

MEMBERS PRESENT: REYNOLDS, CRAWFORD, BRADLEY, KISH AND MONTGOMERY

MEMBERS ABSENT: BALDWIN AND BRUCKNER

ALSO PRESENT: LISA SHAGENA, ASSESSOR
 BILL SHAGENA, FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER

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

7:00 O'CLOCK P.M. - CLERK OPENS PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR WHITNEY PLACE LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; and continued with Regular Agenda, at this time.

Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Kish, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of August 16th, 2017, as printed and posted; and the **SPECIAL MEETING** of August 22nd, 2017, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: * NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Reynolds, to approve the Agenda, with the addition of Item #5, NEW BUSINESS: Accepting the 2018 Blue Cross Renewal. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$	<u>1,527,985.06</u>
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	<u>532,353.32</u>
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	<u>381,517.06</u>
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$	<u>264,098.19</u>
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	<u>21,000.35</u>
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	<u>1,677,121.86</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u>4,404,075.84</u>
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$	<u>1,196,535.73</u>
UTILITY BOND MONEY MARKET	\$	<u>42,833.80</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$	<u>5,643,445.37</u>

Motion by Kish, seconded by Montgomery, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 5,643,445.37.**

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$	<u>8,823.45</u>
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	<u>942.54</u>
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	<u>0.00</u>
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$	<u>0.00</u>
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	<u>0.00</u>
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	<u>5,025.79</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u>14,791.78</u>
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (PARKS MILLAGE FUND)	\$	<u>1,864.00</u>
(MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT)	\$	<u>49,178.63</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$	<u>65,834.41</u>

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 65,834.41.**

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The St. Clair County Road Commission's *Township News Bulletin* (Summer 2017)
2. Michigan Department of Treasury AMAR Review and approval; next review scheduled for 2022

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Kish, to accept correspondence, as presented. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC HEARING, CONTINUED:

1. PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR WHITNEY PLACE LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT (CONSTRUCTION AND ANNUAL LIGHTING):

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:
- * Cost to construct (14 LED's) = \$53,490.55 divided equally among 24 parcels over a period to be determined by the Township Board. Additional cost to be added includes publication/postage for two (2) public hearings. Publication costs: \$482.65
Postage = $0.46 \times 24 = \$11.04 \times 2$ (separate hearings) = \$22.08
 - * Interest Rate to be determined by the Township Board
 - * Annual cost of lighting to be billed on December (WINTER) Property Tax Notice

Chairperson Crawford asked for citizen comments, questions and or objections to the Proposed Assessment Roll, at this time. Not one was heard.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Montgomery, to close the Public Hearing to review and hear comments, questions and/or objections to the Proposed Whitney Place Lighting Assessment District. Time, 7:11 o'clock p.m.
Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.**

- BOARD DISCUSSION:
- * Discussion between a three (3) year Assessment Roll; or a Five (5) year Assessment Roll.
 - * Four (4%) Percent Interest Rate
 - * Placing the first Principal Installment on the December, 2018 (WINTER) Property Tax Bill, charging no interest if paid by November 1st, 2018.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to adopt Resolution No. 5, CONFIRMING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR WHITNEY PLACE LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, at a cost of \$54,713.94 (\$53,490.55 + \$637.53 postage/publishing), setting the annual Interest Rate at Four (4%) Percent for three (3) years, starting December 2018 with no interest if paid before November 1, 2018. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Kish, to approve submitting to the SCCRC the 2018 Local Road Assistance Applications for Bonisteel Road, State Road and Wilson Drive. Fort Gratiot share is a total of \$100,000 if all three (3) are approved.

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:
- * Local Assistance Fund is available for 50% of improvement costs up to \$100,000.00
 - * Bonisteel Road cost is \$20,000 SCCRC/\$20,000 Fort Gratiot
 - * State cost is \$60,000 SCCRC/\$60,000 Fort Gratiot
 - * Wilson cost is \$20,000 SCCRC/\$20,000 Fort Gratiot
 - * Fort Gratiot has received SCCRC Local Road Grant the past two (2) years
 - * Fort Gratiot's Grant will depend on SCCRC funding being available

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Motion by Kish, seconded by Montgomery, to approve the St. Clair County Road Commission Work Order to re-pave Parker Road, from Oak Leaf Drive to North River Road, using the SCCRC funding of \$20,000.00 and Township Road Funding of \$20,000.00, for a total cost of \$40,000.00.

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION:
- * Use available SCCRC matching funds of \$20,000
 - * Fort Gratiot cost for re-paving \$20,000
 - * Finishes re-paving of Parker from Keewahdin Road to North River Road

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

3. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$25,000.00, from Parks Millage, to be used for land improvements at the 100 acre Sport Park property on Parker Road.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Funding to be used for land clearing, top soil screening, leveling, and seeding
 * Propose to open the property to the public
 * Includes grading and seeding of the sledding hill

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. Motion by Kish, seconded by Montgomery, to approve the 2017 Budget Amendments, as follows:

Account Name	Amount	Appropriations Account	Account Name
Transfer to General Fund	6,000.00	101-171-962-000	Community Relations
Transfer from General Fund	6,000.00	101-000-697-000	Use of Fund Balance
Transfer to Maintenance & Improvement Fund	995,000.00	495-000-971-000	Pump Station Replacement
Transfer from Maintenance & Improvement Fund	995,000.00	495-000-698-000	Bond / Loan Proceeds
Transfer to Maintenance & Improvement Fund	33,000.00	495-000-970-000	Capital Improvements
Transfer From Maintenance & Improvement Fund	33,000.00	495-000-697-000	Use of Fund Balance

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

5. Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Montgomery, to accept and approve the 2018 Blue Cross Renewal, for the Period Beginning December, 2017. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- * 2017 EDA Annual Meeting - Tuesday September 12th at Port Huron Golf Club starting at 5:00 p.m.
- * George asked for the Pointe Community Center parking lot to be re-coated and lined.
- * Supervisor Baldwin and her husband will be playing a part in the Nut Cracker this December.
- * Considering new format for Property Tax Notice
- * Waiting on Board of Canvas before invoicing Fire Department for August election.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- * Mr. Marlar - 9/11 Ceremony at Flag Plaza.
- * Mr. Shagena - Armed Forces Trail Run on September 11th.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Reynolds, to adjourn. Time, 7:49 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

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