

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2016**

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

**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. Robert Hribar, Attorney, filling in for Mr. Dolan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Meltzer indicated that there are no additions or deletions to tonight's agenda.

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

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Ms. Meltzer reminded that the Presidential Primary Election is coming up on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and anyone interested can still apply for a ballot. The polls will be open on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and she explained that this is a "closed" primary, which means that anyone wishing to vote will have to designate Republican or Democrat. She clarified that by declaring one party or another does not necessarily declare that person's political allegiance, but each voter has to decide whether they wish to cast their vote on the Democratic ballot or the Republican ballot, as they are separate ballots for this primary election. She recommended that anyone who has questions on this process can call the Elections Division at (586) 286-9422.

**1. PUBLIC HEARING: 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAM YEAR**

Mr. Cannon explained that the Public Hearing is now open to accept request for 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds.

Ms. Sheila Collins, Shelter Director for Turning Point, 158 South Main, Mount Clemens, Michigan 48046, explained they are seeking CDBG funding this year in the amount of \$3,000 to assist in providing help for adults and children who are suffering from homelessness as a result of violence. She noted that they served 23 residents of Clinton Township last year. Their organization helps to secure the resources these people need in order for them to make a fresh start. She added they are very proud of their children's program. Their residents are provided three meals a day, clothing, a children's program, access to counseling, therapy, medical care, advocacy and civil legal assistance. Ms. Collins assured that their program meets the criteria of the CDBG program because they benefit low- and moderate-income persons. She noted that the Turning Point shelters are full the majority of the time, which shows that this is a service that is greatly needed, and she stressed that the stopping of this violence cannot happen without the support of the community. She urged the Board to consider this request in providing part of the solution.

Mr. Santia replied to inquiry that, following tonight's public hearing, the Department of Planning and Community Development will continue to take requests in their office through the end of the business day on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

Ms. Katherine Benford, Director of Senior Services through the Macomb County Community Services Agency, 21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township, Michigan 48036, explained she is here to request funding for the Senior Chore Program. She pointed out that many seniors struggle with chores around their home as their health is compromised by conditions such as cancer, arthritis, COPD and other ailments, and they also find themselves living on limited income, many times as low as \$750 per month. This organization helps the low- and moderate-income adults living in their own homes to perform such chores as lawn-cutting, snow removal, gutter cleaning, and minor repairs, which helps these seniors to be able to stay in their homes. She stressed these services benefit the entire community because they keep seniors in their homes and help to avoid home vacancies in neighborhoods when the senior resident would have had to have been placed in an alternative assisted care facility. Ms. Benford informed that last year, they provided 46 Clinton Township residents over the age of 60 a total of 767 hours of service, with 80% of these services being lawn maintenance. She noted the cost for these serving these Clinton Township residents amounted to \$10,230. They are looking at 807 units of service so far this year at a cost of \$10,837. Ms. Benford requested consideration of CDBG funds in the amount of

\$10,000 to help them leverage additional dollars to aid low- and moderate-income seniors and to eliminate blight in the neighborhoods. She requested the Board's support and thanked the Board in advance for providing funding to their organization.

Mr. Gieleghem stated he is very familiar with this program, and he has referred people in this community to their organization. He appreciated their program, and recalled their funding was threatened a couple of years ago, but they were able to restore it. He inquired as to what has been happening with their funding.

Ms. Benford replied the funding was very vulnerable during the sequestration, mostly within their nutrition program, but she assured they remained vigilant throughout.

Mr. Gieleghem inquired as to whether the Township dollars provide a match for their organization.

Ms. Benford replied it does not provide a match, but they have always used local CDBG funding to help support this program.

Mr. Francis Marella, 35979 Carlisle, Clinton Township, Michigan 48035, on behalf of Care House, explained they have helped 5,300 families over the last twenty years that have experienced children being sexually abused. He noted that the majority of the victims are under the age of 17, with statistics showing that one girl out of every three and one boy out of every four will be sexually abused before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Through their organization, they are able to provide forensic interviews through closed circuit TV. Prior to 1996, a child had to go to eight separate interviews and they were extremely traumatized. By 2003, they were down to three interviews, and now it is through closed circuit television. He noted that the majority of the violators end up going to jail. Their organization provides counseling to the families free of charge, and they follow through until the families no longer need them. Last year, Clinton Township had 35 families that were interviewed by Care House. They received funding in the amount of \$3,300 from CDBG funds, but he indicated that only covered 6 families. They are asking for \$8,400 this year. Mr. Marella stated they try to raise money from the outside, and they do receive some funding from the State and Federal governments, but the rest of the responsibility is up to their organization to raise the needed funds. He informed that the Care House Board of Directors has cited two police officers in Clinton Township who have done an excellent job. He added that on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Clinton Township Detective Jeff Bishop will be honored at Burning Tree Country Club. Mr. Marella informed that during the month of January, there were 6 families from Clinton Township assisted through this program, with a total of 62 county-wide. He stressed that is only for one month, and there are more and more people being referred to this organization.

Ms. Meltzer thanked Mr. Marella for his representation of this great organization. She heard Mr. Marella indicate they are requesting \$8,400, but at one point he mentioned \$8,000, and she requested clarification.

Mr. Marella confirmed their request is for \$8,400.

Mr. Brad O'Donnell, Director of Development and Community Relations for Play Place for Autistic Children, 41105 Technology Drive, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48314, stated they are a 501(3)(c) organization that is geared to children who are affected by special needs, especially autism. He explained that the children are having fun, laughing and playing but also receiving the benefit of therapy. He stated that they have a laser light chalk room with black lights, which is a lot of fun for the children, and that is just one of the many examples of activities they offer. Mr. O'Donnell explained there are 8,000 school-age children in this area affected by some type of special needs, and Michigan is the fourth highest state affected by autism. He estimated that 1 in 53 children are affected by autism, which impacts their social interaction. There is a spectrum involved, and there are all levels of functionality within that spectrum. Mr. O'Donnell explained that they are requesting CDBG funds to be designated for sponsorship in the amount of \$594 per child. He emphasized that no one is making any money in this organization because they are non-profit, but they are trying to make it affordable for the families who need this service. He felt that paying for 6 one-month memberships could be a possible way for the community to help. He concluded by indicating that he is from Clinton Township and grew up in this area. He thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to present the benefits of this organization, and felt all of these presentations tonight represent very good causes.

Ms. West inquired as to whether they do any ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) at this facility.

Mr. O'Donnell replied they do not have anyone on staff who does ABA. He assured, however, that they contract with a company who does this through this facility. This company will be doing the actual therapy and it will be under one roof. He replied to further inquiry that they do not have a BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst).

Ms. Penny Hader, member of the Macomb County Social Services Board and heading up the Macomb County Warming Center at Zion United Church of Christ, explained that there are 21 church congregations that host the rotating shelter. They operate mid-November through the end of April, approximately 24 weeks. She informed that they serve adults only who are 18 years of age and over. It is different from some of the other shelters in that they do no drug testing and the only requirement is the need for a warm place to spend the night.

Because most of their churches are located in Mount Clemens, they get a number of residents from Clinton Township. She noted that the Clinton Township Police Department has been well-informed of these services, and they provide one of the few ways their guests arrive at the shelters. People can walk in on their own between 7 and 9 p.m.; otherwise, they have to be escorted either by a police officer or an ambulance from one of the area hospitals. She stressed they have been able to keep the costs down to 11%, but there has been a 15% increase this year in homelessness. They anticipate serving 60 people supper and breakfast at their church, and they have ended up with 89 guests. She commented that there were many young people ranging in age from 18 to 25, then a jump in age to people over 50, some of whom she sadly felt were too old to be in the position of being homeless. The organization supplies pillows, blankets and a security staff, which is difficult to find. The churches provide the evening meal, breakfast, and a warm place to sleep, so this has been a good arrangement. Ms. Hader explained that St. Louis Parish is the only partnering church in Clinton Township, and they have served 119 Clinton Township residents since this past November, amounting to 468 shelter nights for those people. In 2002 they started the organization, and in 2006, they were able to secure enough money to start the Ray of Hope Center, which is open during the daytime to assist these people in getting jobs, having access to computers, and providing the tools they need to apply for jobs. This center is located very convenient to the bus route, which helps them with transportation. She cited some examples of success stories that she has witnessed, and requested consideration of \$2,000 of CDBG funds to try to meet the increased need they are having this year. She assured their consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Cannon recalled the Township was granted a lot more CDBG funds years ago from the federal government, but that amount has been greatly reduced. He commended some of the people in Washington who have worked hard to get these funds for the Township, naming Sander Levin as one of those individuals. He recalled at one time the Township received close to \$2 million annually, but they now receive about \$500,000. He was confident that the Planning Department will receive all of these requests, and they will all be considered carefully.

A gentleman stated he would like to ask a question about bow hunting in the Township, and Mr. Cannon recommended he fill out a comment card so he can speak at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Santia reiterated that the Department of Planning and Community Development will be taking requests until the close of business on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

Mr. Cannon assured that there will be a great deal of thought and work to put into delegating their limited number of dollars.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Ms. West, to receive and file the correspondence and the requests for funding made in regards to the 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program Year, and to continue to receive requests in the Department of Planning and Community Development through the end of the business day on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, West, Reynolds, Gilleghem, Cannon, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

## **2. REQUEST FOR CLASS C QUOTA LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ROSEANNE'S KITCHEN**

Mr. Don McCarthy, Commercial Broker representing the applicants, indicated he provided some background of the applicants to the Board.

Ms. Lillietta Quni stated she and her family own and operate Roseanne's Kitchen. They are requesting a Class C Quota Liquor License. She claimed she talks to customers all day when she is there, and they are losing people at dinner. She pointed out their restaurant serves as a meeting place for a lot of business people, but they are being told by the customers that they would like them to be able to serve beer. She stressed they do not want to be "the next bar hangout" but they would like to be able to offer drinks with dinner. She stated her family has owned this facility for the last 6-1/2 years, and in that time, they have redone the entire restaurant, investing a lot of money into fixing it up. She stressed they are committed to staying in this location, and they love their customers and patrons, but they would like to upgrade their brunch menu and have the ability to serve some cocktails. They have been working with a few decorated chefs in an attempt to offer upgraded food, but the chefs are telling them they need to be able to serve certain kinds of wine with some of the entrees, or possibly a mimosa with brunch. She stressed that the liquor license would help their business, and informed that they received all "A+" ratings from the Health Department for the 6-1/2 years that they have owned this facility. She added they even have new Macomb County Health Department employees train at their facility because it is so well-maintained and organized.

Mr. Pearl inquired as to whether they have received an updated letter from the Police Department.

Mr. Cannon replied they have letters of approval from Police, Fire and Building Departments.

Ms. Meltzer confirmed that they received approvals from these departments.

Mr. Gieleghem commended the owner of Roseanne's Kitchen for doing such a nice job fixing up the facility. He indicated that he grew up in this area and claimed that Roseanne's has been an institution there for many decades. He felt their hard work has paid off well for them and for the community. He added that he is always impressed with how nice it looks, as well as its cleanliness. They have many patrons and they seem to do a good business. Mr. Gieleghem explained that there are two ways to obtain a liquor license. The most common way is to purchase one that is available on the open market, noting that the price fluctuates. He felt these are currently ranging between \$25,000 and \$30,000. The other way to obtain a liquor license is to request one of the Township's Quota Licenses. The Township receives a certain number of licenses from the Liquor Control Commission, based on population, and the intent of these is to spur economic development in the community. He recalled many requests from businesses in the Hall Road area, but he felt the economy "does not need to be spurred in the Hall Road area". The Township Board put together a committee to look at this issue; however, they did not establish criteria because the feeling by the Board members was that it should be based on a vote of each Board member. He noted that each Board member makes a decision based on the criteria they establish for themselves. He felt that the petitioner runs a great family restaurant, and if they would like to change the motif and start to offer cocktails, they can go out and buy a license to do so. If they are looking to receive one of the Quota licenses, the Board needs to look at the return on the investment for the overall community, and that is the part of the application that he feels is lacking. He does not know what would be in it for the community at large.

Ms. Quni admitted she does not know how this could help the community, but stressed that they do a lot of local charity work, helping the Clintondale Schools with all of their programs. They also do a lot with the local churches, especially St. Thecla, as well as helping many different Veteran's groups. She explained they have a monthly budget as to how much they can spend on helping other people, and she indicated she always goes over budget because she finds it hard to say no to a church or school. She stressed that she shops locally and tries to hire locally as well.

Mr. Sowerby agreed that Roseanne's Kitchen is a great restaurant, with great food and great patrons. He noted, however, that he has to look at what this free liquor license does for the community, and he felt it would not benefit the community as far as the economic development it is supposed to attract. He acknowledged the wonderful things the owners have done for the community, and commented that is part of being a business, noting those good deeds come back and reward the business. Mr. Sowerby explained they have five of these quota licenses left, and Clinton Township is saturated with liquor licenses. Although he commented that some communities never give these away, he looks at it as a way to attract new business or the expansion of a current business that

is going to spend significant dollars to improve so they can stay in the Township. He cited the theater on Gratiot as an example, where they made a \$6 million improvement, and the Township granted them one of the quota licenses. He reminded that just because the Township has these licenses in their possession does not mean they have to give them away. As Treasurer of the Township, Mr. Sowerby stressed he wants to make sure there is a good reward to the community as well. He clarified he is not saying that Roseanne's should not pursue a license, but he felt it should not be one of the free ones.

Ms. Quni inquired as to whether they save them for the larger companies.

Mr. Sowerby replied the size of the business does not matter, but it is supposed to attract new economic development in the area to spur growth. He respected the application from Roseanne's but felt there is a different avenue they can go to get a license because they can purchase one off of the market.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that as the population in a community grows, based on the 10-year census, that community is granted more quota liquor licenses. He explained this failing restaurant was taken over in 2010 by the current owners, and they developed it. He explained one of their challenges is that they have to keep their prices low, but it is a viable business and is in competition with other places where liquor is served. He did not know what else they can say Roseanne's has contributed other than the generous contributions the owners have made to local schools, churches and other organizations.

Ms. West stated she looks at this differently than her colleagues. She acknowledged that Roseanne's has been there for decades, and for the last 6-1/2 years, the current owners have built it up, making many improvements to turn it into a nice facility with a good reputation. She pointed out they have paid their taxes and invested in the site, so she felt they should be awarded the license.

Mr. Reynolds agreed with Ms. West. He did not feel they should penalize a business that is doing well. He recalled granting liquor licenses to big establishments and little establishments alike. He commented that he has dined at Roseanne's, and at times he has had to wait for a table, while at other times, it is not as busy and he can sit down right away. Mr. Reynolds felt if they are going to compete with nearby restaurants like Alibi Inn and Applebee's, the Township should grant them the requested liquor license. He indicated he will be voting in favor of the request.

Mr. Pearl stated he dines there quite often, and commended them on their food and service. He indicated he was also in support of the AMC Star Theater when they came before the Board for a quota license, but they were making a \$6 million investment into the site. He explained that the Board placed a stipulation on the approval that if the business did not succeed, the license would revert

back to the Township. He felt the cost for a liquor license on the market is reasonable, but he acknowledged that they do have the right to ask the Board for a quota license. Mr. Pearl explained his problem is the fact that there are a lot of other local restaurants in the Township that are also doing a good job, and if this request is approved, he was concerned as to how he would distinguish this request from others asking for similar consideration. He explained for this reason he has to vote no on this request, but added that he will still continue to eat at their restaurant. He hoped they will consider purchasing a license if they do not get it through the Township.

Ms. Meltzer felt this is tough, especially when it is being requested by someone who has been such a good business person in the Township. She complimented the owners on the beautiful improvements they have made to the building, and she felt they have done a lot to help the aesthetics in the 15 Mile Road area, assuring they are a great addition. She indicated she will be supporting this request, but cautioned that if they cease to operate their restaurant, the liquor license will be required to be returned to the Township. Ms. Meltzer noted that is their “safety net” and that is the reason she feels she can support this request. She commented that if something unfortunate happened and they had to shut their doors, the license would return to the Township’s ownership.

Mr. Sowerby inquired as to whether Mr. Quni is the owner of George’s Coney Island in Rochester.

Mr. Quni replied he owns that restaurant, but replied to further inquiry that they do not have a liquor license.

Mr. Gielegem noted that the business has been successful, and it seems the Township is penalizing their success. He did not feel that is a fair characterization, but the Board needs to look where they can place an investment as an anchor and have growth occur around it. The Township will be able to use this license as a foothold, and he did not see this request as meeting this criteria. He urged them that if they want to change their motif, they can make that investment by purchasing a license on the open market.

Ms. Meltzer commented that businesses look at different ways in which they can be successful. She assured she is not trying to pit a small business against a larger business. She pointed out that the applicants made an investment, and she felt they are having difficulty competing in this environment, so she could not see why the Board would not help them. She felt the owners are giving back to the community, and the Township has a “tried and true relationship” already. She heard Ms. Quni’s response to what they have done as a business to help others, and she stressed that makes a bigger impact on her personal decision to vote in favor of this request.

Mr. Cannon could not recall the last time the Board voted unanimously to grant a quota license, but he felt that is good because it means everyone is looking at all of the angles. He worked hard with National Coney Island on Garfield and they obtained a liquor license. He had tried talking with the former owner, who has now since passed away, about relocating to Gratiot, but they did not want to relocate. He added that if Roseanne's was proposing to open a second location on Gratiot, and they were seeking a quota license for that second location, he would be in favor of granting this request. He claimed that Roseanne's is not a competitor with Alibi Inn because it is a different type of development. He complimented the owners of Roseanne's for creating a great place to meet, and he added that he goes there, generally in the morning or afternoon. He is aware of several other local restaurants that will be coming in to see him tomorrow if this is granted tonight, noting that Ms. Mary's and Pete Too, Michael's Kitchen and Ken's Country Kitchen are all good restaurants that would like their liquor license.

Ms. Quni objected to being compared to Ms. Mary's and Pete Too, pointing out that they are very new, and she has been at this location for 6-1/2 years. She admitted that Michael's Kitchen has been there a long time. She felt she is the first one requesting this, so if the others come in tomorrow or next week, the Township should not have to worry about a quota license not being available. She felt that possibly the others do not get "A+" ratings, or maybe they do not give to the community nearly as much as she does. She did not feel it is fair to be lumped in with the others.

Mr. Cannon recalled the owner of Michael's Kitchen was denied when they came in for a quota license. The quota liquor license for Brigitte's Café was granted on a split vote of the Board. He explained, in that instance, there were three women trying to start a business who could not have possibly obtained a liquor license if they did not get one from the Township. He noted they did a great business. He explained that each Board member has to make up their own mind on how they are going to vote. He indicated he is not voting in favor of this because he wants to save that license to fill some of the spots on Gratiot and Groesbeck. He commented that if they were proposing a second location on Gratiot, he would be in favor of approving a quota license for them at their new location.

Motion by Mr. Reynolds, supported by Ms. West, to receive and file the letter dated November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from the Township Clerk, and approve the request for ownership of one of five remaining Clinton Township Quota Class C liquor licenses for the business located at 21400 15 Mile Road, Clinton Township, Michigan 48035 (Roseanne's Kitchen); further, this approval is contingent upon an agreement being executed by the petitioner that states in the event the license is not in use for a period of ninety (90) consecutive days, they will relinquish the license, and that license will then revert back to the Township. Roll

Call: Ayes – Reynolds, West, Meltzer. Nays – Gielegem, Pearl, Cannon, Sowerby. Absent – None. Motion failed for lack of votes.

Mr. Hribar replied to inquiry that the failed motion turns this request down.

Ms. Meltzer advised that if the owners wish to purchase a liquor license on the open market, they would still need to come before the Board for approval. She clarified the denial tonight was based on whether the Board should give them a free liquor license based on economic development. If they choose to purchase one on the market, they will be requesting a transfer of that license. She could not recall this Board ever turning such a request down.

Mr. Cannon agreed with Ms. Meltzer and assured if they come in with a transfer for a license they purchase, they will have no problem because their background check is impeccable.

Ms. Meltzer suggested Ms. Quni contact her and she would be glad to help her through that process.

Mr. McCarthy commented that there are no liquor licenses currently available. He reminded that the number is based on population, so Macomb Township has 19 available. The City of Warren actually has four too many. Because of supply and demand, he noted that the minimum going rate at this point for a liquor license is \$50,000, and the broker would have to be paid an additional \$5,000. He claimed those are real numbers as of yesterday.

### **3. REQUEST FOR WASTE HAULER EXTENSION WITH NEW SERVICES**

Mr. Reynolds complimented the Refuse Committee for putting this together. He felt the recommendation is good and the larger containers are a great idea. He commented that it will stop any problem with animals getting into the trash, and the trash will all be contained on a windy day. He stated he will be supporting this proposal.

Mr. Pearl noted the original term was extended to 2018, and he inquired as to whether the overall advantage is getting the containers and paying the increase later.

Mr. Sowerby thanked the Refuse Committee, noting that Ms. Meltzer and Ms. West were instrumental in sitting through many meetings along with Ms. Lauretti, Finance Director, Ms. Bednar, Director of Public Services, Mr. Dolan, Township Attorney, Mr. Girard, Assistant Superintendent of the Public Works Division, and representatives from the Rizzo staff. He indicated that waste collection has changed dramatically over the years, and this contract would go into effect April 1, 2016. Rizzo will order the cans, most of which will be the 96-gallon size;

however, some residents may opt for the smaller 32-gallon cans. He explained that the Township will own the cans, with Rizzo buying them in bulk for a special price, and then they will be delivered. They anticipate having these all delivered and ready to begin in June or July. On December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, the current contract will be extended. If the Township Board in place on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 wishes to go out for bid, this contract, which runs through 2026, allows them to get out of the contract with 120 days' notice. He stated that the trash cans are all that will be allowed to be picked up. This will start within 90 to 120 days, but the residents will not see an increase in their waste-hauling bill until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, so the monthly \$13 will remain the same until that time, when it will go up by \$1.75 to \$14.75 per month. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, there will be another \$1.75 monthly increase. Mr. Sowerby explained that the Committee looked at what other communities are doing, and felt the Township still offers one of the least expensive services around, even with the increase, and they are receiving an upgraded service.

Mr. Pearl recalled he supported the extension last time because he felt they had a fair price. He felt this is still a fair price with the 10-year extension, and he felt it would be in the Township's best interest to keep it that way. Mr. Pearl noted the system that Rizzo will be using is a superior system. He inquired as to what residents do if they have additional trash that does not fit into the container.

Mr. Sowerby explained that, as per the contract, each residence is provided with a container, and that is where their waste goes. He acknowledged that there is the occasional "spring clean-up" so overflow trash that may not fit in the can is allowed to be put into bags next to the large can. He cautioned, however, that this can only happen on occasion. If a residence continues to have additional trash, Rizzo Environmental Services will place a sticker on their can, advising the residents that they need to contact the Township to purchase an additional can at a cost of \$65. Mr. Sowerby pointed out that even if someone went to a store to purchase a similar can, they would most likely pay at least \$65 for it.

Mr. Pearl inquired as to whether there is an additional monthly charge for the second can.

Mr. Sowerby replied there is no additional monthly charge to pick up the second can, other than the initial \$65 charge for the second can.

Mr. Pearl felt this is a good contract. He felt Rizzo's equipment is very clean, and they will be investing in new vehicles to pick up the waste from these new containers.

Mr. Bob Hogan, 36755 Barr Street, Clinton Township, Michigan 48035, inquired as to when this service will start.

Mr. Sowerby replied the waste containers will be distributed within 90 to 120 days after this is approved by the Board. He informed that each can will have a serial number on it that attaches it to that particular household. The cans are owned by the Township and not the property owner, adding that there will be a statement on the can that explains the ownership. If a resident moves, the can will remain with the house.

Mr. Hogan inquired as to whether there will be separate cans for lawn compost.

Mr. Sowerby replied that there will be no cans for lawn compost, but there will be a can for trash and a can for recyclables. He added that lawn compost will continue to be collected in the brown paper bags.

Ms. Bednar replied that the larger can will be for the trash, but there is an optional small can in lieu of the larger can. She confirmed that there will be no containers provided for compost.

Mr. Sowerby reiterated that the compost will be picked up in brown bags at the curb like it is being done now.

Mr. Hogan stated that there is currently the pickup of trash, recyclables and compost once each week, and he inquired as to whether this will remain the same with the new contract.

Mr. Sowerby replied affirmatively, but each household will have one container for waste, and that is all that will be allowed to be at the curb, other than the recyclable container and the compost.

Mr. Hogan inquired as to whether they will be able to use the same cans if they opt during the contract to go with another vendor.

Mr. Sowerby replied that would be part of the Request for Proposal (RFP). He stated that all waste hauler companies have uniform trucks to pick up the trash in these containers.

Mr. Cannon claimed that residents he has talked to in other communities love these containers.

Motion by Mr. Reynolds, supported by Mr. Pearl, to receive and file the letter dated February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from the Refuse Committee Chairperson, and approve the Second Contract Extension between Rizzo Environmental Services and the Charter Township of Clinton, effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at a cost of \$2.98 per unit per week from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 through November 30<sup>th</sup>,

2018; a cost of \$3.05 per unit per week from December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022; and a cost of \$3.15 per unit per week from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026; further, this includes the Fully Automated Waste Cart Service Program and Bulk Collection, as currently provided, with the delivery of the carts to each household occurring within 90 to 120 days following tonight's approval. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Sowerby informed that, for an additional cost, residents who qualify will be able to request "side door pickup" of their refuse if they are unable to place it at the curb. He noted that the pickup will be handled by Rizzo, but the Department of Public Services will control this process. He explained that the details for this additional service are still being worked out as to the qualifying factors for this service and the amount of the additional fee. Mr. Sowerby was confident that these new containers will cut down on the number of rodent complaints the Township receives with regard to the storage of garbage in neighborhoods.

Mr. Cannon agreed but clarified the Township does not have a lot of rodent problems. He added that when they do, it is generally because of trash.

Mr. Gielegem commended the Refuse Committee, and stated that his recycle bin is always full, but that has significantly reduced his trash volume. He felt he would like the larger can for recyclables and the smaller can for trash.

Mr. Sowerby mentioned that Rizzo will still honor the current smaller blue recycle bins, but they would encourage residents to go to the large red recycling can because it helps to contain those recyclables much better.

Ms. West reminded that the Township is providing each resident with the first can, but it stays with the house. If the homeowner moves, they are required to leave the can. If they have purchased a second can, however, they are allowed to take that one with them. She advised anyone who does not need the 96-gallon can to contact the Department of Public Services to get it exchanged for the smaller can. Ms. West commended her colleagues for working on this agreement with Rizzo Environmental Services.

Ms. Meltzer acknowledged that there may be some households that have a 96-gallon container, but it is not one supplied by Rizzo. She indicated that Rizzo will not be picking those up, and added that she discovered that because she has one of those containers. She replied to inquiry that she still likes to utilize the larger container even though she cannot leave it at the curb.

Roll Call (on the motion on the floor to approve the request): Ayes – Reynolds, Pearl, Gielegem, Cannon, West, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

**4. REQUEST TO HOLD PARKING LOT SALE WITH 20' X 40' TENT – HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS – 34900 GROESBECK**

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Ms. West, to receive and file the letter dated February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from Mr. Jon Ostrowski, Store Manager, Harbor Freight Tools, and approve the request to hold a parking lot sale on March 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, with a 20-foot by 40-foot temporary tent, at their location at 34900 Groesbeck Highway. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, West, Reynolds, Gielegem, Cannon, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

**5. REQUEST TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2016-2017 BUDGET**

Mr. Cannon urged any of the Board members with questions to contact the staff members ahead of time and let them know if they have questions.

Ms. Meltzer advised that there is a copy of the proposed budget on the Clerk's counter, and anyone from the public can pick up a copy, or they can also view it on line on the Township's website.

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to receive and file the letter dated February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from the Assistant Finance Director, and schedule a public hearing for the proposed 2016-2017 budget, to be held on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., Township Board Chambers, Clinton Township Civic Center. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Reynolds, Gielegem, Pearl, Cannon, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

**6. HVAC SENIOR CENTER GYMNASIUM UPGRADE**

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to receive and file the letter dated February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from the Budget/Ways & Means Committee Chairperson, and approve the HVAC Senior Center Gymnasium Upgrade in the amount of \$10,120 through MCMI, as outlined in the correspondence, which will be paid out of the Senior Center "Repairs and Maintenance" budget. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hribar stated that, in reviewing the proposal from MCMI, the warranty is confusing because it states that it is in effect "one-year from date of system commissioning". He recommended more clarification prior to approval as to the start date of this warranty.

Mr. Barry Miller, Superintendent of the Building Department, felt they need to obtain a mechanical permit on the work they do, although he indicated it is up to the Board as to whether they would like to waive the fees since it is a Township

project. He recommended that the warranty would be in effect one year from the date of the final inspection.

Ms. Mary Bednar, Director of Public Services, clarified it was the understanding that the warranty would be in effect once the work is completed and the Township finalizes it through their final inspection.

Mr. Hribar recommended that it be in effect the date of completion and final inspection.

Mr. Gieleghem expressed his concern that the Township seems to be “locked in” on this. He commented that, in this instance and in other purchases made by the Township, there is no compatibility with other contractors, and he felt in the future, they may want to consider portability of products as part of their bid process. He felt they need to look at this in the future, so that they are not locked in with only one vendor.

Mr. Cannon understood Mr. Gieleghem’s concerns and felt that, although the concept is good, he felt it is sometimes difficult to do. He cited the phone system, where once some of the equipment is purchased, they need to stay with the same components in order for the system to work.

Roll Call (on the motion on the floor to approve the request): Ayes – Pearl, Reynolds, Gieleghem, Cannon, West, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

## **7. RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Ms. Meltzer inquired as to whether the part-time position will be eliminated, or whether it will simply not be filled at this time.

Mr. Cannon clarified that the part-time position will not be filled at this time.

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Reynolds, to receive and file the letter dated February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from the Human Resources Director, and concur with the Personnel Vacancy Review Committee to authorize the creation and filling of one (1) full-time Cable Producer position in the Cable TV/Communications Department, which will not result in an increase to the Fiscal Year 2016; further, to not fill the part-time position at this time. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Reynolds, Gieleghem, Pearl, Cannon, Sowerby, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Sowerby, to approve the minutes of the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Township Board Meeting as submitted. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Sowerby, Reynolds, Gieleghem, Pearl, Cannon, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was one public comment:

Mr. Mike Horton, 43385 Little Road, Clinton Township, Michigan 48036, inquired as to whether the Township is proposing to revisit the ordinance prohibiting bow hunting in Clinton Township. He stated he has been a resident at this address for 10 years, and 9 years ago he recalled that the request to reverse it was rejected.

Mr. Cannon stated there is no bow hunting permitted on any public property, and DNR regulations have to be followed on personal property.

Mr. Horton complained that they have had numerous problems and issues with this.

Mr. Cannon advised Mr. Horton to contact Mr. Barry Miller, Superintendent of the Building Department, or Mr. Carlo Santia, Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, to get more information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Reynolds, supported by Mr. Gielegem, to adjourn the meeting.  
Roll Call: Ayes – Reynolds, Gielegem, Pearl, Cannon, West, Sowerby, Meltzer.  
Nays - None. Absent – None. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:11  
p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KIM MELTZER, CLERK  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON

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