

MEMBERS PRESENT: REYNOLDS, CRAWFORD, BRADLEY, KISH, BRUCKNER AND KELLY
 MEMBERS ABSENT: BALDWIN (LATE ARRIVAL - 7:05 P.M.)
 ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF
 BOB CRAWFORD, PARKS DIRECTOR

Motion by Kish, seconded by Reynolds, to appoint Crawford as acting Chairperson until Supervisor Baldwin arrives. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

Motion by Kish, seconded by Kelly, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of September 18th, 2013, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: * NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Agenda, with the addition of Item #5, NEW BUSINESS: APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES (DISCIPLINARY & NEGOTIATIONS). Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. AGENDA APPROVED, AS AMENDED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$	1,124,994.70
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	1,803,441.57
CEMETERY FUND	\$	11,482.99
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	505,033.21
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	60,287.50
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	398,861.54
TRASH FUND	\$	151,127.00
TOTAL	\$	4,055,228.51
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$	3,058,759.47
GENERAL INVESTMENTS	\$	2,200,298.09
UTILITY RECEIVING INVESTMENTS	\$	171,782.45
UTILITY BOND INVESTMENTS	\$	42,748.08
GRAND TOTAL	\$	9,528,816.60

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 \$ 9,528,816.60.**

7:05 P.M. - SUPERVISOR BALDWIN ARRIVED.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$	20,682.43
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	101,591.25
CEMETERY FUND	\$	151.33
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	2,126.44
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	1,266.94
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	0.00
TRASH FUND	\$	0.00
TOTAL	\$	125,818.39

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 125,818.39.**

* According to Section 6 of the Charter Township of Fort Gratiot By-Laws adopted 07/20/2003.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. St. Clair County Board of Public Works and Board of County Road Commissioner's September 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes.
2. Upcoming Meetings / Workshops / Seminars / Events:
 - St. Clair County Chapter MTA's Fall Meeting, October 17th at the Grant Township Hall, Jeddo at 11:30 a.m.
 - First Annual Governmental Golf Outing (Net proceeds to benefit United Way), October 19th at 1 p.m. at the Marysville Golf Course.
 - MTA's October Workshops to examine township finances, effective board meetings and board roles, October 29-30 at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth.

Motion by Baldwin, seconded by Kelly, to accept correspondence, as given. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fire Chief's request to consider a ten (10%) percent increase to the Fire Protection Special Assessment (from 1.65 mills to 1.815 mills/\$1,000 TV) for the 2014 Budget Year:

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: *

- * Estimated 2014 Revenue with increase = \$ 682,323.00 at a rate of 1.815 mills/\$1,000 TV
\$ 620,294.00 at a current rate of 1.65 mills/\$1,000 TV
- * Revenue loss due to decreased property values & Legal fees for Michigan Tax Tribunal hearings. Almost \$25,000 below budgeted revenue.
- * Ten (10) Year Plan.
- * Possibility of charging non-residents for services.
- * Clyde Township Mutual Aid Agreement
- * Percentage of 2013 Budget Expenditures
- * ISO Rating
- * Equipment replacement and Maintenance Program
- * Review by Township Auditor

Motion by Kish, seconded by Kelly, to consider the Fire Chief's request for a ten (10%) percent increase (from 1.65 mills to 1.815 mills/\$1,000 TV) for the 2014 Budget Year. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. **NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE REQUEST TO HIRE PART-TIME SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE, FROM MARCH THRU NOVEMBER, AT A RATE OF \$10.00/HOUR, NOT TO EXCEED 30 HOURS PER WEEK:**
3. Motion by Kish, seconded by Baldwin, to approve the Proposal/Contract with Goddard Coatings Sport Surfaces for resurfacing & striping two (2) tennis courts and two (2) Picklball Courts at North River Road Park, in the amount of \$8,725.00; and authorize the Township Clerk to sign the Contract. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
4. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to accept the Introduction of Proposed Ordinance No. 211, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FORT GRATIOT, COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR, STATE OF MICHIGAN, CHAPTER 38 ZONING, ARTICLE III DISTRICT REGULATIONS, REPEALING THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9, C-2 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS IN IT'S ENTIRETY AND ENACTING A NEW DIVISION 9, C-2 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS, as recommended by the Township Planning Commission and St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission, in order to meet needs of community and because the revisions and updates are consistent with the Township and County Master Plans. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. INTRODUCTION OF ORD. 211, ACCEPTED.**

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

5. PROPOSED COMMITTEES:

Motion by Baldwin, seconded by Bradley, to appoint Crawford, Kish and Baldwin to the Disciplinary Committee, through December 31, 2014. Roll Call Vote, 7/0.

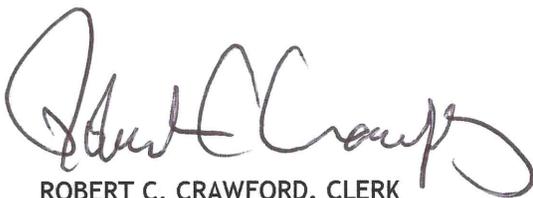
Motion by Baldwin, seconded by Kish, to appoint Baldwin, Reynolds and Crawford to the Union Negotiations Committee. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: NONE

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Budget Work Session - October 16th, 2013 meeting to start at 6:00 p.m., beginning with Fire Department.
- Bedford Road & Devonshire Road repaved.
- Carrigan Road Bridge culverts on site.
- October MTA deadline.

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Bruckner, to adjourn. Time, 8:12 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED.**



ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FORT GRATIOT

JORJA BALDWIN, SUPERVISOR
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FORT GRATIOT