

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

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Kelly, to appoint Clerk Crawford as acting Chairperson in the absence of Supervisor Baldwin. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** \* NONE

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to approve the Agenda, with the addition of NEW BUSINESS: Item #8, Resolution Designating May 3, 2016 for Renewal of Blue Water Area Transportation Millage Request; and Item #9, DPW Superintendent's request to purchase 2016 Ford F-150 Reg. Cab 4x4. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. AGENDA APPROVED, AS AMENDED.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

GENERAL FUND	\$	1,794,984.80
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	214,849.38
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	61,064.53
TRASH/RECYCLING FUND	\$	135,549.29
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	98,257.38
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	1,190,537.03
TOTAL	\$	3,495,242.41
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$	1,279,947.44
GENERAL INVESTMENTS	\$	41,624.15
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	\$	152,715.56
UTILITY BOND MONEY MARKET	\$	42,799.76
GRAND TOTAL	\$	5,012,329.32

Motion by Bruckner, 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 \$ 5,012,329.32.**

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:**

GENERAL FUND	\$	14,944.90
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	4,751.19
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	56,353.70
TRASH/RECYCLING FUND	\$	44,098.59
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	8,900.68
TOTAL	\$	129,049.06
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MUNICIPAL BLDG. CONST.)	\$	5,684.22
GRAND TOTAL	\$	134,733.28

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 134,733.28.**

\* 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: Captain Muxlow.

Total Calls for Service for the month of November, 2015, (381). Number of Patrol Hours, (911.5). 16 Animal Complaint; 1 Assault & Battery; 21 Assist Other Depts.; 66 Assist Public; 3 B&E/Building; 3 B&E/Vehicle; 30 B&E/Alarm; 3 Child Abuse/Neglect; 7 Disorderly Persons; 4 Domestic Assault; 8 Fraud; 7 Harassment & Threats; 5 Juvenile; 8 Larceny; 4 MDOP; 1 Narcotics; 4 PI Traffic Crash; 39 PD Traffic Crash; 20 Retail Fraud; 1 Sex Offense; 22 Suspicious Incidents; 3 Trespasser; 105 Misc. Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hangups, etc...; 106 Traffic Stops; 51 Tickets Issued.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE SHERIFF:** \* NONE

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total runs for the month of November, 2015, (112). Fort Gratiot Township: 61 Medical Emergencies; 8 Alarm/Fire; 7 Wire Down/Arcing; 1 CO Alarm; 4 Fire/Misc.; 1 Fire/Structure; 6 Personal Injury Accidents; 1 Mutual Aid; 8 Overtime. Clyde Township: 8 Medical Emergencies; 1 CO Alarm; 3 Wire Down/Arcing; 3 Personal Injury Accident. Total Personnel, 1,021. Total Cost, \$ 18,075.00.

**PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of November, 2015, (17). 12 Mechanical; 5 Plumbing. Total Fees, \$ 3,648.00.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of November, 2015, (16). 1 New Home (Val. 200,000); 10 Residential Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 102,424); 1 Residential Demolition (Val. 5,850); 4 Commercial Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 653,000). Total Valuation, \$ 961,342.00. Total Fees, \$ 7,105.50.

**ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Total permits issued for the month of November, 2015, (8). Total Fees, \$ 2,281.00.

**ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:** Total complaints in the month of November, 2015, (8). 1 Blight; 2 RV Storage/Parking; 2 Unlicensed Vehicles; 2 Misc. Ordinance Violation; 1 Misc. Code Violation.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** NONE

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

**PUBLIC HEARING, CONTINUED:** NONE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

1. RON RAYMO, PRESIDENT OF LITTLE LEAGUE, GAVE A BRIEF PRESENTATION REGARDING THEIR REQUEST TO LEASE 27 ACRES OF THE PARKER ROAD PROPERTY:

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \*
- \* To secure funding and grants towards Ball Field construction.
  - \* Mr. Raymo stated, once the design is approved, he sees it being a five (5) year plan, being built in phases with Little League putting in up to \$1,000,000 with Grants and Sponsorships toward the ball field's construction.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to authorize Little League to hire a Sports Architect, at their own cost, to design a Sports Complex on the 100 acres on Parker Road, which shall not only include the acreage needed for at least eight (8) baseball/softball fields, but for future use by other sports; and once a design is done and approved, by both parties, a lease between Fort Gratiot Township and Little League, for the exact acreage needed for the baseball/softball fields shall be negotiated. Lease price \$ 1.00 per year. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Kish, seconded by Kelly, to appoint Lowell Marlar, Wooded Twigs Dr.; and Allan Eisenhauer, Krafft Rd., to the Zoning Board of Appeals, for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2018, at a rate of \$50.00 per attended meeting.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Letters of Interest received from: Greg Sparling, Arlington Avenue  
 Lowell D. Marlar, Wooded Twigs Drive  
 Allan Eisenhauer, Krafft Road  
 \* Members are compensated \$50.00 per attended meeting.  
 \* Two (2) vacancies as of December 31, 2015.

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

2. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bruckner, to accept the Supervisor's recommendation and appoint Rick Mills, Lakeshore Road and Charles Koob, Lakeshore Road, to the Planning Commission for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2018, at a rate of \$50.00 per attended meeting.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Two (2) vacancies as of December 31, 2015.

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

3. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the hourly pay increase for DPW Assistant, Shelly Lynch, from \$12.39 per hour to \$13.50 per hour, effective January 1, 2016. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
4. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to approve the Proposed Land Rental Agreement with Peters Brothers Farms, of Memphis, Michigan, for the 2016 Crop Year, on approximately 100 acres, at \$60.00 per acre, on the East side of Parker Road (Property I.D. Number: 74-20-017-3002-001; and authorize Clerk Crawford to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Fort Gratiot Charter Township Board of Trustees. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

5. Motion by Kish, seconded by Kelly, to approve 2015 Budget Amendments, as follows:

	APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	101-000-999-470	TRANSFER TO MUNICIPAL BUILDING	\$ 234,000.00
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	101-101-900-000	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	\$ 2,672.00
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	101-265-955-000	MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 1,000.00
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	101-445-936-000	DRAINS AT LARGE	\$ 0.09
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	101-446-730-000	POSTAGE	\$ 14.55
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	101-446-900-000	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	\$ 380.00
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	101-446-965-211	ROAD EXPENSE	\$ 4,304.02
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	101-000-697-000	USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$ 242,370.66
TRANSFER TO POLICE FUND	207-000-806-000	POLICE CONTRACT	\$ 8,330.00
TRANSFER FROM POLICE FUND	207-000-697-000	USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$ 8,330.00

and authorize the Township Treasurer and Clerk to transfer up to \$1,000 to any fund(s) indicating a deficit balance by 12/31/2015 Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

6. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Reynolds, to approve requesting sealed bids for the Parks 2001 F-150 Crew Cab 4X4 Pick-up, to be sold in "AS IS" condition.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Broken Odometer

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

**NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:**

7. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Bruckner, to adopt the Resolution designating May 3, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., prevailing local time, the Election for Renewal of Blue Water Area Transportation Millage Request, as follows:

**RENEWAL OF BLUE WATER AREA TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE**

*"Shall the limitation on the total amount of all taxes which may be assessed against all real and personal taxable property in the Charter Township of Fort Gratiot, St. Clair County, Michigan, be increased up to 0.6214 mills of the taxable value (62.14 cents per \$1,000 of state taxable value) as finally equalized for each of the next four (4) years, to expire in 2020, for the purpose of providing funds, estimated to be \$239,139 for the first year of levy, for the Charter Township of Fort Gratiot's share of the operation of the Blue Water Area Transportation Commission for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020? This is a renewal of a 2012 millage passed for the same purpose".*

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

8. Motion by Kish, seconded by Kelly, to approve the DPW Superintendent's request to purchase a 2016 Ford F-150 Reg. Cab 4x4 from Bill McDonald Ford, St. Clair, at a fleet price of \$25,973.51, with delivery in January, 2016.  
Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- Update on Municipal Office construction

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** NONE

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Bradley, to adjourn. Time, 8:07 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