

MEMBERS PRESENT: BALDWIN, REYNOLDS, CRAWFORD, KISH, BRUCKNER AND KELLY  
 MEMBERS ABSENT: BRADLEY  
 ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF  
 BILL SHAGENA, ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER & LISA SHAGENA, ASSISTANT ASSESSOR

7:00 O'CLOCK P.M. - SUPERVISOR OPENS PUBLIC HEARINGS TO REVIEW COST ESTIMATES FOR THE VELMA DRIVE ANNUAL ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; AND TOWNSHIP-AT-LARGE HIGHWAY LIGHTING AND INDIVIDUAL LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS; and continued with the Regular Agenda, at this time.

Motion by Kelly, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: \* NONE

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

GENERAL	\$	1,794,266.64
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$	341,792.58
POLICE	\$	176,766.68
TRASH/RECYCLING	\$	215,502.48
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	\$	85,728.38
UTILITY RECEIVING	\$	1,410,341.88
TOTAL	\$	4,024,398.64
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$	1,194,304.40
GENERAL INVESTMENTS	\$	41,551.06
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT INVESTMENTS	\$	152,538.36
UTILITY BOND MONEY MARKET	\$	42,792.86
GRAND TOTAL	\$	5,455,585.32

Motion by Kelly, seconded by Bruckner, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 5,455,585.32.

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:**

GENERAL	\$	28,701.56
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$	23,500.79
POLICE	\$	456.30
TRASH/RECYCLING	\$	0.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	\$	759.84
UTILITY RECEIVING	\$	18,671.56
TOTAL	\$	72,090.05
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MUNICIPAL BLDG. CONST.)	\$	107,773.07
(BRACE/TICE BOND DEBT)	\$	105.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$	179,968.12

Motion by Kish, seconded by Kelly, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter from Grant Township congratulating Fort Gratiot Township on the new Municipal Office Center.
2. Michigan Township Participating Plan's *The Par Plan News* (Issue 121 - October, 2015)

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

**PUBLIC HEARING(S), CONTINUED:**

1. PROPOSED 2015 VELMA DRIVE ANNUAL ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (FOR 2016):

GRADE THREE (3) TIMES AND APPLY TWO (2) 1,000 GALLONS OF 21% CHLORIDE		
	2015	
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	40.00	PER PARCEL
INTEREST AMOUNT (2%)	0.80	IF PAID AFTER 10/31/2015
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	40.80	BILLED ON WINTER TAX NOTICE (12/01/2015)

Supervisor Baldwin asked for citizen comments, questions and/or objections, at this time. Not one was heard.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Reynolds, to close the Public Hearing to review and hear comments, questions and/or objections to the Proposed 2015 Velma Drive Annual Maintenance Special Assessment District (for the year 2016). Time, 7:10 p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.**

- BOARD DISCUSSION:
- \* Residents seem to be happy with the maintenance
  - \* Last year's assessment was a little higher because stone was included.
  - \* This does not include snow removal. Velma Drive is a Private Road.

Motion by Kelly, seconded by Bruckner, to accept the cost estimates provided by the St. Clair County Road Commission, in the amount of \$1,000.00; adopt the 2015 Resolution Confirming the Special Assessment Roll for Velma Drive Annual Road Maintenance (\$1,000.00). Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. PROPOSED 2015 TOWNSHIP-AT-LARGE HIGHWAY LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; AND THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS:

Township-at-Large Highway Lighting	\$	41,827.39
Angus Road	\$	1,233.17
Bardamar Drive	\$	5,056.26
Connie Lane	\$	616.59
Connie Woods Condominium Subdivision	\$	1,686.86
Fairway Drive	\$	3,699.51
Grace Road	\$	822.11
Grant Avenue	\$	822.11
Greenview Circle	\$	4,048.27
Hidden Forrest Subdivision Phase I	\$	1,686.78
Janice Avenue	\$	6,518.34
Lake Huron Manor Subdivision (Maplewood, Elmwood & Manor)	\$	2,671.87
Lakeshore Terrace	\$	2,745.48
Lomar Drive	\$	1,233.17
Milton Road	\$	616.59
Old Farm Subdivision	\$	21,724.80
Parker Road	\$	411.06
Pollina Avenue	\$	616.86
Shoreview Subdivision (Shoreview Dr., N. Shoreview Dr., S. Shoreview Dr. & San Juan Dr., between N. & S. Shoreview Dr.)	\$	1,879.92
Spartan Drive	\$	4,722.99
Stoney Creek I	\$	3,036.21
Stoney Creek II	\$	2,698.85
Stoney Creek III	\$	3,036.21
Stoney Creek IV	\$	6,072.41
Stoney Creek V	\$	2,698.85
Stoney Creek VI	\$	3,036.21
Teeple Avenue	\$	411.06
Watson Drive	\$	375.97
	\$	126,005.90

**PUBLIC HEARING(S), ITEM #2, CONTINUED:**

Supervisor Baldwin asked for citizen comments, questions and/or objections, at this time:

Mr. Marlar asked how the charge is based for Township-at-Large Highway Lighting. He also asked if it included parking lot lights. The Board explained that the Highway-at-Large Lighting Assessment is based a millage rate on taxable value. Parking lot lights are not a part of the Township-at-Large Highway Lighting.

A brief discussion was held regarding the Gas Streetlights within Old Farm Subdivision and Lakeshore Terrace.

After hearing no further comments, questions and/or objections, a Motion was made by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to close the Public Hearing to review and hear comments, questions and/or objections to the Township-at-Large Highway Lighting Assessment District; and the individual Lighting Assessment Districts listed, above. Time, 7:12 p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.**

Motion by Kish, seconded by Kelly, to accept the cost estimates provided and adopt the 2015 Resolution Designating Lighting Assessment Districts and Special Assessment Roll for the Township-at-Large Highway Lighting (\$41,827.39); and Individual Lighting Assessment Districts, as noted above, totaling \$126,005.90. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Kish, seconded by Crawford, to approve the Fire Department Membership's request to hire Patricia Reeves as a Probationary Member on the Fort Gratiot Fire Department.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Chief Smith introduced Patricia Reeves to the Board  
\* Discussed required training and certification for Full Paid on Call Membership

Roll Call Vote, 5/1, Kelly voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to set the Public Hearing date to review and hear comments, questions and/or objections to the Proposed Residential Solid Waste / Yard Waste and Bi-Weekly Curbside Recycling Collection and Disposal Special Assessment District for the 2016 Contract on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m.; and authorize the publication of the Public Hearing.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Possibility of expanding curbside recycling to weekly, rather than bi-weekly, at no increase in cost.  
\* Community participation

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

3. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the DPW Superintendent's request to send Tyler Peters (S3) and Ryan Radigan (S2) to the Water Certification Review Courses on October 21-22, 2015, in Novi, Michigan, at a cost of \$ 245.00 each. (Total Cost - \$ 490.00). Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

**NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:**

4. ASSESSING DEPARTMENTS REQUEST TO APPROVE SENDING LISA SHAGENA AND COLLEEN CARGO TO THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL COURSES:

- LISA SHAGENA & COLLEEN CARGO - St. Clair County Assessor's Association Personal Property Update for 2016 Assessments (4 Hour Continuing Education Course) at the St. Clair County Building on November 5, 2015. (\$ 20.00 each)
- LISA SHAGENA - Oakland County Association of Assessing Officer's PRE & Transfer of Ownership Course, (8 Hour Continuing Education Class), on November 12, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in Lake Orion. (Cost - \$ 45.00 + mileage).

Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Kelly, to approve the Assessing Department's request to send Lisa Shagena and Colleen Cargo to the above noted Continuing Education Courses during the month of November, 2015, at a total cost of \$85.00, plus mileage and expenses for Mrs. Shagena. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- Schedule Budget Work Sessions - Special Meeting Workshops, open to the public, October 21, November 4 & November 18 at 6:00 p.m., prior to Regular scheduled meetings.
- Health Insurance and Property Insurance costs.
- Dog Park Update & Fundraising
- Scarecrow Saturday
- Ice Rink / Sledding Hill
- Thanked Dick Edie for his donation of fresh flowers to the new Municipal Office Center.
- Blue Water Transit Ribbon Cutting November 6<sup>th</sup> for the new Transit Center
- Amtrak Train Depot
- Demolition of former Township Office Building

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

Dick Edie offered congratulations on the new building. Feels the new center will serve our community today, tomorrow and for many years to come.

Trustee Bruckner thanked Jorja, Rob and Judi for their wonderful oversight of the construction of the new Municipal Office Center.

Lisa Shagena also complimented the administration, as well as the Township Employees.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Kelly, to adjourn. Time, 8:06 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