

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2016

PRESENT:	ROBERT J. CANNON	SUPERVISOR
	KIM MELTZER	CLERK
	WILLIAM SOWERBY	TREASURER
	PAUL GIELEGHEM	TRUSTEE
	KENNETH PEARL	TRUSTEE
	JENIFER WEST	TRUSTEE
ABSENT:	DEAN REYNOLDS	TRUSTEE

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 Mr. Sowerby at his last meeting as Clinton Township Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Meltzer requested the following deletions to tonight's agenda:

- Item #3 - Request to be Recognized as a Non-Profit: Teacher's Pet:
Dogs and Kids Learning Together
- Item #5 - Resolution Memorializing Amo Green

Ms. Meltzer requested the following addition to tonight's agenda:

- Item #19 - Resolution Declaring November 17th World Pancreatic Cancer Day

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Ms. West, to approve tonight's agenda with the deletion of Items #3 and #5 and the addition of Item #19. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, West, Gieleghem, Cannon, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Meltzer wanted to thank all who have been involved in working the elections over the last several months, including her staff. She also extended her thanks to Police Officers Joe Biggers and Dave Wheeler, who were kind enough to

deliver absentee ballots to her daily from the absentee ballot box receptacle placed at the Police Station. She reported that the voter turnout was 64.24%, and of the absentee ballots sent out, they received 97% return. Of the 16,938 absentee ballots requested, 16,417 were returned, and she stated that is an unprecedented percentage. She reiterated her thanks to everyone involved in helping with the election. She replied to inquiry that the ballot box located at the Police Station has been removed since last week's election.

1. 10TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE SENSES EVENT SUMMARY AND SPONSOR RECOGNITION

Ms. Debbie Staller thanked the Board of Trustees for their support of this event over the last ten years. She emphasized that their committee works on this event all year, and have already started the planning for next year's event. She also thanked Resurrection Cemetery for hosting their fence art, and Mr. Michael Hintze, of the Frederick V. Pankow Center, for putting together the design for their promotional poster. She added the committee selects the design based upon the interpretations of their theme. She stated it takes a community to put on this event, and they look forward to the 11th Annual Festival of the Senses in 2017. She explained that they provide a plaque containing the annual promotional design to the Gold and Diamond sponsors, and she presented one of those plaques to the representative of Henry Ford Macomb.

The representative from Henry Ford Macomb thanked the Board and stated they feel very privileged to be part of this event. He added that they plan to be back next year.

Mr. Cannon added that the MTA (Michigan Townships Association) had a very nice article in their magazine highlighting Clinton Township, with the Festival of the Senses and the Gratiot Cruise, and that article gave the community a great boost.

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Pearl, to receive and file the letter dated November 8th, 2016 from the Chairperson of the Festival of the Senses Committee, summarizing the 10th Annual Festival of the Senses Event and outlining sponsor recognition. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Pearl, Gielegem, Cannon, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

2. ANNUAL UPDATE OF DISPATCH SERVICES

Sheriff Anthony Wickersham was present to provide an update of the dispatch services provided to Clinton Township. He explained their collaboration began in April 2013, and it has been a work-in-progress since that time. He stated that from January 1st, 2016 through November 10th, 2016, their dispatch center has taken 45,678 911 calls from the Township. The total complaint numbers for the

Police Department is 41,153 and total Fire Department runs is 10,640. Sheriff Wickersham advised they now have the capacity to receive a text “911” if someone is not able to talk, and they were the first center in Macomb County to go live with that feature. Their dispatchers are all certified and can provide pre-arrival instructions for CPR, childbirth, quality of care service, and all the state standards are met by their dispatchers and their centers. The calls are answered and dispatched within seconds to police and fire. This year they brought on a new software, “Powerphone”, which provides them with increased technology to enable the dispatcher to provide instructions over the phone. This replaces their old system of a flipchart. There is a quality assurance aspect to this software to make sure dispatchers are handling them in a timely fashion and getting appropriate resources to respond to the emergency. Sheriff Wickersham also informed that one of their dispatchers, Ms. Kathleen DeYoung, who was a former Clinton Township dispatcher, was promoted to Supervisor this past July and is working on the afternoon shift, doing a phenomenal job, so he thanked the Township for recommending her.

Sheriff Wickersham cited some recent success stories that have occurred with central dispatch working with Clinton Township Police and Fire Departments, including one instance where they received telephone calls that a robbery was occurring at a cell phone store at Metropolitan Parkway and Gratiot. The dispatch center was immediately able to turn their cameras to the store, watch the robbery taking place, and had police there to arrest the robbers before the alarm company called in. He advised that in October, they upgraded their New World/Tyler Technologies software to Version 11.0, and they are working to resolve the mapping problems. The problems they experienced before the upgrade seem to have been corrected. He advised they have a training schedule set up next week for the Fire Department and they anticipate going live after the first of the year.

Mr. Gielegem inquired as to whether Washington Township Fire Department is on board with the central dispatch.

Sheriff Wickersham replied the Mount Clemens Fire Department is on board, and both Washington Township and Harrison Township are going before their respective Township Boards for approval, so he is anticipating they will most likely be on board in Spring 2017.

Mr. Gielegem thanked Sheriff Wickersham for providing the update this evening. He inquired as to whether they are still using two software systems, and the reason for it if they are.

Chief Posavetz clarified there is no more “New World” software, and it is now known as “Tyler Technologies”. He stated there are still flaws in the program that have not been corrected. He explained the reason Clinton Township has stayed

with CLEMIS is because of the name index and the records they have. He noted the name index in Tyler Technologies is newer so it is not as inclusive. As investigators of crimes are trying to put together criminal cases, it is important to have that data available to them.

Mr. Gieleghem inquired as to whether the information can be exported.

Chief Posavetz replied it cannot be imported, but they are current using Tyler Technologies for everything else. The continued use of CLEMIS gives them the one aspect they need until they can figure out how they will get that information through Tyler Technologies.

Mr. Gieleghem inquired as to whether there is any problem with communications between departments on this system. He questioned whether the Township is using CLEMIS only for the database portion.

Chief Posavetz replied affirmatively. He replied to further inquiry that the information must be accessed through the police station, and Tyler Technologies is what is available in the patrol cars. He admitted he likes the progress they are seeing, but he is not yet 100% satisfied, and that is why they are keeping CLEMIS. Chief Posavetz noted that Clinton Township was the first agency to go with the central dispatch, and he added that he likes it. He pointed out that they are not at 100%, but he is satisfied with the progress they are seeing.

Mr. Gieleghem inquired as to whether it is Sheriff Wickersham's vision to involve businesses and offer them live monitoring services.

Sheriff Wickersham replied he does not know what they are doing within Detroit's system, but his department uses road cameras. He admitted the technology is in place to do that, so the sky is the limit.

Mr. Pearl was aware that Sheriff Wickersham has tied into the high schools and middle schools, and he was confident of the money the Township will save once the Fire Department rolls into the system. He was with the understanding that the state was going to help with the roll-out.

Sheriff Wickersham replied the state is working on trying to get all databases to feed into the state system. He was confident they will eventually achieve their goal. He assured in the meantime, they are solving crimes and obtaining information, and they are all working together.

Mr. Sowerby recalled the original plan was to bring in more communities over time. Sterling Heights and Clinton Township came on board.

Sheriff Wickersham replied to inquiry that Sterling Heights has been up and running with both police and fire dispatch, but he noted they were already using Tyler Technologies.

Mr. Sowerby inquired as to whether there are any more police departments coming into the system for their dispatch services.

Sheriff Wickersham replied there are no other communities scheduled now for central police dispatch. He added they are finally “getting their heads above water”. He explained when they took on Sterling Heights and Clinton Township, they were hoping to get some seasoned dispatchers, but they had to start with all new dispatchers. He replied that Harrison Township, Washington Township and Mount Clemens are looking for fire dispatch.

Mr. Sowerby questioned, of the original group of Clinton Township dispatchers hired by Sheriff Wickersham, how many are still working as dispatchers with the County.

Sheriff Wickersham replied he believes there are still three, and they are doing a great job.

Chief Posavetz explained the Sheriff anticipated getting more dispatchers from the local communities, but he ended up falling short so it took a long time to get up to the level of efficiency and proficiency. He stated they do not want to put these dispatchers behind by taking on too many communities at one time, and they want to make sure the communities involved get the level of service for which they are assured.

Sheriff Wickersham stated it is a long training process, with a six-month training period. He added it is a difficult job, and can be very traumatic.

Ms. Meltzer stated her office is one of the lucky offices to have acquired one of the former Clinton Township dispatchers, and she has been a great employee. She highly complimented her ability to multi-task.

Mr. Dolan explained they have a draft of an ordinance that relates to enhanced video and data processing requirements that serve businesses to act as a deterrent, so they are in the process of implementing an ordinance that will provide an additional law enforcement tool on a coordinated basis.

Chief Wickersham stated that will be good, whether they can tap into it or have it available for the investigators.

Chief Posavetz emphasized that his department and the Sheriff’s department work very well together, with the detectives constantly helping each other out.

Sheriff Wickersham replied to inquiry that they are under contract with the Township through 2018.

Mr. Gielegem was aware there are increases in the contract, and the new budget year starts April 1st. He inquired as to who would have these figures and whether they come out of the Police Department's budget.

Chief Posavetz replied the Finance Department has that information, and the costs are split between Police and Fire, but not Information Technology.

Mr. Cannon commented that a lot of people forget how phenomenal the COMTEC building is for everyone who gets on board. He thanked Sheriff Wickersham and Executive Hackel for spearheading this program. He recalled it was a tough decision a few years ago, whether to hire more dispatchers or to be the first community to go with the County, and he stated the move to the County has worked out very well for the Township, although it has been a long road.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Ms. West, to receive and file the annual update of dispatch services, provided by Sheriff Wickersham. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, West, Gielegem, Cannon, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

**3. REQUEST TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION:
TEACHER'S PET: DOGS AND KIDS LEARNING TOGETHER**

This item was deleted from tonight's meeting.

**4. REQUEST TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION:
CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PTO ORGANIZATIONS**

Ms. Meltzer explained there are five schools in the Chippewa Valley School District that are applying to be recognized as a non-profit organization. She noted they have gone through all the state requirements, and their paperwork is all in order.

Motion by Mr. Sowerby, supported by Mr. Pearl, to receive and file the documentation from the Chippewa Valley School District PTO Organizations, and approve their request to be recognized as a 501(c)3 nonprofit operating in Clinton Township, to receive a Charitable Gaming License from the State of Michigan. Roll Call: Ayes – Sowerby, Pearl, Gielegem, Cannon, West, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

5. RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING AMO GREEN

This item was deleted from tonight's meeting.

6. REQUEST APPROVAL TO TRANSFER CLASS C AND SDM LIQUOR LICENSE FOR KARET PROJECTS, LLC (DBA MUER'S TABLE AND BAR) – 17470 HALL ROAD

Mr. Sowerby asked the petitioners to explain their plan for their new restaurant.

Mr. Jerry Moffitt, 5802 Vincent Trail, Shelby Township, Michigan 48316, explained Muer's Table and Bar is an independent fresh seafood restaurant that will be moving into the former Tin Fish location at Partridge Creek. They will be doing a complete remodel of the facility before they open.

Mr. Dave Muer, 458 McKinley Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236, stated he is part of the Muer family and brings in over 30 years of restaurant experience, primarily seafood.

Mr. Moffitt explained they are also bringing in Don Throneberry, who was the head chef of The Brewery Restaurant. He added they will also have a piano bar.

Mr. Muer explained that he ran the Blue Pointe Restaurant in Detroit for 27 years without using the Muer name, adding that he is a cousin of the other Muer family members in the restaurant business and shares the same great, great-grandfather, who also happened to be in the seafood business. He stated they are intending to have a high-end restaurant like Joe Muer's in Detroit. He assured it will not be fast-food, and it is their intention to serve fresh seafood of a high-quality in a very high-end setting, complete with waiters and white tablecloths.

Mr. Moffitt stated it will be the type of restaurant where the menu is printed out daily.

Mr. Muer stated he was a member of the Joe Muer's Restaurant and worked there every night for many years.

Mr. Moffitt pointed out that Mr. Muer has been running restaurants since 1977, and they are excited to be locating in the Township.

Mr. Sowerby stated they love to see independent restaurants come in to the Township and become successful, and they have seen several, including J. Baldwin's and Sajo's. He inquired as to whether the petitioners have pulled permits.

Mr. Moffitt replied they are waiting for the Health Department's approval. They are trying to see what they can do to get that expedited, and are hoping to be open by the end of the year or the first of the new year. He assured there will be a dramatic difference inside from what was previously there.

Mr. Dolan noted that Karat Projects LLC is a limited liability company. He inquired as to whether there is any separate ownership, such as personal property with fixtures.

Mr. Moffitt replied it will all be under the "Karat Projects LLC". He replied to further inquiry that Karat Projects LLC is owned by Mr. Tom Lefevre and himself, with Mr. Lefevre holding 65% ownership, and himself 35% ownership. He replied that Mr. Muer does not have ownership in the LLC but is employed by their company and will continue to work for them. He replied to still further inquiry that he will have a piano as far as entertainment, and they will have a small dance floor measuring 10 feet by 12 feet. He replied that it is a 10-year lease and they will agree to maintain that same entertainment for the full 10 years.

Mr. Sowerby commented that there are some new managing members of The Mall at Partridge Creek but he felt there are some who will remember the Tin Fish and all the problems they had, so he was confident they will be looking for nothing less than a fine restaurant to take its place.

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Gielegem, to receive and file the letter dated October 27th, 2016 from the Township Clerk and approve the request for Transfer of Ownership of 2016 Class C License and SDM License and approval of Dance Entertainment and Outdoor Liquor Sales Permits for Karet Projects LLC dba Muer's Table and Bar, located at 17470 Hall Road, Suite #109, Clinton Township, Michigan 48038, as requested. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Gielegem, Pearl, Cannon, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

7. REZONING: OS-1 OFFICE/SERVICE (LOW-RISE) TO R-3 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL: LOT 31, MORAVIAN-GARFIELD SUBDIVISION #1, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PENROD AND GARFIELD, ADDRESSED AS 36250 AND 36300 GARFIELD (SECTION 29)

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Sowerby, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated November 3rd, 2016 from the Secretary of the Clinton Township Planning Commission, and approve the rezoning request from OS-1 Office/Service (Low-Rise) to R-3 One-Family Residential for Lot 31, Moravian-Garfield Subdivision #1, located at the southeast corner of Penrod and Garfield, addressed as 36250 and 36300 Garfield Road, as submitted. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Sowerby, Gielegem, Pearl, Cannon, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

8. SPECIAL LAND USE: A MASSAGE THERAPY FACILITY IN THE B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT (MASSAGE THERAPY SALON @ CHIPPEWA VALLEY SHOPPING CENTER): 2.94 ACRES OF LAND FRONTING THE SOUTH LINE OF HALL ROAD (M-59), BETWEEN HEYDENREICH AND CARD ROADS (SECTION 3), ADDRESSED AS 21324 HALL ROAD

Motion by Mr. Cannon, supported by Mr. Gielegem, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated November 3rd, 2016 from the Secretary of the Clinton Township Planning Commission, and approve the request for Special Land Use to permit a massage therapy facility in the B-2 Community Business District (Massage Therapy Salon @ Chippewa Valley Shopping Center), to be located on part of 2.94 acres of land fronting the south line of Hall Road (M-59), between Heydenreich and Card Roads, addressed as 21324 Hall Road (Section 3), as recommended. Roll Call: Ayes – Cannon, Gielegem, Pearl, West, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

9. REVISED SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN: HANNA CAR WASH ADDITION: 1.1 ACRE OF LAND FRONTING THE EAST LINE OF GARFIELD ROAD, NORTH OF 18 MILE ROAD (SECTION 8), ADDRESSED AS 41200 GARFIELD ROAD

Mr. Sowerby noted that this car wash has been at this location for a long time, and he inquired as to what is being proposed.

The petitioner replied that they are adding a detailing bay because they need more room to provide that service. He added that it will be enclosed, but it will be used strictly for detailing.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Sowerby, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated November 3rd, 2016 from the Secretary of the Clinton Township Planning Commission, and approve the Site Development Plan for Hanna Car Wash Addition, located on 1.1 acre of land fronting the east line of Garfield Road, north of 18 Mile Road, addressed as 41200 Garfield (Section 8), as submitted. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Sowerby, Gielegem, Cannon, West, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

10. 2016 TAX-FORFEITED PROPERTIES: BID AWARD

Mr. Sowerby inquired as to why this parcel was separated from the group of parcels that was bid out earlier this fall.

Mr. Carlo Santia, Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, replied that this parcel was advertised in September along with the

other 2016 tax-forfeited properties. The bids were due on September 27th, 2016, and in the Department of Public Work's preparation of the house for the open house, it was discovered that there was a problem in the house with bed bugs. It was removed from the bidding list at that time so they could exterminate the house several times. They did not have time to rectify the situation prior to the September 27th due date, but as soon as the problem was resolved, they re-advertised and held a bid opening for this house on October 27th. He replied to further inquiry that the bidding was very successful, receiving seven bids for the house ranging from the high bid of \$75,761 to the low bid of \$29,000.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Ms. West, to receive and file the letter dated November 1st, 2016 from the Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, and concur with the recommendation to award the sale of the tax-foreclosed property on Crosley Street to the highest bidder, Five Star Asset Management, for the sum of \$75,761.00; further, that the property will be closed within 45 days or less, and a pamphlet will be prepared and given to the new property owner at closing, which provides a checklist pertaining to permits and other requirements. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, West, Gielegem, Cannon, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO APPRAISER TECHNICIAN POSITION

Motion by Mr. Gielegem, supported by Ms. West, to receive and file the letter dated November 8th, 2016 from the Human Resources Director, and appoint Ms. Debra Ferraro to the position of Appraiser Technician, which is a promotion to a higher classification within the Department, with an annual starting salary of \$46,434, effective November 15th, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes – Gielegem, West, Pearl, Cannon, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

12. REQUEST APPROVAL TO HIRE THREE (3) POLICE OFFICERS

Motion by Mr. Cannon, supported by Mr. Pearl, to receive and file the letter dated November 14th, 2016 from the Police Chief, and approve the hiring of three police applicants, William Mangan, Nicholas Stirrett and Drake Davis, all having successfully passed the pre-employment background investigation, with their start date on Tuesday, November 29th, 2016 and a swearing in on that date at 10:00 a.m. at the police department. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Roger Holtslander, 23140 Wellington Crescent, Clinton Township, Michigan 48036, stated it is great to see more police officers hired. He inquired as to whether they are at their full complement of officers.

Chief Posavetz replied this will bring them to their full complement, with 93 budgeted police officers.

Mr. Cannon stated this is what the voters of the Township so generously gave to the community. It has taken a while to get to this number because they have had other officers retire in the interim, but they are now at a full force.

Roll Call: Ayes – Cannon, Pearl, Gielegem, West, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

13. METROPOLITAN PARKWAY WATER MAIN CROSSING PROJECT – REPORT OF FINAL CONTRACT COST

Mr. Pearl questioned whether this is coming in now because of conditions that were of an emergency nature on site, and their policy is if they can be delayed, it comes to the Board first. If it cannot be delayed, it comes to the Board as a report after the fact.

Ms. Bednar replied affirmatively, noting that most their changes are a result of having to make a change in the field. In this case, to keep the contractor moving forward, they would not want the crew down for two weeks. She noted the final contract amount is 10.18% over, which is just barely over the 10% allowed; however, she emphasized that most their projects have been under the 10% by quite a margin.

Mr. Cannon assured that Ms. Bednar kept him informed and let him know that if she had to stop the crew to come before the Board, the costs would have risen much more.

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Sowerby, to receive and file the letter dated November 10th, 2016 from Mr. Scott J. Chabot, PE, Senior Project Manager, Giffels Webster, and approve the Final Construction Cost for the Metro Parkway Water Main Crossing Replacement Project in the amount of \$368,952.10, which exceeded the total contract price for the project of \$334,856.39 by 10.18% due to emergency work that needed to be done. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Sowerby, Gielegem, Pearl, Cannon, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

14. REQUEST FOR A CHANGE IN SCOPE FOR ADDITIONAL LIGHTING TO CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT PROJECT

Mr. Cannon explained that this additional lighting would include lighting up the parking lot by the gazebo for security reasons and because many senior citizen activities involve the seniors parking in that lot and going on day trips. When

they return at night, there are no lights in the parking lot, so the additional lighting will make it safer for them.

Ms. Bednar replied the original quote was to replace existing lighting. They would like to add lighting and cannot competitively bid because it is being done by DTE. The original proposal was to put up new poles but they are going to retrofit, use the same poles and paint them.

Ms. Meltzer inquired as to whether this is still under budget.

Mr. Cannon replied affirmatively.

Motion by Mr. Gielegem, supported by Mr. Pearl, to receive and file the letter dated November 10th, 2016 from the Director of the Department of Public Services, and approve the additional lighting improvements to the Civic Center Parking Lot Project in the amount of \$34,073.05 to add lighting along the Canal Road entrance and in the comfort station parking lot and a retrofit of the lights in the Senior/Recreation parking lot at the south end of the Civic Center, with sufficient funds in the project budget to complete the work. Roll Call: Ayes – Gielegem, Pearl, Cannon, West, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

15. NEW CARPET PROTECTION

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Gielegem, to receive and file the letter dated October 31st, 2016 from the Director of the Department of Public Services and approve the purchase of carpet protection mats from Office Express at a total cost of approximately \$2,500, to be paid for from the Capital Outlay carpeting budget. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Gielegem, Pearl, Cannon, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

16. APPROVAL IN CHANGE OF FEES FOR WEEDS

Mr. Cannon stated this is designed so people will take care of their own properties and will not want to rely on the Township to take care of them.

Mr. Dolan clarified this is an amendment of the fee schedule ordinance to reflect this new amount.

Mr. Sowerby stated this amount better reflects the true cost of this service.

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Sowerby, to adopt the Resolution Revising Fee Schedule Ordinance Amending Fees Weed Cutting, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Sowerby, Gielegem, Pearl, Cannon, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

17. UPDATE REGARDING 2016 FIREWORKS SPONSORSHIPS

Mr. Cannon stated he and Ms. West made some telephone calls and discovered some of those businesses listed as a sponsor for the 2016 Fireworks wanted a bill, and some claimed they did not make the commitment for the donation. He explained that Ms. Hein put together a report in the Board packet. They have collected \$18,000 and expect to collect \$24,900. He stated the difference in the expected amount over what they spent came to \$7,838.89, and the reason for that difference was they were overbudgeted in spending, and there were less collections than anticipated by the person who oversaw the fireworks at the time. He recommended, so that they can move forward with this project in 2017, that the Board approve the General Fund to offset the \$7,838.89. He felt this will give Mr. Pizzo, Director of Parks & Recreation, an opportunity in January to start planning the Fireworks and sponsorships for 2017. Mr. Cannon replied to inquiry that anyone who wants to work on the committee will be welcome, including Ms. Staller, who has a history of working on this event, but Mr. Pizzo will oversee the entire project, including the soliciting and collecting of funds.

Ms. West inquired as to whether Ms. Staller will be able to send out the letters as she has in the past.

Mr. Cannon stated he has no problem with that if Mr. Pizzo agrees.

Ms. West believed Mr. Pizzo agrees with that.

Mr. Gielegghem confirmed that this is a one-time General Fund allocation to cover the shortfall, and they expect this to be self-funding in the future.

Mr. Cannon replied that is correct. He complimented Mr. Pizzo on being a very creative department head with a lot of ideas, even using the same format they are using now but how to generate additional funds from vendors and others on the outside who would like to participate.

Ms. West stated she has talked with Mr. Pizzo.

Motion by Mr. Sowerby, supported by Ms. West, to receive and file the letter dated November 9th, 2016 from the Administrative Aide, and approve the transfer of up to \$7,838.89 from the General Fund to the Parks & Recreation Budget to cover the difference of the shortage received from donations for the 2016 Fireworks. Roll Call: Ayes – Sowerby, West, Gielegghem, Pearl, Cannon, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

18. 3RD QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Sowerby reviewed the 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Bob Hogan, 36755 Barr Street, Clinton Township, Michigan 48035, inquired as to how much interest the Township earned.

Mr. Sowerby replied the total was 0.31% of all the Township's investments. He replied he does not have that available in a dollar figure this evening.

Mr. Hogan inquired as to why most the money is distributed between two or three banks, with very little money being invested into the others. He has asked what the Township is receiving from these banks for investing their funds, and he noted that there is not one bank even listed as a sponsor of the annual fireworks program. He claimed he has been told that the banks are "not charging us fees to keep our money". He questioned why the money is not spread evenly throughout these institutions, and why the Township is not seeking sponsorships for community events from these financial institutions.

Mr. Sowerby stated he does not handle the seeking of sponsorships. He reviewed the banking institutions the Township uses: Chase, Flagstar, Level One, Robson Capital, Comerica, First State Bank, High Class, FifthThird, Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union, First Independence Bank, Huntington National Bank and The Private Bank. He confirmed that some of those banks contribute dollars to various events. He is aware that they have contributed to Senior Center events, as well as the annual Blood Drive. He stated the banks have changed a lot over the years, and less personalization has occurred. There are limits on their ability to give contributions, and there are just not the small local banks around anymore. They still have some that participate but the investments do not bring the dollars in because of the low interest rates. He recalled fifteen years ago, the rates were 5% or 6%, and there was a separate line item for interest those investments made. He stressed that safety of their investments is of the utmost importance, with liquidity coming in second. They then look at the interest rates, but he noted they must keep their investments liquid.

Mr. Dolan reminded that they are restricted by a specific state statute regarding the nature of the investment.

Mr. Sowerby explained that Public Act 20 only allows the Township to invest in certain types of investments. He noted that Police and Fire Pension funds can be invested in riskier investments, but Public Act 20 only allows investment in a small arena.

Mr. Hogan pointed out they have a large footprint of credit unions in Clinton Township, and he could not understand why more of them are not included in the investment portfolio.

Mr. Sowerby replied that DFCU is a new credit union located by The Mall at Partridge Creek, and they are part of the Township's portfolio, although they have not invested anything with them so far. First Michigan is no longer a credit union and will be gone from the portfolio. He stated the next Treasurer always can change that portfolio strategy, but it must come to the Board for approval regardless of whether it is a traditional banking institution or a credit union.

Mr. Hogan inquired as to whether the Treasurer should oversee seeking sponsorships.

Mr. Cannon replied the Treasurer should not be seeking sponsorships. It would be essentially telling the bank that the Township is willing to invest if they are willing to donate back to the Township.

Mr. Sowerby agreed with Mr. Cannon, stating that would be a "pay to play" strategy and that is not allowed. He stressed that would not be "good government" and not what this Board believes in. If there are community events and the Township wants to ask for sponsorships, it is only an "ask" and not a requirement.

Mr. Cannon stated a lot of institutions like to sponsor events because they want to be a good neighbor or they want to get their name out in the community, but the Township does not require it.

Mr. Roger Holtslander, 23140 Wellington Crescent, Clinton Township, Michigan 48036, felt the reason they invest in two or three main banks is because of the size of the banks. He was pleased with the Board's response to the question of sponsorships, and felt requiring sponsorships is something the Township should never do. He suspected some people feel it should be "pay to play", and that should never be the thinking of the people who want to do business in this community. Businesses should sponsor an event if they want, but it should never be expected.

Mr. Pearl commended Mr. Sowerby on the fantastic job he has done with the Township's money. He has been involved with the Chippewa Valley Schools in the past, and his children are either financial planners or CPA's, so he understands that aspect, and he felt Mr. Sowerby has made excellent financial decisions. He stressed he has never questioned him once in his financial decisions, and he reiterated that Mr. Sowerby has done a fantastic job over the last twenty years.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Gielegem, to receive and file the 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report dated November 7, 2016, as submitted by the

Township Treasurer. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Gielegghem, Cannon, West, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

19. RESOLUTION DECLARING NOVEMBER 17TH AS WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Gielegghem, to adopt the Resolution Declaring November 17th as World Pancreatic Cancer Day in the Charter Township of Clinton, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Gielegghem, Pearl, Cannon, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1ST, 2016 REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Motion by Mr. Gielegghem, supported by Ms. West, to approve the minutes of the November 1st, 2016 Regular Township Board Meeting as submitted. Roll Call: Ayes – Gielegghem, West, Pearl, Cannon, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Sowerby, supported by Mr. Cannon, to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – Sowerby, Cannon, Gielegghem, Pearl, West, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Sowerby stated that this is his last Township Board meeting after serving twenty years as Clinton Township Treasurer. He thanked the residents and voters for having the confidence in letting him serve in this capacity for the last twenty years. He looked back on the great growth and development the Township has experienced over those years, citing the renaissance that occurred in the Quinn Road Community when the former incinerator was taken down. He mentioned two new Lowe's Home Improvement Centers in the Township, The Mall at Partridge Creek, and the stabilization of neighborhoods that took place by the Township taking on the tax-foreclosed properties and not turning them down as other communities did. He mentioned the Meijers on Groesbeck, and the Cavaliere family generously donating park land, in addition to Jim George's generous donation of George Park. He credited the community on their ability and determination to stick together to come through the recession. He enjoyed working with the community and the school districts on the blood drives. He thanked the Board of Trustees, noting that even though they have "had their moments", as any political body does, it has been a pleasure serving with the Board. He thanked the Department heads and their employees, who have all made it a pleasure to work here. He complimented Mr. Gielegghem, the incoming

Treasurer, and expressed confidence that the Township's Treasurer's office will be in great hands. He also thanked his Deputy Treasurer, Ms. Cindy Melitz, and his staff. He thanked his wife for sticking with him, and he looks forward to being a state representative for this area. He assured he will be listening to the concerns of the people, and conveying the issues over which they have experienced so much frustration for so many years. He wished much success to the future Board for the next four years.

Mr. Gielegem stated he has been proud to work with Mr. Sowerby, and it has been great to have him as a colleague and a friend. He announced that some residents have attended tonight's meeting and want him to know that they have brought some refreshments to celebrate immediately following the meeting.

There were three public comments:

Mr. Roger Holtslander has known Mr. Sowerby for a long time, and although he acknowledged they have not always agreed on everything, he has always known that Mr. Sowerby is working for the people he represents. He was pleased that Mr. Sowerby is going up to the state level where they need representation from people who have worked at city and township levels. He felt there are not many in Lansing now who care about the local communities, and he wished Mr. Sowerby well.

Ms. Linda Pedutti thanked Mr. Sowerby for his dedicated service over the years, and she also thanked Ms. Mary Bednar, Public Services Director, who worked so fast in getting the trees replanted in Charter Oaks.

Mr. Bob Hogan claimed he received a telephone call from Ms. West, and he questioned how she would get his number if it is unlisted. He also felt there should be a "conflict of interest" policy put into place because trust in politicians is starting to waiver. He questioned what safeguards are being put into place.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Gielegem, supported by Mr. Pearl, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes – Gielegem, Pearl, Cannon, West, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent – Reynolds. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KIM MELTZER, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON

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