

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

7:00 O'CLOCK P.M. - SUPERVISOR OPENS PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR VELMA DRIVE ANNUAL GRAVEL & SEASONAL MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; TOWNSHIP-AT-LARGE HIGHWAY LIGHTING AND INDIVIDUAL LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS; AND RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE/YARD WASTE AND BI-WEEKLY CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION & DISPOSAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT. CONTINUED WITH THE REGULAR AGENDA, AT THIS TIME.

Motion by Kelly, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of October 1st, 2014, 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	\$	627,542.56
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	306,020.50
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	269,505.28
TRASH/RECYCLING FUND	\$	189,044.43
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	91,036.89
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	1,126,904.46
TOTAL	\$	2,610,054.12
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$	4,622,036.31
GENERAL INVESTMENTS	\$	303,440.29
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	\$	152,091.29
UTILITY MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT	\$	251,510.34
UTILITY RECEIVING MONEY MARKET	\$	172,098.04
UTILITY BOND MONEY MARKET	\$	42,769.48
GRAND TOTAL	\$	8,153,999.87

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 \$ 8,153,999.87.**

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$	14,380.11
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	2,499.83
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	55,962.37
TRASH/RECYCLING FUND	\$	42,994.56
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	408,110.06
TOTAL	\$	523,946.93
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MUNICIPAL BLDG.)	\$	104,614.02
(UTILITY MAINT. & IMP.)	\$	308,091.40
GRAND TOTAL	\$	936,652.35

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Kish, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 936,652.35.**

* 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: Capt. Muxlow.

Total Calls for Service for the month of September, 2014, (412). Number of Patrol Hours, (900). 13 Animal Complaint; 4 Assault & Battery; 53 Assist Other Depts.; 20 Assist Public; 3 B&E/Building; 2 B&E/Vehicle; 30 B&E/Alarm; 1 Child Abuse/Neglect; 12 Disorderly Persons; 14 Domestic Assault; 17 Fraud; 9 Harassment & Threats; 2 Juvenile; 8 Larceny; 6 MDOP; 5 Narcotics; 1 PI Traffic Crash; 29 PD Traffic Crash; 17 Retail Fraud; 1 Stolen Vehicle; 41 Suspicious Incidents; 8 Trespasser; 116 Misc. Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hangups, etc...; 112 Traffic Stops; 53 Tickets Issued; 20 Township Tickets Issued.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total runs for the month of September, 2014, (110). Fort Gratiot Township: 73 Medical Emergencies; 1 Fire/Structure; 6 Alarm/Fire; 1 Wire Down/Arcing; 8 Fire/Misc.; 3 Personal Injury Accidents; 13 1 Mutual Aid; 4 13 Overtime Calls. Clyde Township: 5 Medical Emergencies. Total Personnel, 1,039. Total Cost, \$ 20,587.50.

PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of September, 2014, (13). 9 Mechanical; 4 Plumbing. Total Fees, \$ 2,386.00.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of September, 2014, (24). 9 Residential Addition / Alteration/Repair (Val. \$49,567); 4 Residential Accessory Structure (Val. \$38,299); 3 Fence; 1 Deck/Porch; 1 Pool (Val. \$54,500). 1 Misc. Zoning Compliance; 1 New Commercial Structure (Val. \$750,000); 3 Commercial Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. \$63,600); 2 Sign (Val. \$3,750). Total Valuation, \$ 209,716.00. Total Fees, \$ 2,347.75.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of September, 2014, (7). Total Fees, \$ 1,049.00.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: Total complaints in the month of September, 2014, (10). 1 Blight; 2 High Grass/Noxious Weeds; 7 Unlicensed Vehicles.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notification from COMCAST regarding changes to channel line-up, effective December 18, 2014; as well as their compliance to PA 480 of 2006, Section 9(4).

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

PUBLIC HEARING, CONTINUED:

1. REVIEW AND HEAR COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND/OR OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED 2014/2015 VELMA DRIVE ANNUAL GRAVEL AND SEASONAL MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT:

OPTION 1: COST ESTIMATE RECEIVED 09/16/2014 TO GRADE 3 TIMES, SPREAD 208 TONS OF DOLAMITE LIMESTONE AND APPLY 2 APPLICATIONS (1,000 GAL.) OF 21% CHLORIDE = \$ 4,500.00;
OR
OPTION 2: COST ESTIMATE RECEIVED 10/02/2014 GRADE 3 TIMES / APPLY 2 APPLICATIONS (1,000 GAL.) CHLORIDE = \$ 1,000.00

	WITH GRAVEL 2014	WITHOUT GRAVEL 2014	
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	180.00	40.00	PER PARCEL
INTEREST AMOUNT (2%)	3.60	0.80	IF PAID AFTER 10/31/2014
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	183.60	40.80	BILLED ON WINTER TAX NOTICE (12/01/2014)

Supervisor Baldwin asked for citizen comments, questions and/or objections to the Proposed 2014/2015 Velma Drive Annual Gravel and Seasonal Maintenance Special Assessment District, at this time. Not one was hear.

Supervisor Baldwin explained the differences between Options 1 and 2; and it was pointed out that not one citizen, from Velma Drive, was present. The only citizen that had contacted the Township came in with a concern if the cost is higher than last year; and he actually wanted to make his payment that day, however, the cost hadn't been determined yet.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEM #1, CONTINUED:

It was pointed out that the notice, sent to the residents, included both options.

The Road Commission has suggested one (1) more year of gravel to create a good base layer.

After hearing no further comments, questions and/or objections, a Motion was made by Kish, seconded by Kelly, to close the Public Hearing for the 2014/2015 Velma Drive Annual Gravel and Seasonal Maintenance Special Assessment District. Time, 7:10. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

KISH - Based on the professional recommendation from the Road Commission, and to maintain the integrity of the road, he would suggest approving Option 1, in the amount of \$4,500.00 or \$183.60/parcel.

BRADLEY - With all the past problems we have had with this road, feels we should get more gravel for another year to add to the base; we can go with just maintenance next year.

BALDWIN - Would hate to lose the work that has been put into it. It's in good shape and to go backwards is just going to cost more in the long run.

CRAWFORD - As a health and safety issue for the Velma Drive residents, feels it is important to keep gravel and maintenance on the road. Residents got mail delivery 52 weeks out of the year, whereas, in the past their mail service was suspended mail delivery couldn't get down the road.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley to accept the cost estimates provided for Option 1; and adopt the 2014/2015 Resolution Confirming the 2014 Special Assessment Roll in the amount of \$4,500.00 (\$180.00 + Int.) per parcel. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

2. REVIEW AND HEAR COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND/OR OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED 2014 TOWNSHIP-AT-LARGE HIGHWAY LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; AND INDIVIDUAL LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS, AS FOLLOWS:

Township-at-Large Highway Lighting	\$	41,745.53
Angus Road	\$	1,230.75
Bardamar Drive	\$	5,258.96
Connie Lane	\$	615.38
Connie Woods Condominium Subdivision	\$	1,683.48
Fairway Drive	\$	3,692.27
Grace Road	\$	820.51
Grant Avenue	\$	820.51
Greenview Circle	\$	4,040.35
Hidden Forrest Subdivision Phase I	\$	1,683.48
Lake Huron Manor Subdivision (Maplewood, Elmwood & Manor)	\$	2,666.64
Lakeshore Terrace	\$	3,685.58
Lomar Drive	\$	1,230.76
Milton Road	\$	615.38
Old Farm Subdivision	\$	39,993.64
Parker Road	\$	410.25
Pollina Avenue	\$	615.65
Shoreview Subdivision (Shoreview Dr., N. Shoreview Dr., S. Shoreview Dr. & San Juan Dr., between N. & S. Shoreview Dr.)	\$	1,876.24
Spartan Drive	\$	4,713.74
Stoney Creek I	\$	3,030.26
Stoney Creek II	\$	2,693.57
Stoney Creek III	\$	3,030.25
Stoney Creek IV	\$	6,060.53
Stoney Creek V	\$	2,693.57
Stoney Creek VI	\$	3,030.25
Teepie Avenue	\$	410.25
Watson Drive	\$	375.24

Brief discussion regarding Old Farm Subdivision Lighting Assessment District. Cost of gas vs. electric and residents' preference for the gas light ambiance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEM #2, CONTINUED:

Supervisor Baldwin asked for citizen comments, questions and/or objections to the 2014 Township-at-Large Highway Lighting and Individual Lighting Assessment Districts.

William Shanahan, Old Forge Drive - Recently move here and doesn't think the gas lights are that bright; used to brighter lights. Doesn't see that residents are getting as much benefit as they could, but he does hear from people saying that they do light the gas lights.

Supervisor Baldwin noted she is a resident of Old Farm Subdivision. She feels the cost of electric would be substantially less than gas. She doesn't like the smell of the gas lights and she doesn't like the fact that they can and have caught on fire. She has also gotten feedback from neighbors who like the ambiance of the gas lights. Gas lights don't give off much light; she noted a rash of vehicle break-ins recently.

Supervisor Baldwin noted that replacement of the lights within Old Farm Subdivision ranges from \$2,800 - \$4,000.

Clerk Crawford stated residents of the Old Farm Subdivision would have to petition the Township to change the Lighting Assessment District and change or covert to electric.

The construction assessment, if converted to electric, would cost more the first couple years than what residents are currently paying for gas lights; however, once the construction was paid off, the electrical cost would be substantially less.

After hearing no further comments, questions and/or objections, a Motion was made by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to close the Public Hearing for the Township-at-Large Highway Lighting and Individual Lighting Assessment Districts. Time, 7:23. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.**

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to accept the cost estimates provided and adopt the 2014 Resolution Designating Lighting Assessment Districts an Special Assessment Roll for the Township-at-Large Highway Lighting (\$41,745.53) and Individual Lighting Assessment Districts (\$96,977.52), noted above, totaling \$138,723.05 on the December, 2014 Property Tax Notice. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

3. REVIEW AND HEAR COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND/OR OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED SOLID WASTE / YARD WASTE AND BI-WEEKLY CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE 2015 CONTRACT YEAR. (\$154.21 /UNIT ASSESSED AGAINST SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING, TWO (2) SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS; OR A TWO (2) FAMILY DWELLING):

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:
- * The cost shown includes the landfill tonnage increase that is being charged by St. Clair County. This reflects a ten (\$10.00) dollar increase.
 - * MTA has indicated that Lansing is considering an increase to the "Tipping Fee", which is a fee per ton at the landfill. They want to use funds made from this increase to spread throughout communities to promote and encourage recycling.
 - * Recycling saves on tonnage being taken to landfills, thereby saving money on the tonnage fees charged. Fort Gratiot Township recycled 76 tons, as of June 30th, 2014.
 - * Another variable cost is fuel.
 - * \$15,000 carryover available in this fund. Board Members discussed reducing the increase to \$7.00; and encourage residents to recycle. This could potentially save even more money from the tonnage fee.

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

After hearing no further comments, questions and/or objections, a Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to close the Public Hearing to review and hear comments, questions and/or objections to the Proposed Solid Waste / Yard Waste and Bi-Weekly Curbside Recycling Collection and Disposal Special Assessment Roll for the 2015 Contract Year. Time, 7:34 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.**

Motion by Kish, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the Solid Waste / Yard Waste and Bi-Weekly Curbside Recycling Collection and Disposal Special Assessment, in the amount of \$ 151.21 per unit assessed against all Single-Family Dwellings, Two (2) Single Family Dwellings; or a Two (2) Family Dwelling; and to adopt the *2014 Resolution Confirming the Special Assessment Roll*. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FIRE CHIEF'S REQUEST TO PURCHASE FOUR (4) TASK FORCE TIPS - G FORCE NOZZLES AT A COST OF \$495.00 EACH, (TOTAL \$1,980.00), FROM TIME EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT:

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Budgeted Item to replace nozzles that are approximately 20 years old.

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the Fire Chief's request to purchase four (4) Task Force Tips - G Force Nozzles at a cost of \$495.00 each (Totaling \$1,980.00). Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Mike Levey asked if the Police Millage will be changed over to a Special Assessment?

Treasurer Reynolds explained that the Board will begin that in 2016. The current Millage is good through this year and will be on the December (WINTER) Property Bill.

Supervisor Baldwin stated the process will begin in January of 2016. Residents will be notified and Public Hearings will be held.

Dave Norris asked about the \$11.00 water rate increase in Port Huron and how it will affect Township residents?

Supervisor Baldwin stated, it's not. She thinks we'll see a percentage increase, but the \$11.00 flat fee cannot be passed on to the Township. It is a debt collection for the infrastructure that we cannot be a party to. We cannot pay for roads and curbs in the City of Port Huron. ("Utility Enterprise Fee"). As far as the Township's percentage increase on water usage, she should have an official figure tomorrow morning.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- New DPW Pick-up truck was hit and run today. A Police Report has been taken.
- State study, on October 8th, 2014, at State Road/Keewahdin Road intersection. They still say that, based on accidents and traffic, a traffic signal is still not warranted.
- Keewahdin Road sewer project - 3 week extension. Residents have stopped by the office inquiring when they can hook-up. Resolution adopting Fee-in-Lieu of Assessment should be on next Agenda. Teltow Construction has indicated, as far as yard restoration, all of the asphalt and/or concrete driveways on the West side of Parker Road will be done yet this year, but a lot of the yard repair probably won't happen until next spring.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Kelly, to adjourn. Time, 7:50 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED.



ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, CMMC
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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