

MEMBERS PRESENT: BALDWIN, REYNOLDS, CRAWFORD, BRADLEY, KISH, BRUCKNER AND KELLY
 MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE
 ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF
 BILL SHAGENA, ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER & LISA SHAGENA, ASSISTANT ASSESSOR

Motion by Kelly, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING and REGULAR MEETING of November 19th, 2014, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: * NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$	1,003,221.16
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	214,457.21
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	159,210.74
TRASH/RECYCLING FUND	\$	103,179.25
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	87,997.25
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	1,041,826.79
TOTAL	\$	2,609,892.40
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$	3,667,778.82
GENERAL INVESTMENTS	\$	304,612.15
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	\$	152,142.59
UTILITY RECEIVING MONEY MARKET	\$	172,183.87
UTILITY BOND MONEY MARKET	\$	42,772.94
GRAND TOTAL	\$	6,949,382.77

Motion by Baldwin, seconded by Kish, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,949,382.77.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$	13,365.42
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	1,850.52
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	285.60
TRASH/RECYCLING FUND	\$	43,129.76
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	95.20
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	14,759.22
TOTAL	\$	73,485.72
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MUNICIPAL BLDG. CONST.)	\$	154,439.14
(UTILITY MAINT. & IMP.)	\$	10,346.94
GRAND TOTAL	\$	238,271.80

Motion by Kelly, seconded by Bruckner, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. MOTION PASSED. **BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 238,271.80.**

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Comcast's notification of cost increase for services and equipment.
2. Upcoming Meetings / Seminars / Workshops / Events:
 - * County Chapter of the MTA will meet February 6th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., at Fore Lakes Golf Club.

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Reynolds, to set the Public Hearing date, for the Proposed 2015 Budget, on Wednesday, December 17th, 2014, beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
2. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Kelly, to approve the adoption of a Resolution amending the Code of Ordinances, Title V, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, Chapter 5-07, Combined Water and Sewage, APPENDIX "A", to reflect the proposed rate increases for Water and Sewer, as recommended by our Township Auditor.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Water Only service customers - Average increase \$ 2.00 per quarter for 1,000 c.f.
* Water & Sewer service customers - Average increase \$4.00 per quarter for 1,000 c.f.

Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. 2015 MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

<u>BOARD OF TRUSTEES:</u>	1st. & 3rd. Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Township Hall.
<u>PLANNING COMMISSION:</u>	2nd Tuesday of each month as needed at 7:00 p.m. at Township Hall.
<u>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:</u>	3rd. Tuesday of each month as needed at 7:00 p.m. at Township Hall.
<u>PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION:</u>	3rd. Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Township Hall.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the 2015 Meeting Dates and Times, as presented. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. 2015 OFFICE HOURS: JANUARY 1st, 2015 THRU DECEMBER 31ST, 2015 - MONDAY - FRIDAY, 8 A.M. UNTIL 4:30 P.M.:

Motion by Kish, seconded by Reynolds, to adopt the 2015 Office Hours, as January 1st thru December 31st, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Mr. Marlar, Wooded Twiggs Drive, asked why the water increase was more in the City.

It was explained that any cost directly related to the City's sewer separation cannot be passed on to the Townships. Township's contracting with the City do not receive benefit from their separation project.

Water customers of Port Huron are getting two (2) increases: An increase in commodity charge; as well as an increase in to the Ready to Service Fee, which is a maintenance fee. The City can pass along an increase in commodity.

The Township Board has, historically, passed on reasonable increases; reasonable enough to not be hit with the large increases you are seeing now in the City.

Maintenance and Improvement Fund gives the Township the ability to save money for large repairs without having to go to residents and ask for an increase when something big comes up.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Blowing bags and trash in front of Wal-Mart along the East side of 24th Avenue.
- Update on construction of Municipal Office Building.
- Warning Information Notification System (WINS) - Free, for the next 18 months, notification system available to citizens. Visit www.bereadystclaircounty.org for more information.
- Receptionist position.
- Revenue Sharing
- Emergency Generator for the new building.
- Welcoming and informing new Township residents and businesses that move to our community.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Reynolds, to adjourn. Time, 7:37 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