

MEMBERS PRESENT: BALDWIN, CRAWFORD, BRADLEY, KISH, BRUCKNER AND MONTGOMERY

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of December 5th, 2018, as printed and posted; and the **SPECIAL MEETING** of December 28th, 2018, as printed and posted. Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: *

Dave Norris asked about the sewer rate if water only customers would pay for the sewer plant improvements.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: NONE

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 183,064.62.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to adopt St. Clair County Road Commission's *Service Structure Application* Resolution; and authorize the Township Clerk to apply for and sign the Annual Application for Right-of-Way Work, with the St. Clair County Road Commission.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Period 01/31/2019 thru 01/31/2020

Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT(S):

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Rick Mills was first appointed 01/03/2007 and is seeking reappointment
Chuck Koob was first appointed 12/16/2015 and is seeking reappointment

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the appointment(s) of Rick Mills and Chuck Koob to the Township Planning Commission, for a term to expire 12/31/2021. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

3. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENT(S)

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Allan Eisenhauer was first appointed 12/16/2015 and is seeking reappointment.
Dean Marlar was first appointed 12/16/2015 and is seeking reappointment.

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to approve the appointment(s) of Allan Eisenhauer and Dean Marlar to the Township Zoning Board of Appeals, for a term to expire 12/31/2021. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. Motion by Baldwin, seconded by Bradley, to approve Member Montgomery as Township Board Representative on the Zoning Board of Appeals, for a term to expire 11/20/2020. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED.

5. Motion by Kish, seconded by Montgomery, to appoint Trustees Bruckner and Bradley; and Clerk Crawford to the Election Commission, for a term to expire December 31, 2021. Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED.

6. WATER AND SEWER RATE REVIEW

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Received notice from the City of Port Huron regarding sewage treatment plant improvements, for which our share may be nearly \$500,000.
* Fort Gratiot owns 13% of the Port Huron sewage treatment plant.
* Rates were studied by the Township Auditor and recommendations are based on several factors:
- Port Huron increased rates by 2% for the year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019
- Billed flow is expected to be approximately the same for 2019
- Operating costs are expected to increase by approximately 3%
* The average user will see an average increase of \$3.75 per month. Recommendation to increase commodities only, as follows:
- Water commodity per 1,000 cubic feet: \$33.00 to 34.75. No increases recommended for the meter charge, ready to serve and maintenance fees.
- Sewer commodity per 1,000 cubic feet: \$28.00 to \$30.00. No increases recommended for the maintenance fees.

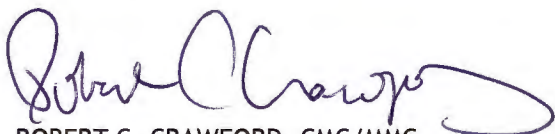
Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to adopt a Resolution amending Appendix A to reflect the new rates, effective with consumption beginning January 3, 2019, to be billed on the April 1 billing. Roll Call Vote, 5/1, Kish voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Discussed to have the top three (3) applicants (out of a total of six applicants) interview at the next meeting for the Treasurer position. The Regular Meeting will be rescheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. The top three applicants chosen by the Board were Buechler, Oprita and Hickey. Board Members are asked to submit their questions for the applicant by Tuesday, January 8th, 2019.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: NONE

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to adjourn. Time, 9:23 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED.**



ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, CMC/MMC
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

JORJA BALDWIN, SUPERVISOR
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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