

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: KISH

ALSO PRESENT: BOB CRAWFORD, PARKS DIRECTOR
 LISA SHAGENA, ASSISTANT ASSESSOR

7:00 O'CLOCK P.M. - Supervisor opened Public Hearings for: 1) Township-Wide Residential Solid Waste & Yard Waste Collection & Disposal Special Assessment District; and 2) Township-At-Large Highway Lighting Assessment District and individual Lighting Assessment Districts, and continued Regular Agenda.

Motion by Kelly, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of October 2, 2013, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: *

John Seyfried, Whitney Place, regarding high water usage as a result of the Fairway Drive Sewer Lift Station failure. The Township Board will review this matter at the November 6, 2013 Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$	1,078,962.14
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	1,830,217.99
CEMETERY FUND	\$	10,428.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	471,074.35
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	55,085.54
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	398,861.54
TRASH FUND	\$	151,238.87
TOTAL	\$	3,995,868.43
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$	2,298,629.41
GENERAL INVESTMENTS	\$	2,200,298.09
UTILITY RECEIVING INVESTMENTS	\$	171,782.45
UTILITY BOND INVESTMENTS	\$	42,748.08
GRAND TOTAL	\$	8,709,326.46

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 \$ 8,709,326.46.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$	24,017.87
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	5,474.68
CEMETERY FUND	\$	49.95
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	6,927.19
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	157.50
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	475.71
TRASH FUND	\$	36,772.22
TOTAL	\$	73,875.12
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (UTIL. MAINT. & IMP.)	\$	3,624.62
GRAND TOTAL	\$	77,499.74

Motion by Kelly, seconded by Reynolds, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 77,499.74.

* 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: Lieutenant Terpenning.

Total Calls for Service for the month of September, 2013, (481). Number of Patrol Hours, (900). 14 Animal Complaint; 2 Assault & Battery; 25 Assist Other Depts.; 40 Assist Public; 10 B&E/Building; 36 B&E/Alarm; 1 Child Abuse; 10 Disorderly Persons; 21 Domestic Assault; 7 Fraud; 13 Harassment & Threats; 4 Juvenile; 10 Larceny; 5 MDOP; 1 Narcotics; 4 PI Traffic Crash; 32 PD Traffic Crash; 12 Retail Fraud; 1 Robbery; 1 Sex Offense; 2 Stolen Vehicle; 54 Suspicious Incidents; 2 Trespasser; 174 Misc. Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hangups, etc...; 115 Traffic Stops; 71 Tickets Issued; 32 Township Tickets Issued.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total runs for the month of September, 2013, (114). Fort Gratiot Township: 72 Medical Emergencies; 12 Alarm/Fire; 15 Fire/Misc.; 3 Personal Injury Accidents; 4 Mutual Aid (City of Port Huron). Clyde Township: 70 Medical Emergencies; 1 Personal Injury Accident. Total Personnel, 1,096. Total Cost, \$ 20,527.50.

Total runs for the month of July, 2013, (93). 59 Medical Emergencies; 9 Alarms/Fire; 16 Fire/Misc.; 5 Personal Injury Accidents. Total Personnel, 781. Total Cost, \$ 16,942.50.

PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of September, 2013, (20). 13 Mechanical; 7 Plumbing. Total Fees, \$ 3,599.00.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of September, 2013, (18). 7 Residential Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. \$13,418); 3 Residential Accessory Structures (Val. \$15,000); 1 Deck/Porch; 2 Commercial Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. \$179,709); 3 Signs (Val. \$31,000). Total Valuation, \$ 239,127.00. Total Fees, \$ 2,175.50.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of September, 2013, (12). Total Fees, \$ 2,271.00.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: 2 Blight; 3 High Grass/Noxious Weeds; 1 RV Storage/Parking; 4 Unlicensed Vehicles; 4 Misc. Ordinance Violations.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. St. Clair County Board of Public Works and Board Road Commissioners September 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes.
2. St. Clair County Road Commissions notice of approval of Township's request to transfer Drain Funds to Match Money Program.
3. St. Clair County Board of Road Commissioners an Board of Public Works meeting dates & times; and invitation for the Township to host a 2014 meeting.
4. St. Clair County Road Commission's Township Roads and Bridges Advisory Committee October 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S), CONTINUED:

1. PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND HEAR COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND/OR OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WITH YARD WASTE COLLECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE 2014 CONTRACT YEAR. (\$124.00 /UNIT ASSESSED AGAINST SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING, TWO (2) SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS; OR A TWO (2) FAMILY DWELLING):

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * 2013 RATE = \$122.00 (\$ 2.00 INCREASE)
* Fuel Surcharges

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

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to close the Public Hearing to review and hear comments, questions and/or objections to the Proposed Solid Waste Collection and Disposal with Yard Waste Collection Special Assessment Roll for the 2013 Contract Year. Time, 7:43 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**
PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by Baldwin, seconded by Kelly, to approve the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal with Yard Waste Collection Special Assessment, in the amount of \$124.00 per unit assessed against all Single-Family Dwellings, Two (2) Single Family Dwellings; or a Two (2) Family Dwelling; and to adopt the *2013 Resolution Confirming the Special Assessment Roll*. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

PUBLIC HEARING(S), CONTINUED:

2. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND HEAR COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND/OR OBJECTIONS TO THE FOLLOWING 2013 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LIGHTING DISTRICTS: TOWNSHIP-AT-LARGE HIGHWAY LIGHTING; ANGUS ROAD; CONNIE WOODS CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION; BARDAMAR DRIVE; CONNIE LANE; FAIRWAY DRIVE; GRACE ROAD; GRANT AVENUE; GREENVIEW CIRCLE; HIDDEN FORREST SUBDIVISION PHASE I; LAKE HURON MANOR SUBDIVISION (MAPLEWOOD, ELMWOOD & MANOR); LAKESHORE TERRACE; LOMAR DRIVE; MILTON ROAD; OLD FARM SUBDIVISION; PARKER ROAD; POLLINA AVENUE; SHOREVIEW SUBDIVISION (SHOREVIEW DR., N. SHOREVIEW DR., S. SHOREVIEW DR. & SAN JUAN DR., BETWEEN N. & S. SHOREVIEW DR.); SPARTAN DRIVE; STONEY CREEK I; STONEY CREEK II; STONEY CREEK III; STONEY CREEK PHASE IV; STONEY CREEK PHASE V; STONEY CREEK VI, TEEPLE AVENUE AND WATSON DRIVE:

Township-at-Large Highway Lighting	\$	40,930.20
Angus Road	\$	1,206.73
Bardamar Drive	\$	1,650.60
Connie Lane	\$	603.35
Connie Woods Condominium Subdivision	\$	1,650.60
Fairway Drive	\$	3,620.16
Grace Road	\$	804.48
Grant Avenue	\$	804.48
Greenview Circle	\$	3,961.44
Hidden Forrest Subdivision Phase I	\$	1,650.60
Lake Huron Manor Subdivision (Maplewood, Elmwood & Manor)	\$	2,614.56
Lakeshore Terrace	\$	3,207.89
Lomar Drive	\$	1,206.72
Milton Road	\$	603.36
Old Farm Subdivision	\$	23,485.24
Parker Road	\$	402.24
Pollina Avenue	\$	603.36
Shoreview Subdivision (Shoreview Dr., N. Shoreview Dr., S. Shoreview Dr. & San Juan Dr., between N. & S. Shoreview Dr.)	\$	1,839.61
Spartan Drive	\$	4,621.68
Stoney Creek I	\$	2,971.08
Stoney Creek II	\$	2,640.96
Stoney Creek III	\$	2,971.08
Stoney Creek IV	\$	5,942.16
Stoney Creek V	\$	2,640.96
Stoney Creek VI	\$	7,819.17
Teeple Avenue	\$	402.24
Watson Drive	\$	883.31
TOTAL	\$	121,738.26

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

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Baldwin, to close the Public Hearing to review and hear comments, questions and/or objections to the 2013 Township-At-Large Highway Lighting Assessment District; and individual Lighting Assessment Districts, noted above. Time, 7:47 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**
PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the 2013 Lighting Assessment Districts, as presented above; and to adopt the *2013 Resolution Confirming the Special Assessment Roll*. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the request to hire Jordan Kerr for the position of Part-Time Seasonal Parks Maintenance Employee, at a rate of \$10.00/hour, not to exceed 30 hours per week, effective October 17, 2013 thru November; then March thru November of each year.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Five (5) Applications submitted

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

2. Motion by Baldwin, seconded by Kelly, to adopt 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, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Baldwin, seconded by Bradley, to approve amending the 2013 Budget, transferring \$1,000.00 from the General Fund (Use of Fund Balance 101-000-697-000) to General Fund (Watershed 101-960-960-000).

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Needed for Watersheds Projects
* No updates have been received from DEQ or the Attorney about our request to be released from requirements of the MS4 Permits.
* Unfunded Mandate costing the Township \$ 4,000/year

Roll Call Vote, 3/2, Crawford and Reynolds voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the request to expend \$5,500.00, from the Township's Roads Fund, for the purpose of purchasing 250' of tubing necessary to replace failed tube in front of the Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery Chapel.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Original culvert, used to fill the ditch, has failed
* MDOT to donate the labor at no cost

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

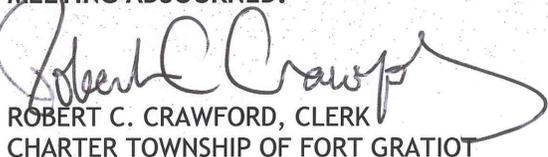
3. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to authorize the split and advertisement "For Sale" of 300' x 248' Vacant Parcel on Keewahdin Road (74-20-017-3003-100). Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
4. Motion by Baldwin, seconded by Kelly, to adopt the Social Media Policy, as presented, replacing the existing Internet Usage Policy #2. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
5. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Reynolds, to set the Public Hearing date to review and hear comments/questions and or objections to the ensuing year (2014) Budget; and the Fire Protection Special Assessment, on Wednesday, November 6, 2013, beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: NONE

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- House (3700 Keewahdin) moved today.
- Supervisor, Treasurer & Clerk meeting with Twp. Auditor tomorrow to verify available funding for new building & sewer rates.
- 6:00 Budget Work Shop on 11/06/2013.

Motion by Baldwin, seconded by Bradley, to adjourn. Time, 8:09 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