MEMBERS PRESENT: REYNOLDS, CRAWFORD, BRADLEY, KISH, BRUCKNER AND KELLY

MEMBERS ABSENT: BALDWIN

ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF
BILL SHAGENA, ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER & LISA SHAGENA, ASSISTANT ASSESSOR

Motion by Kish, seconded by Reynolds, to designate Clerk Crawford as acting Chairperson in the absence of Supervisor Baldwin. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of July 1st, 2015, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** * NONE

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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| GENERAL FUND | $ | 1,918,682.74 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND | $ | 480,139.33 |
| POLICE PROTECTION FUND | $ | 337,235.11 |
| TRASH/RECYCLING FUND | $ | 357,344.69 |
| BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND | $ | 86,947.74 |
| UTILITY RECEIVING FUND | $ | 1,239,265.41 |
| TOTAL | $ | 4,419,615.02 |
| MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS | $ | 1,690,273.73 |
| GENERAL INVESTMENTS | $ | 305,004.67 |
| PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT | $ | 152,493.37 |
| UTILITY BOND MONEY MARKET | $ | 42,790.84 |
| GRAND TOTAL | $ | 6,610,177.63 |

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kelly, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 6/0.
**MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF $ 6,610,177.63.**

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:**

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| GENERAL FUND | | $ | 14,666.63 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND | | $ | 2,428.03 |
| POLICE PROTECTION FUND | | $ | 56,424.82 |
| TRASH/RECYCLING FUND | | $ | 0.00 |
| BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND | | $ | 0.00 |
| UTILITY RECEIVING FUND | | $ | 7,261.51 |
| TOTAL | | $ | 80,780.99 |
| MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS | (MUNICIPAL BLDG. CONST.) | $ | 21,592.70 |
| | (UTILITY MAINT. & IMP.) | $ | 103,754.01 |
| GRAND TOTAL | | $ | 206,127.70 |

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
**BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF $ 206,127.70.**

* 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 June, 2015, (439). Number of Patrol Hours, (932). 23 Animal Complaint; 1 Assault & Battery; 27 Assist Other Depts.; 36 Assist Public; 3 B&E/Building; 4 B&E/Vehicle; 38 B&E/Alarm; 3 Child Abuse/Neglect; 13 Disorderly Persons; 16 Domestic Assault; 8 Fraud; 13 Harassment & Threats; 4 Juvenile; 6 Larceny; 2 MDOP; 2 Narcotics; 6 PI Traffic Crash; 42 PD Traffic Crash; 15 Retail Fraud; 2 Sex Offense; 28 Suspicious Incidents; 3 Trespasser; 144 Misc. Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hangups, etc...; 109 Traffic Stops; 42 Tickets Issued.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total runs for the month of June, 2015, (144). Fort Gratiot Township: 88 Medical Emergencies; 12 Alarm/Fire; 2 CO Alarm; 3 Wire Down/Arcing; 6 Fire/Misc.; 2 Fire/Structure; 6 Personal Injury Accidents; 3 Mutual Aid; 11 Overtime. Clyde Township: 7 Medical Emergencies; 1 Wire Down/Arcing; 2 Fire/Misc.; 1 Personal Injury Accident. Total Personnel, 1,376. Total Cost, $ 23,550.00.

**PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of June, 2015, (13). 10 Mechanical; 3 Plumbing. Total Fees, $ 2,256.00.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of June, 2015, (29). 1 New Home (Val. 200,000); 7 Residential Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. $111,591); 3 Residential Accessory Structure (Val. $2,000); 3 Fence; 3 Deck/Porch (Val. $2,000); 2 Pools; 1 AG Zoning Compliance; 1 New Commercial Structure (Val. $600,000); 4 Commercial Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. $508,466); 3 Signs (Val. $13,540). Total Valuation, $ 1,437,597.00. Total Fees, $ 7,094.00.

**ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of June, 2015, (3). Total Fees, $ 3,768.00.

**ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:** Total complaints in the month of June, 2015, (49). 9 Blight; 25 High Grass/Noxious Weeds; 11 Unlicensed Vehicles; 4 Misc. Ordinance Violations.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter from Johnnie Johnson & Mary Ann Johnson, Devonshire Road (Dated: July 3, 2015), stating they agree that the Sheriff Department protection be funded through a millage.
2. Thank You Letter, from Rocket Enterprise, Inc., for the purchase and installation of the flagpole for the Fort Gratiot Municipal Center.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):** NONE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR POLICE PROTECTION MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL:

POLICE PROTECTION MILLAGE

"Shall the limitation on the total amount of all taxes which may be levied against all real and personal taxable property in Fort Gratiot Charter Township, St. Clair County, Michigan, be increased up to 2 mills from the previous 1.5 mills of the taxable value ($ 2.00 per $1,000 of State Taxable Value) as finally equalized for the next four (4) years, to expire in 2018, for the purpose of providing funds estimated to be $870,233 for the first year of the levy, for police protection within the Township for a period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2019?"

POINTS OF DISCUSSION:

* Two (2) years remaining on current Sheriff Department Contract
* Allows Township to levy **up to** 2 mills, but the Board can levy any amount less than that. It gives the Board leeway to cover the cost for Police Protection depending on property values. If 2 mills aren't needed to cover the cost, as in the past, the Board doesn't need to assess it. Reviewed on an annual basis and voted on, annually, by the Township Board at a public meeting.
* Effect of Michigan Tax Tribunals on Millages.
* Contract negotiations (ex. In 2005 the Township was paying $685,000.00 for Police Protection; currently, we are paying $672,000.00. Negotiations have brought those costs down; and property values are beginning to increase again.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to adopt the *Resolution for Police Protection Millage Proposal*. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** NONE

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- Sledding Hill.
- Fire Works Display update.
- Update on construction of Municipal Office Center.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to adjourn. Time, 7:33 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED.**

ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, CMMC
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

RCC/JB/vo

JORJA BALDWIN, SUPERVISOR
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP