level (3) examination and is eligible to apply to the Advanced Level Program.
- Finalist (1 of 15) for the Nationwide "Bark for Your Park" Dog Park Contest. June 20th, 10:30 a.m., a promotional video will be made at the future site on Parker Road. Anyone with a licensed, vaccinated dog is invited to attend and be a part of this video.
- Cruise Nite on June 26th. Fireworks Display at the Kettlewell Pond on June 27th. Volunteers needed to secure area from 5 p.m. to approximately 11 p.m.
- Grant monies available for Little League to put ball diamonds in on Parker Road with proper Lease and Agreement with Township. An Agreement will be brought to the Board for review and possible approval, at a later date.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Reynolds, to adjourn. Time, 8:00 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