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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2017

PRESENT:	**ROBERT J. CANNON**	**SUPERVISOR**
	KIM MELTZER	**CLERK**
	PAUL GIELEGHEM	**TREASURER**
	JOE A. ARAGONA	**TRUSTEE**
	MIKE KEYS	**TRUSTEE**
	KENNETH PEARL	**TRUSTEE**
	JENIFER WEST	**TRUSTEE**

ABSENT: NONE

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Township Board Chambers, Clinton Township Civic Center. Also in attendance was Mr. Jack Dolan, Township Attorney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Ms. Gerrie Brown, long-time community activist.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Meltzer requested deletion of the following item from tonight's agenda:
Item #12 - Bid Award: Ladder Truck

Ms. Meltzer requested the addition of the following item to tonight's agenda:
Item #15 - Request Extension of Township State of Emergency Declaration until Monday, March 13th, 2017

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Aragona, to approve tonight's agenda with the deletion of Item #12 and the addition of Item #15. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Aragona, Keys, Cannon, West, Gieleghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Meltzer explained that she started an annual event last year, which is Skating for the Hungry. It will be held on February 20th, 2017 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena. She explained the arena was generous to donate the ice time, so whoever would like to skate can do so for free, and all they are asked to do is bring a non-perishable food to donate to the

food pantry. She stated they receive a lot of donations from the mail carriers during the holidays, but after the first of the year, donations drop off considerably and the pantry is depleted. She stated this is a good way for students to participate during their mid-winter break. She stressed there is no reason for anyone to go hungry in the United States, and there is a lot of prosperity in this community, so she felt there is plenty of opportunity for them to do quite well. She encouraged anyone who likes to skate to attend and bring a non-perishable food item.

1. REQUEST APPROVAL TO RESERVE THE PRINCE DREWRY PARK FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY KITE DAY

Motion by Mr. Gieleghem, supported by Ms. West, to receive and file the letter dated January 13th, 2017 from Ms. Gerrie Brown, Kite Day Coordinator, and approve the use of Prince Drewry Park on Saturday, April 29th, 2017 from noon until 3:00 p.m. for the 11th Annual Community Kite Day, sponsored by Clintondale School District and Great Start Macomb. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Gieleghem, West, Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

2. REQUEST TEMPORARY TENT APPROVAL IN CHIPPEWA VALLEY SHOPPING CENTER HALL ROAD TO HOST THE 6TH ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO PARTY ON FRIDAY, MAY 5TH, 2017

Mr. Kevin Abdallah, owner of Juan Miguel's Mexican Restaurant, offered to answer questions regarding this request.

Mr. Barry Miller, Superintendent of the Department of Building, stated the petitioner has done a nice job at these events in the past. He explained he has requested of him, as he has other businesses hosting similar events, that they supply a couple of portable restrooms as the restrooms inside are not equipped to accommodate the additional 100+/- people who attend the event. Mr. Miller also mentioned that the petitioner would like permission to have sales transactions occur outside. He had explained the ordinance to them, noting that it is not permitted, but Mr. Abdallah will explain his request.

Mr. Abdallah understood the rule for the exchange of money to be indoors, but he pointed out that they have been at this location for five years, and this year's event is being held on a Friday, so they anticipate larger crowds. He estimated that 80% of their sales are made with a credit card.

Mr. Cannon stated this item was discussed at the staff meeting this morning to try to accommodate Mr. Abdallah's request, and they are going to address it, but, unfortunately, it will not occur in time for the petitioner's event this year.

Mr. Carlo Santia, Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, confirmed that it will take some time because it must go to the Planning Commission before it comes before the Township Board.

Mr. Cannon stated they have talked about it and believe that those who have been in business in the Township and have paid their taxes deserve some consideration on this request. He questioned whether credit card sales are allowed outdoors.

Mr. Miller replied to inquiry that credit card sales outside is also prohibited.

Mr. Abdallah stated he was requesting this because he felt customers do not understand the ordinance and they cannot understand why they cannot pay outside. He stated he understood and appreciated the fact that they are looking at revising the ordinance.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Ms. Meltzer, to receive and file the letter dated January 17th, 2017 from Mr. Kevin Abdallah, owner of Juan Miguel's (Clinton Restaurant LLC), 21342 Hall Road, Clinton Township, Michigan 48038, and approve the request for a temporary tent in the Chippewa Valley Shopping Center to host their 5th Annual Cinco de Mayo party on Friday, May 6th, 2017, as outlined in the correspondence. Discussion ensued.

Ms. West inquired as to whether there will be safety barriers around the tent. She commented that shopping center is very busy and there is a lot of traffic within the parking lot.

Mr. Miller replied that they have had barrels around the tent to hold it down. He pointed out this is a one-day event and they have had no issues in the past.

Mr. Abdallah assured they will have the barrels, and they also cut off the traffic from the restaurant to the tent with cones so no one is driving through that portion of the parking lot.

Ms. West wanted to make sure their patrons are safe.

Mr. Abdallah stated he prides himself on the fact that this is a family night and he does not have the "18 to 21 crowd who are trying to get drunk". Most his patrons are families who are having a drink and listening to the music while waiting to dine. He replied they will be open from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m., possibly 11 p.m. at the latest.

Mr. Gieleghem believed the ordinance specifies no later than 10 p.m.

Mr. Santia clarified the ordinance permits 11 p.m. on Fridays.

Mr. Abdallah explained they shut the music down at 10 p.m., and the patrons are all out of the tent by 11 p.m.

Mr. Gieleghem sympathized with Mr. Abdallah regarding the outdoor sales, but he explained the ordinance was created to keep "flight by night" operations out. He stressed the intent of the ordinance is to protect business owners like Mr. Abdallah who have brick-and-mortar investment in the community. He relayed that the Township is considering accommodating these brick-and-mortar businesses for special events such as this, but it will not be in place in time for this year's event. He pointed out that next year's event will be on a Saturday.

Mr. Keys inquired as to whether patrons must be 21 or older to enter the tent.

Mr. Abdallah confirmed that the tent is for 21 and older. He stated that last year, families never went into the tent. He replied to further inquiry that they will have security personnel at the entrance to the tent. He replied to still further inquiry that there will be a DJ in the tent.

> Mr. Russell Holtslander, 23140 Wellington Crescent, Clinton Township, Michigan 48036, understood the purpose for the ordinance of not allowing those who do not have a brick-and-mortar business to have outdoor sales. He questioned the liability involved if the Township revises the ordinance to allow cash sales outside for established businesses, because he pointed out that a lot of beer can be rung up in a half hour. He questioned whether there is any concern about safety and the potential for robberies.

Mr. Cannon replied they are always concerned about safety, but he reminded that Mr. Abdallah had indicated 80% of his sales are through credit cards. He commented that there is no 100% safety, but he has friends, employees and regular customers outside in the tent, and he added that a couple of them are from the Sheriff's Department.

> Mr. Holtslander felt the Board is talking about making Township-wide policies geared to just a few businesses.

Mr. Cannon clarified they are talking about helping the people who are paying taxes in this community.

Roll Call (on motion on the floor): Ayes – Pearl, Meltzer, Aragona, Keys, Cannon, West, Gieleghem. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Mr. Abdallah invited all the Board members to attend the event.

3. REVISED SITE PLAN: VINSON MOTORS – 0.79 ACRE OF LAND W/GRATIOT, N/KEMP, ADDRESSED AS 34335 GRATIOT AVENUE (SECTION 34)

Mr. Gieleghem stated this is a revision to a site development plan that was approved by the Board two years ago. He recalled there was an issue of paving a parking lot, and that did not occur. He questioned the petitioner as to the circumstances that prevented the paving, and what the plans are going forward to make sure they follow all agreements.

Mr. Earl Vinson, of Vinson Motors, replied to inquiry that his sons are 22 and 25 years of age, and they started into this business out of college. He recalled at that time, they aspired of making a million dollars within the first two years; however, they did not have enough money to do everything they were going to do. They came up with a plan and started saving their money, and this March, they will have the property paid off. The money they were spending on this is all going into a savings account, and he stated they have almost $12,000 saved up over and above paying for everything to get the business started. He explained the amount of money for the inventory and the start-up costs was much higher than they anticipated, and that is why it did not get done the first time, but he assured they are on track now.

Mr. Gieleghem understood, and added that paying the loan off on the property is a great feeling. He reminded, however, that the previous approval was based on a certain set of conditions, and he stressed those still need to be met.

Mr. Vinson assured he understands and his sons understand that as well. He emphasized they have made a lot of improvements to the site, and ran into financial problems; however, that situation has changed. They have changed a few things and now have hard fixed cash so they will be able to complete the project. He replied to inquiry that they intend to start this spring.

Mr. Gieleghem stated they appreciate the commitment. He inquired as to how the Township can insure compliance moving forward.

Mr. Santia replied the ordinance requires the posting of a Site Compliance Bond. He noted there is a violation that is still enforceable, and it has been on hold until the Revised Site Development Plan is approved because there were circumstances that made him go into Phase II. He assured the conditions must be met before he can go forward.

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Gieleghem, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated January 19th, 2017 from the Secretary of the Clinton Township Planning Commission, concerning the proposed Revised Site Development Plan for Vinson Motors, to be located on 0.79 acre of land fronting the west line of

Gratiot, north of Kemp, addressed as 34335 Gratiot Avenue, and, in consideration of grant of variance by the Clinton Township Board of Appeals, approve the revised site development plan as submitted. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Gieleghem, Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

4. SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN: ALDI FOOD MARKET #79 (REMODEL AND EXPANSION) – 3.70 ACRES OF LAND E/GRATIOT, S/QUINN, ADDRESSED AS 33650 GRATIOT AVENUE (SECTION 34)

Mr. Pearl commented that this addition looks nice, and he appreciated Aldi's investment into the community, having three stores in Clinton Township. He felt Aldi's offers people good prices on different brands, and the proposed addition and site updates will be a nice improvement to the area. He noted that the signs are approved separately.

Mr. Dave Kupasansky, of Aldi, Inc. (Michigan), explained they submitted their sign applications and have removed two "Food Market" signs from the building.

Mr. Santia clarified that their request meets ordinance requirements.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Keys, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated January 19th, 2017 from the Secretary of the Clinton Township Planning Commission, concerning the proposed Site Development Plan for Aldi Food Market #79 Remodel and Expansion, to be located on 3.70 acres of land fronting the east line of Gratiot, south of Quinn Road, addressed as 33650 Gratiot Avenue (Section 34), and approve the site development plan as submitted. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Keys, Aragona, Cannon, West, Gieleghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

5. SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN: MAXI MINI STORAGE – PART OF LOTS 105-108, INGLESIDE FARMS SUBDIVISION; PART OF LOTS 109-111, INGLESIDE FARMS SUBDIVISION #1; AND LOT 19 AND PART OF LOT 18, MEADOWS SUBDIVISION (3.67 ACRES W/GRATIOT, S/IROQUOIS – SECTIONS 16/23)

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Ms. West, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated January 19th, 2017 from the Secretary of the Clinton Township Planning Commission, concerning the proposed Site Development Plan for Maxi Mini Storage, to be located on part of Lots 105-108, Ingleside Farms Subdivision, part of Lots 109-111, Ingleside Farms Subdivision #1, and Lot 19 and part of Lot 18, Meadows Subdivision, being 3.67 acres of vacant land located west of Gratiot, south of Iroquois (Sections 16/23), and, in consideration of grant of variance by the Board of Appeals, approve the site development plan as

submitted. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, West, Aragona, Keys, Cannon, Gieleghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

6. REQUEST TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAM

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Gieleghem, to receive and file the letter dated January 24th, 2017 from the Assistant Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, and schedule a public hearing for the Board Meeting on Monday, February 27th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Township Board Chambers, Clinton Township Civic Center, to seek input regarding the 5-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Plan, which sets forth the programs and priorities for the Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME Program for the 2017 Program Year. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Gieleghem, Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

7. REQUEST TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2017-2018 BUDGET

Mr. Cannon urged the Board members to look closely at the proposed budget ahead of time and see if they can get their questions answered ahead of time because they would like to approve the budget at that meeting.

Motion by Mr. Keys, supported by Ms. West, to receive and file the letter dated January 25th, 2017 from the Assistant Finance Director, and schedule a public hearing for the Board Meeting on Monday, February 27th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Township Board Chambers, Clinton Township Civic Center, for the proposed 2017-2018 Budget. Roll Call: Ayes – Keys, West, Aragona, Pearl, Cannon, Gieleghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

8. APPOINTMENT TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Mr. Cannon stated that the three individuals who are reapplying for appointment have been good, loyal members, so he will be recommending their reappointment.

Motion by Mr. Cannon, supported by Mr. Pearl, to receive and file the letter dated January 25th, 2017 from the Administrative Aide, and reappoint Mr. Mark Krutell, Mr. Frank Trucano and Mr. Tom Tignanelli to the Downtown Development Authority, with each of these four-year terms expiring on January 3rd, 2021. Discussion ensued.

> Mr. Russell Holtslander, 23140 Wellington Crescent, Clinton Township, Michigan 48036, stated that many people serving on boards and

committees have been on them for many years. He realizes that there are a limited amount of people willing to serve because it is on a volunteer basis. He felt the amount of empty businesses up and down Gratiot since the inception of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) should be tallied, and someone who has been on the Authority for twelve years may have run out of ideas, so a new person willing to serve should be welcomed. He understands that the current members may have served well for years, but he felt it should not be a policy to "just keep the people we had". He clarified that he is speaking for all boards and committees and not singling out this Commission, and he suggested selecting candidates based on their goals and plans they feel they can accomplish in the next four years, not because they have been serving on the committee already.

Mr. Cannon stated that Mr. Holtslander is entitled to his thoughts about the DDA, but he claimed that Gratiot and the DDA have never looked better. They now have LED lighting, a manicured boulevard, new businesses, and he pointed out that a plan was approved earlier this evening for an expansion and remodeling of Aldi. He cited the movie theater with their new seating, the Clinton-Macomb Library, Dorian Ford and other businesses greatly improving the Gratiot area.

Mr. Holtslander stated he has lived in this area his entire life, and he did not feel it looks better it ever has.

Mr. Cannon stated it does look better than it has looked in 25 years, and a big part of that can be credited to the volunteers who have stepped forward to serve. He pointed out Mr. Holtslander's brother was one who came to serve when Mr. Cannon started the South Gratiot Business Owner's Association, which evolved into the DDA. He stressed he will stand by the three he reappointed this evening.

Mr. Holtslander felt new people should be looked at to serve on these committees if they are willing to do so. He claimed when he sees new people applying, they never seem to be appointed.

Mr. Cannon disagreed and stated that this Board recently made an appointment to the Planning Commission, and that applicant had never been on any Township board or committee prior to his appointment. He assured they make appointments based on who they think will be good for the community, and in recent years, they have not made political appointments. He looked at the new applicant for the DDA, but that person did not surpass the three he is recommending for reappointment.

Mr. Keys was confident that they selected the best three candidates, but he felt they should encourage more people from the community to get involved and

apply for these committees. He suggested one of the ways they can do this is to have those who are applying for reappointment fill out another application, and all the applications should be included in the Board packet so that not only the community, but the Board and Trustees can get familiar with these individuals. They need to look at the actual application and revise it so they can encourage more individuals to come out and apply for these positions. He understood Mr. Holtslander's point, adding that it is well-taken, but in this case, he is confident they are taking the best three applicants and reappointing them.

Roll Call: Ayes – Cannon, Pearl, Aragona, Keys, West, Gieleghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

9. APPOINTMENT TO THE HOUSING COMMISSION

Mr. Cannon stated he is recommending the reappointment of Mr. Tom Tignanelli. He has personally witnessed him doing things for the community, not only representing this Board but for the entire Gratiot area community. He consulted with the Township Board liaison to the Housing Commission, to make sure the people he is recommending to the Board have done a good job in her eyes, adding that she has done a good job.

Mr. Gieleghem requested clarification on the type of appointments, one which the Board can appoint, and the other is upon a recommendation from the Township Supervisor. He inquired as to whether this appointment is upon recommendation of the Supervisor, and the Board can either concur with his recommendation or vote no and reject his recommendation.

Mr. Cannon stated that is correct.

Mr. Gieleghem pointed out the Board is somewhat limited in this regard because they do not want to vote no on the Supervisor's recommendation because they want to respect and value the contributions of the people who have been serving on that committee. He felt they need to "widen the net that is cast" so they can try to encourage more people to be involved on these Boards. Mr. Gieleghem assured that he respects Mr. Tignanelli and all he does for the Township, but he is on three different boards. He emphasized that is a wonderful thing, and he should be applauded for all the time he has given to the Township in his service on these committees, especially considering it is volunteer and there is no compensation for it. Mr. Gieleghem stated he also knows Mr. Maley and is confident he would be a welcome addition. He asked Ms. West how they can take advantage of Mr. Maley's experience and commitment to the community, and Ms. West had assured him she will be working on ways to include him in the process as well to take advantage of his talents.

Motion by Mr. Cannon, supported by Mr. Keys, to receive and file the letter dated January 25th, 2017 from the Administrative Aide, and reappoint Mr. Tom Tignanelli to the Housing Commission for a five-year term, expiring on January 3rd, 2022. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Cannon commented that Mr. Tignanelli has taken toys to children's homes for the Goodfellows when it used to be done that way. He has volunteered and gotten dressed up as Santa Claus, so he does a lot for the community.

> Mr. Roger Holtslander, 23140 Wellington Crescent, Clinton Township, Michigan 48036, stated he hopes they can get someone with the experience like Mr. Tignanelli who has spent 25 years volunteering his time and services to the community. He stressed that is the type of volunteers they need in the Township, especially helping in the Housing Commission. He also felt that someone who works in a related field is beneficial as well.

Mr. Cannon is confident that there are a lot of good candidates. He indicated that if the Board does not agree with his recommendation, he will come back in two weeks with another recommendation. He clarified that if this was a Board appointment and there were two names for one position, he would go to each Board member and ask for their vote. Once they reach four votes for one individual, he would ask for a motion to appoint that person to the position.

Ms. West explained that Mr. Maley has worked with the Housing Commission in the past, and he was on the payroll for his services. He is familiar with what they do on the Housing Commission, and she has been talking with Ms. Nugin about the possibility of expanding the Board.

Ms. Meltzer stated it sounds as though Mr. Maley is a great asset, but she reminded that a title is not needed to make great things happen. She inquired as to whether he can be involved without a title, and whether there is anything restricting his involvement with the Commission as it is now.

> Ms. Ebony Nugin, Executive Director of the Clinton Township Housing Commission, explained their Board meetings are held in the management office on the third Thursday of every month, and the meetings are open to the public. She assured if anyone would like to attend, they are more than welcome.

Ms. Meltzer suggested that is another option for Mr. Maley, and she wants to make sure they can find a place for him because he would be a great addition to the community.

Roll Call: Ayes – Cannon, Keys, Aragona, Pearl, West, Gieleghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

10. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO UTILITY WORKER POSITION – PUBLIC SERVICES

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Gieleghem, to receive and file the letter dated January 25th, 2017 from the Human Resources Director, and appoint Mr. William Fritz to the budgeted position of Utility Worker in the Water & Sewer Division, Department of Public Services, at an annual starting salary of $39,977, as specified in the UAW Local 412, Unit 76 collective bargaining agreement, and with an appointment date effective February 28th, 2017, contingent upon successful completion of a background investigation and pre-employment medical examination, including drug screen. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Gieleghem, Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

11. APPROVAL OF POLICE CHIEF CONTRACT EXTENSION

Mr. Cannon stated that Police Chief Posavetz does a fabulous job and he has great support staff. He emphasized that the Chief is the one who makes it all happen.

Mr. Pearl agreed that Chief Posavetz does a fabulous job as Police Chief.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Aragona, to receive and file the letter dated January 19th, 2017 from the Human Resources Director, and approve the Contract Extension for Police Chief Fred Posavetz that will extend his employment for four additional years to June 16th, 2021, as submitted. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Aragona, Keys, Cannon, West, Gieleghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

12. BID AWARD: LADDER TRUCK

This item was deleted from tonight's agenda.

13. REQUEST APPROVAL TO SELL FIVE (5) VEHICLES NO LONGER IN USE

Mr. Cannon stated that the vehicles are no longer in use, and the parts are not able to be used.

Motion by Ms. Meltzer, supported by Mr. Gieleghem, to receive and file the letter dated February 6th, 2017 from the Chief of Police, and approve the request to sell five (5) police department vehicles which are no longer in use, to be sold by

Motor City Auto Auction, of Roseville, Michigan. Roll Call: Ayes – Meltzer, Gieleghem, Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, West. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

14. REQUEST CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Cannon informed that the Board will not be reconvening after the Closed Session.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Keys, to schedule a Closed Session immediately following tonight's meeting to discussing contract negotiations. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Keys, Aragona, Cannon, West, Gieleghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

15. REQUEST EXTENSION OF TOWNSHIP STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2017

Mr. Cannon explained that the situation changes daily.

Mr. Gieleghem stated he is in favor of this, and they have had to lobby their legislators because this sinkhole is on the border of their community. He explained that even though this is a pipe with an 11-foot diameter and there is very little flow remaining in it, there is an 8-foot-wide pipe running along Garfield that feeds into the collapsed pipe, and if that pipe is plugged, the community will have very challenging issues in that 8-foot line. He appreciated the emergency status declaration but he stressed he would like some concrete answers out of Lansing to indicate what this means to the Township and what resources will be available. He noted that the public is asking these same questions.

Mr. Pearl stated he, along with the Supervisor and other members of the Township staff, have attended meetings in Fraser. The County Drain Commissioner has been there, and when he asked her if they were going to inspect the full length of Garfield and going down 15 Mile to Union Lake Road, where the transfer station is located. She replied that they intend to do that, and that is why the price is going up. They expect to not only look at it, but also make repairs as necessary so they do not have any problems with those lines in the future. He noted the Governor extended $100,000 toward this so he hoped some of that will go to pay overtime for the Township's personnel.

Mr. Cannon informed they received a letter from the Governor indicating the Township will receive up to $100,000. He added that Mr. Paul Brouwer, Emergency Management Coordinator, is in the process of figuring out how to be reimbursed for the overtime costs expended. This extension will protect the Township so if they have additional ongoing expenses, they can seek relief.

Clinton Township does not have $100,000 spent on staff and materials, and there has been a lot more spent from all involved through the County. The Township has no control over that or even a way to get reimbursement from that at this time.

Mr. Pearl agreed with Mr. Gieleghem's request that the State come up with ideas for additional help.

Mr. Cannon stated they still do not know the full damage of this pipe, and their first order will be to make sure basements are not damaged. Their second priority is to make sure the businesses along 15 Mile Road are open to the public and that people know about it, and their third priority is to get everything out of the roadway that is protecting them now so that traffic flow on Garfield can be restored. He assured they will be made whole as to their expenses now, but it appears at this point that the eleven communities will be responsible for paying for the overall project. He reminded that this is a Public Works Department pipe, which belongs to Macomb County, so he suggested possibly all communities in Macomb County should be participating. The Township is a customer, along with the other ten communities, so the suggestion will be made to Macomb County Drain Commissioner Miller that everyone participate and not just the eleven communities that happen to use that pipe. He stated there will be more discussions about that. He indicated they will be meeting with some people who think they may be able to get some money from the State for Macomb County, and he assured he will let everyone know if and when that occurs. He stressed that the Township is not sitting idly by, and they have some very expressive, outspoken lawmakers who are siding with the Township and the other communities affected.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Aragona, to receive and file the letter dated February 1st, 2017 from the Township Supervisor, and approve the request of extension for the Township's State of Emergency Declaration until March 27th, 2017. Discussion took place.

Mr. Gieleghem stated there has been a lot of talk about infrastructure but it is more than that, and has to do with roads, utilities, water and sewer lines all underground. He recalled a report from SEMCOG several years ago that estimated the sewer infrastructure in the state is a $26 billion to $52 billion problem. He is glad that they are talking about it, but he felt the State needs to be committing to it.

Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Aragona, Keys, Cannon, West, Gieleghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 23RD, 2017 REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Motion by Ms. Meltzer, supported by Mr. Gieleghem, to approve the minutes of the January 23rd, 2017 Regular Township Board Meeting as submitted. Roll Call: Ayes – Meltzer, Gieleghem, Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, West. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Ms. Meltzer, supported by Ms. West, to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – Meltzer, West, Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Gieleghem. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Gieleghem reminded that tomorrow begins the 18th Annual Clinton Township Blood Drive. He advised that there are still appointments available in the afternoon of February 8th at the South Branch of the Clinton-Macomb Library. There are some afternoon spots left on February 8th at the Clinton Township Senior Center, and he encouraged people to get out and give blood.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Keys, supported by Ms. West, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes – Keys, West, Aragona, Pearl, Cannon, Gieleghem, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent – None. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KIM MELTZER, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON

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