

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2017

PRESENT: ROBERT J. CANNON SUPERVISOR
KIM MELTZER CLERK
PAUL GIELEGHEM TREASURER

JOE A. ARAGONA TRUSTEE
MIKE KEYS TRUSTEE
KENNETH PEARL TRUSTEE

ABSENT: JENIFER WEST TRUSTEE (EXCUSED)

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 Boy Scout Troup #206.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Meltzer requested deletion of the following item from tonight's agenda:

Item #3 - Request Approval to Hold St. Patrick's Day Event with 30' x 60' Tent – Ireland's Pub – 33401 Harper

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

Item #20 - Introduction of Township Ordinance #429: Amendments to the Fire Code Adopting Chapter 1620-21 Prohibition, Open Flames and Spark Emitted Beyond Property Boundaries; Unmanned Airborne Devices Emitting Open Flames or Sparks

Item #21 - Zone 6 Sanitary Sewer Open Cut Point Repairs – Emergency Sewer Repair at 36566 S. Gratiot Avenue

Item #22 - Request Approval of Temporary Storage for Lowe's – 35115 Gratiot

Item #23 - Request for Temporary Outdoor Tent Permit – May 2nd, 2017 through May 17th, 2017 and July 15th, 2017 through August 15th, 2017 – Art Van Furniture – 33801 Gratiot

Item #24 - Request for Outdoor Garden Display – Kmart #4405

Ms. Meltzer requested to move Items #22 through #24 to Items #1 through #3, respectively, and to move all other agenda items down accordingly.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Keys, to approve tonight's agenda with the deletion of Item #3, the addition of Items #20 through #24 and the moving of Items #22 through #24 to Items #1 through #3, respectively, and to move all other agenda items down accordingly. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Keys, Aragona, Cannon, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – West. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Keys announced a meeting that will be held at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library regarding the upcoming construction project on Hall Road. He invited business owners, residents and all who wish to attend to find out more about the upcoming project.

1. REQUEST APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY STORAGE FOR LOWE'S – 35115 GRATIOT (formerly Item #22)

Mr. Barry Miller, Superintendent of the Building Department, explained that the petitioner has done this for years, and they have never had a problem. He stated they will be putting the filter fabric over the drain as required.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Gielegghem, to receive and file the letter received on February 21st, 2017 from Mr. Dan Karpinski, Store Manager for Lowe's, and approve their request for temporary outdoor storage at the Lowe's Store at 35115 Gratiot, as requested. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Keys stated that, while he has no objection to the request for the outdoor storage, he noted that there is a lot of trash in their lot. He inquired as to whether there are efforts through the business to clean it up.

Mr. Dan Karpinski, petitioner, 35115 Gratiot, Clinton Township, Michigan 48035, stated he has been manager of this store for 4-1/2 months, but he knows the expectations so he assured they will be doing whatever it takes to clean it up.

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

2. REQUEST FOR TEMPOARY OUTDOOR TENT PERMIT – MAY 2ND, 2017 THROUGH MAY 17TH, 2017 AND JULY 25TH, 2017 THROUGH AUGUST 15TH, 2017 – ART VAN FURNITURE, 33801 GRATIOT (formerly Item #23)

Mr. Cannon stated they have had great success with their outdoor events, and he added they have gotten much more involved with the Gratiot Cruise, which is appreciated.

Mr. Gielegghem noted it appears they are requesting a larger tent this year.

Mr. Miller replied it is larger and will block off an additional four parking spaces. He assured it still falls within fire safety guidelines, and informed that it must be under 5,000 square feet for the fire suppression system.

Motion by Mr. Gielegghem, supported by Mr. Keys, to receive and file the letter dated March 1st, 2017 from Mr. Paul J. Evola, Store Manager for Art Van Furniture, and approve the request for a temporary outdoor tent from May 2nd through May 17th, 2017, and from July 25th through August 15th, 2017 for upcoming tent sales at Art Van Furniture, 33801 Gratiot, as outlined in the correspondence. Roll Call: Ayes – Gielegghem, Keys, Aragona, Pearl, Cannon, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – West. Motion carried.

3. REQUEST FOR OUTDOOR GARDEN DISPLAY – KMART #4405 (formerly Item #24)

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Aragona, to receive and file the letter dated February 20th, 2017 from Ms. Laura Schultz, Store Manager, Kmart 3546, and approve the request for an outdoor garden display at their store at 41601 Garfield, as outlined in the correspondence, with all displays to be eliminated by October 1st, 2017. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Aragona, Keys, Cannon, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – West. Motion carried.

4. REQUEST APPROVAL TO HOLD PARKING LOT SALE WITH 20' BY 40' TENT – HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS – 34900 GROESBECK (formerly Item #1)

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Keys, to receive and file the letter dated February 7th, 2017 from Mr. Jon Ostrowski, Store Manager, Harbor Freight Tools, and approve the request for a parking lot sale with a temporary 20-foot by 40-foot tent at 34900 Groesbeck from March 8th through 13th, 2017, as outlined in the correspondence. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Keys, Aragona, Cannon, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – West. Motion carried.

**5. REQUEST TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
– KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (formerly Item #2)**

Ms. Meltzer stated that all documents have been received and comply.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Gielegghem, to receive and file the letter dated February 13th, 2017 from Mr. Jeffrey Gapczynski, Vice-Chairman of the Detroit Archdiocesan Vocation League, Knights of Columbus, 33320 Kelly Road, and approve their request to be recognized as a non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Gielegghem explained this is a formality the State of Michigan requires for an organization to maintain their non-profit status. He added that the Knights of Columbus has been in this community for many years.

Ms. Meltzer confirmed the State does this about every ten years, which is why they have been receiving so many of these requests.

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

**6. REQUEST APPROVAL TO HOLD ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT WITH
30' BY 60' TENT – IRELAND'S PUB – 33401 HARPER (formerly Item #3)**

This item was deleted from tonight's agenda.

**7. SPECIAL LAND USE: A MASAGE THERAPY FACILITY IN THE B-2
COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT (PURE SPA @ CRYSTAL COMMONS) –
PART OF 4.433 ACRES LOCATED W. OF GARFIELD, S. OF 18 MILE ROAD,
ADDRESSED AS 40775 GARFIELD ROAD (SECTION 18) (formerly Item #4)**

Motion by Mr. Gielegghem, supported by Mr. Aragona, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated February 7th, 2017 from the Secretary of the Clinton Township Planning Commission, and approve the Special Land Use request for a massage therapy facility in the B-2 Community Business District (Pure Spa @ Crystal Commons), to be located on part of 4.433 acres of land located west of Garfield Road, south of 18 Mile Road, addressed as 40775 Garfield Road, and as petitioned by Ms. Xiao Li Wang, 5063 South Lawn Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48310, as represented by Mr. Christopher M. Machak, 27 Sheridan, Mt. Clemens, Michigan 48043. Roll Call: Ayes – Gielegghem, Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – West. Motion carried.

8. PROPOSED REZONING FROM R-3 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO RML MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (LOW-DENSITY): 1.864 (PART OF 2.77) ACRES OF LAND LOCATED WEST OF GARFIELD, SOUTH OF MORAVIAN (CURRENTLY THE SOUTH PORTION OF 36352 MORAVIAN) (SECTION 30) (formerly Item #5)

Mr. Keys noted that the Planning Commission minutes reflected a neighbor's concern about trees, and he noted the petitioner indicated at that meeting that he is willing to put in more trees.

Motion by Mr. Keys, supported by Mr. Aragona, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated February 10th, 2017 from the Secretary of the Clinton Township Planning Commission, and approve the rezoning of 1.864 acres (part of 2.77 acres) of land located west of Garfield, south of Moravian, currently the south portion of 36352 Moravian, from R-3 One-Family Residential to RML Multiple-Family Residential (Low-Density) for the stated purpose of development with condominiums, as petitioned by Mr. John Vesper, Vesper Construction, 42100 Garfield, Clinton Township, Michigan 48038; further, this is to be known as Ordinance 260-A-460, effective thirty (30) days after publication.

9. PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAM (formerly Item #6)

Mr. Santia explained the process for the allocation of the 2017 Community Development and HOME program funds. He advised that tonight is the public hearing on their five-year Consolidated Plan and their annual plan, which includes the Block Grant funds, for which they anticipate receiving approximately \$515,000. He added they anticipate receiving \$214,000 for their 2017 allocation of HOME funds. They will be taking information from organizations that are seeking public service grants from the Township through their CDBG funding. He advised that these requests need to be submitted prior to the close of business on Friday, March 3rd, 2017. He noted his office is already in receipt of some requests.

Mr. Cannon explained that the information can be in the form of a presentation this evening, or it can be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Community Development by the end of the day this Friday.

Mr. Santia replied to inquiry that the information can be hand-delivered, or it can be faxed or emailed, and after Friday when all the requests are in, including those from Parks and Recreation, Department of Public Services and the Senior Center, they will all be forwarded to the Budget/Ways & Means for their consideration and recommendation, to be brought back to the Township Board for formal consideration and adoption.

Mr. Richard Cannon, CEO of Hearts for Homes, explained their organization is a relatively new non-profit organization to help prevent homelessness but also to provide permanent affordable housing for its clients. He referred to two numbers rather than just the “point in time” count: the unduplicated number and the literal homeless. He emphasized that their organization is very appreciative of what Clinton Township does by supporting the organizations that help with this. He stressed the needs of child homelessness are not being addressed, noting that the temporary housing is insecure and not permanent. There is a chart that depicts the numbers have grown from 687 homeless children a few years ago, to over 1,600 this past school year. Mr. Cannon stated they are trying to make a pitch that there should be a greater link to those groups addressing homelessness and the need for permanent housing for children. He stressed the problem is not just getting people into a house but making it affordable for them so they do not pay amounts up to 50% of their income for the rent. He explained they are therefore requesting a portion of HOME funds be allocated to tenant-based rental systems, and he submitted some information about the organization to the Board members.

Mr. Cannon inquired as to whether Hearts for Homes services homeowners from Clinton Township.

Mr. Richard Cannon replied affirmatively, noting they are county-wide.

Mr. Gielegem thanked Mr. Richard Cannon for being here and presenting this request. He appreciated his comments and making the link between homelessness and affordable housing. He stated this is a real issue, and he questioned whether the statistics provided are county-wide.

Mr. Richard Cannon replied affirmatively.

Mr. Gielegem inquired as to how Hearts for Homes is filling the gaps between MCREST and the Homeless Coalition.

Mr. Richard Cannon stated they bring a sensitivity to that connection. He emphasized that available federal funding has been drastically reduced over the last few years, so it has basically been limited to shelter, and they are not getting the funding for services. They have been having to struggle for private funding for services. Their organization has initiated a planning process to do a comprehensive assessment of the overall system. The Continuum of Care passed a motion to do this, and they want to look at greater collaboration and ways to make the links to permanent based on this assessment. The Continuum of Care is not addressing child homelessness and whether this plan might be included in that kind of planning process.

Ms. Meltzer inquired as to their definition of “child homelessness”.

Mr. Richard Cannon explained it may mean people living with relatives, couch-surfing, paid motels, but all of it is insecure. They need to make sure these children can stay in the same school system. He stated that last year there were 1,600 children in that situation. They are recommending tenant-based rental subsidies because federal funds are being diminished. He assured they are not trying to compete with existing groups because they are doing good work, but they are trying to increase the “pot” by increasing private philanthropy throughout the County. He stressed the tenant-based rental subsidies will help, especially in cases like Turning Point. He cited an example of a woman referred to them by Turning Point. She and her two children were fleeing domestic violence and although she had a full-time employment, she was making \$25,000 a year. If a monthly rent cost \$650, she would be able to support her two children, but if she must pay \$800 and up for a two-bedroom apartment, it is no longer affordable for her.

Ms. Meltzer inquired as to whether MSHDA provides the additional 30% for rent.

Mr. Richard Cannon replied that MSHDA provides housing choice vouchers but the waiting list is extremely long. There are not enough resources, and he stressed they have been putting a band aid on the problem. In 2004, when the Continuum of Care put together a plan to eliminate homelessness in ten years, there were 600 +/- homeless at that time. He suspected that was based on a point-in-time count, but there was a 12% increase between 2013 and 2015 in the number of homeless.

Mr. Gielegem felt Mr. Cannon touched on an issue they are seeing from many different perspectives. He explained they are dealing with tax collections, and see a lot of people who are right on the edge. He mentioned the child homelessness, where the school is required to provide transport to those children. He advised that the ISD is responsible to get those children daily to their original school district. He appreciated being able to see specific statistics and numbers regarding the problem.

Mr. Cannon stated they need to be honest about the problem they have, but also for the groups who have been involved in this for some time, they need to examine whether they are solving the problem and whether the strategies are working. The Township, when designating funds, needs to see whether things are getting better, and that is one of the reason they look at statistics.

Mr. Gielegem explained this is a declining revenue source from the federal government, and they have more requests than dollars to go around, but he stressed they appreciate his input.

Mr. Richard Cannon felt the Township can be engaged to promote private philanthropy in the community to address the problem. He stated they must make the pot bigger, and no one wants to pay more taxes, but people are willing to help other people who are working hard and struggling.

Mr. Pearl felt the problem will get worse because the economy kept the rental market down. There are two areas in Clinton Township where there are Section 8 housing. He applauded what Hearts for Homes is trying to do, but he stated although he has seen other organizations receive money for this type of purpose, it can only help people one month at a time. Even the middle class are making less and paying more so the percentage they pay each month in housing is going up.

The local development director for MCREST (no name given) provided some background for their organization. They have been in existence for 28 years and now have about 75 churches that host their clients. They host about sixty men, women and children for about three months of the year. Clinton Township has six churches that have committed to host, and MCREST is submitting a request in the amount of \$5,000 this year for their program. She explained that would cover the cost of sheltering 80 people for one week at a cost of \$9 each. She explained in 2016, they provided 19,000 shelter nights, which is the number they serve multiplied by the number of nights. This year, they have served 55 people from this Township, and if they were to have to pay for the motels and food at a cost of \$45 each, the care for these 55 people, for 90 nights, would come to \$222,750. She stressed they have been grateful to receive funding and to have the churches willing to help. They have a shelter in Mount Clemens that will house women and children from all over the County. She noted it was an old Turning Point shelter, but there are a lot of problems with it, so they are in the process of fixing it up. They are asking for \$5,000 but would be extremely grateful to receive extra funding.

Ms. Jennifer Fisher, Development Director at Wigs 4 Kids, 30126 Harper Avenue, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, explained they are a local grass-roots non-profit organization that has been in existence for 14 years to provide wigs and support services, such as classes, social activities, field trips and counseling to children who are losing their hair due to cancer treatments, alopecia and other disorders. They work with local fire departments to help burn survivors because they have seen an increase in that need. She stressed that all their services are available at no charge to the families in Michigan, and she added that, thanks to the kindness and generosity of the community, they have been able to help over 3,000 Michigan children in need from 43 counties. Insurance does not cover the cost of a wig for a child, and they typically retail between \$1,200 to \$2,500 each. She stated they are fortunate and thank those who donate their hair for these wigs, and they receive a medical discount of \$1,000, so it costs about \$1,000 to provide a wig and support services to each child. They are currently working with

state legislators in Michigan since insurance does not cover the cost, and they have bills drafted at both the Senate and House levels to encourage insurance companies to help these children. She stressed their organization is funded solely through contributions through the community. She stated they have helped several families from Clinton Township, and are humbly requesting consideration of \$1,000 donation from the CDBG funds to help a family in need. Ms. Fisher also requested that if anyone knows of a family that could use their services, to refer them to Wigs 4 Kids because they help everybody, they charge nothing, and they turn no one away.

Mr. Gieleghem inquired as to the process for donating hair.

Ms. Fisher stated they typically request ten inches of hair, although they will receive a donation of five to nine inches to make a boy's wig or a short girl's wig. Donors can go to any salon of their choice or a barber shop and have their hair cut for a donation there, or they can come to Wigs 4 Kids, where they have a full-service salon inside their Wellness Center, called "Go Green", and they can go through the donation process there as well. She replied to inquiry that they do not accept hair that has been color-treated, mainly because these are children who are in treatment and sensitive to chemicals. She added that the integrity of color-treated hair has been compromised and does not hold up in the wig-making process.

Mr. Keys stated he has attended Wigs 4 Kids events and St. Baldrige events, and he commended them for doing great work. He thanked Ms. Fisher for coming forward with this presentation.

Ms. Takara Woods, Children Services Coordinator for Turning Point's Shelter Program, stated they are requesting a donation of \$5,000 for their shelter service for abused homeless women and children. She advised that last year, Turning Point provided services to 331 Clinton Township residents, and of that, 42 of them stayed within their shelter. She stated for over 35 years, their shelter has provided services to support survivors of domestic violence and to assist them in securing resources to make a fresh start. She outlined some of their services, including systems advocacy, 24-hour crisis line, 24-hour emergency shelter, support groups, medical support, life skills building, safety planning, employment and housing searches, as well as case management services. Their children's program offers child care, life skill parenting for the mother, education, safety planning, and recreational activities for their youth from birth to 17 years of age. She emphasized that Turning Point's shelter services are the most comprehensive in the area because their residents are not asked to leave the shelter during the day, and they are provided three meals daily. A person who needs items, including clothing, can obtain them from their Second-Hand Rose store. During summer months, the children are provided with their Safe Summer Camp, which is Mondays through Fridays from 10 to 4. The residents have

access to counseling and therapy programs through their outreach services. They can also obtain court advocacy and forensic nurse examiner programs to collect information for the child rape victims. Ms. Woods stressed she would like to be here saying there is no need for this because there is no longer violence, but unfortunately, the Crisis Line and the fact that their shelter is nearly full every day is demonstration this is not the case and family violence continues. She stressed that Turning Point's commitment to ending domestic/sexual violence cannot take place without the assistance of the community, and she thanked the Board for allowing her to make this request. She also thanked them for their continued support.

Mr. Keys thanked Turning Point for all they do.

Ms. Marie Bristow, one of the Service Managers for the Offices of Senior Services, Macomb Community Action, 21885 Dunham, Clinton Township, Michigan 48036, explained they provide consistent action to diminish poverty and promote independence. She stated her office oversees the Senior Citizens Home Chore Services Program that provides lawn cutting and snow removal services to low-income and older adults and disabled individuals. They provide quality services to seniors who cannot afford it at market prices nor can they do it themselves. She emphasized that their agency promotes independence so that seniors can remain in their homes. She cited a sample thank-you note she received from one of the Chore Services participants, and added they receive many more like this. The Senior Chore Program not only benefits the senior adult, but also benefits others in the community because neighborhood blight is kept at bay and residents remain in compliance with the Township's property maintenance codes. Ms. Bristow stated their request is for \$17,500 to serve 33 older adults and severely disabled individuals. The Senior Citizens Home Chore Services Program has experienced increased demand in recent years. In Clinton Township over the last two years, the number of households served has doubled and the number of units has nearly tripled. The dollars provided from Clinton Township through its CDBG Program is combined with federal grants, local funds and contributions, and she informed that CDBG is only billed for 64% of what a unit costs these 33 individuals to be served by their program. To prioritize and provide essential services to the most seniors possible, they have recently eliminated three service lines: Odd Job Program, Gutter Cleaning and Monthly Lawn Edging. She added that, even with these cuts in the program, serving levels in most communities need to be closely monitored. She explained they still anticipate being underfunded because they do not bill the communities what the services cost, they underestimate the number of large lots they service, and they are overserving in most communities in Macomb County. They are evaluating the services offered, and anticipate there will be a wait list, and to assure the neediest of their senior population are served, they have developed a prioritization scale to determine those individuals. She assured they value their long-standing partnership with Clinton Township CDBG and Macomb Community

Action to serve low- to moderate-income older adults to keep them living safely and independently, and she thanked the Board for consideration of their request.

Mr. Gielegghem stated he is familiar with the work Macomb Community Action does, and he has received feedback from residents when he refers them as to how much they appreciate this service. He inquired as to who performs these services, and whether they are contractors, in-house employees or volunteers.

Ms. Bristow replied they sub-contract with professional companies that are required to maintain certain service standards, insurance requirements and training of their employees so they are working with contractors assigned part of the region.

Mr. Gielegghem inquired as to whether they are quoted decent rates.

Ms. Bristow replied Macomb Community Action dictates what is paid for the services. They base their Request for Proposals (RFP's) on their current grant cycle, so every three years they put an RFP out for contractors, then go through and rate and vet them, checking references to assure they bring on reputable contractors.

Mr. Aragona inquired as to how a senior applies and how they qualify for the program.

Ms. Bristow replied that seniors interested in this program or any of their programs through the Offices of Senior Services can call (586) 469-5228 and their customer service team will determine whether they meet initial qualifications. If they do, then a more in-depth interview will take place. For those who qualify, a Resource Specialist is sent out to the home to help them with the application as well as to assist with the needs the senior may have.

Mr. Keys thanked Ms. Bristow for her presentation this evening and for the work their organization does. He volunteers with Macomb Community Action through Meals on Wheels, and stated that as a volunteer talking with the seniors, it becomes very evident why this program is so important, and he thanked her again for this service.

Ms. Bristow appreciated the plug for volunteers for Meals on Wheels, and she was glad to have Mr. Keys on board as a volunteer. She advised anyone interested in volunteering their services for Meals on Wheels and delivering a hot meal to a homebound senior, they can call the same phone number she provided. She mentioned many people do not realize that the commitment is only twice a month, with each route about an hour or an hour-and-a-half, so it amounts to about three hours a month.

Mr. Francis Marella, a child advocate representing CARE House, which is an organization that works with children who are sexually abused. He stressed the victims they help are under the age of 15 and abused by friends, relatives or strangers. He stressed the only time people really realize what goes on is when it hits their own family. CARE House has broadened their scope as far as providing services. They are now up to 15 years of age and are providing forensic interviews for children who are physically, emotionally and/or sexually abused, so their responsibility has grown. He added the one thing that has not grown is the finances available for this service. He explained that Clinton Township is the second largest recipient of their services, with Warren being the largest, and Macomb Township being the third largest. Mr. Marella stated they are requesting \$12,000 this year, which will take care of twenty families, which is one-half of what they service. He commended the Clinton Township Police Department for their excellent investigative work for them when it comes to child abuse. He noted that they honored Detective Bishop last year as “Champion of the Year”. This year, Detective Bishop will be a speaker at the statewide convention of child advocacy centers. He explained that years ago, when an abuse was discovered, a child could go through seven or eight very traumatizing interviews following the crime, but they have now reduced that number to four, and the forensic interview they do is closed-circuit. They have a multi-disciplinary team that participates in the interview. There is a person with the child, but the child is not aware of anyone else seeing or hearing what is going on because they are in a separate room, which does not scare or traumatize the child. Mr. Marella stated they help the child and family through the process with counseling at no charge, but he stressed they need to increase their ability to earn money. They helped 34 families from Clinton Township last year, and have already done 8 in 1-1/2 months this year. The amount is increasing every year. He urged the Board to consider increasing their funds this year, and he stressed he has been a child advocate all his life.

Mr. Keys thanked Mr. Marella for sharing this with the Board this evening. He appreciated his passion for the organization and understood it is a very delicate topic.

Mr. Cannon reminded that anyone wishing to submit a request for funding has until 4:29 p.m. this Friday, March 3rd, 2017 to deliver, email or fax their request to the Clinton Township Planning Department.

Mr. James Craven stated he is not here tonight to request funding but has been a Clinton Township resident for 15 years. He represents an organization he founded, called Alex’s Arcade, which helps children cope with cancer by using video games. He started this because his own son, when he was 12 years of age, was diagnosed with cancer, and beginning tomorrow will start 5 years of remission. His son was in Children’s Hospital, having to spend six rounds of treatment at 96 hours each time. He stressed that is very boring for a child and a

scary time, so his son brought his video game system in and soon other patients began playing it with him. His son felt every child going through the treatments should have the same opportunity, so to date, they have provided twenty game systems to Children's Hospital of Michigan. They have supplied every infusion station there, and their next project is to supply the oncology floor. He felt most people have had cancer touch their lives in one way or another, but he emphasized how difficult it is to see a child with cancer. He stressed he could take a negative in his life and turn it into a positive, and he is asking the Board and the citizens of the Township to become more involved in their organization. He added it is run out of the basement of his home because they cannot afford an office space, noting that all their resources go to pay for the video systems or games. They also provide a dream experience for families, and he cited an instance where they could provide a family with not only tickets to a Detroit Tiger game, but also the full day, including lunch, dinner and other things they wanted to do. Mr. Craven stated they are currently working with a couple of schools but would like to see more become involved. They work with Brighton High School in Brighton and Henry Ford II High School in Sterling Heights, and they run video game drives, which is the easiest way to get the schools involved. He has been working with Clintondale High School as well. They accept new and used video game systems, and he noted Brighton High School raised \$700 in two weeks through their video game drive. He explained they work with families who have lost children to cancer, and have provided a family with seven children a video game system so they can escape the loss of their daughter/sister.

Mr. Cannon inquired as to whether they are looking for used or new video games.

Mr. Craven replied that their donations to hospitals require all new systems and games, but their organization accepts used games as well. He claimed they work with a business in Roseville and one in St. Clair Shores, and indicated those businesses give his organization a fair market value, which they use to purchase new games for the hospital. He replied to inquiry their contact information is available on www.alexscarcade.org.

Mr. Cannon suggested that possibly Cable TV could broadcast it.

Mr. Keys thanked Mr. Craven for speaking tonight. He added he is familiar with the group because they met during the 15-16 Mile Neighborhood group, as well as the "Nosey Neighbors", and he thanked Mr. Craven for being active in the community and for all the good work he is doing. He congratulated Mr. Craven and his son, Alex.

Mr. Craven thanked Mr. Keys and stated his son would have been here tonight except he was home doing homework. Mr. Craven replied to inquiry that they have a fundraiser coming up on March 11th at Shelby Lanes in Shelby Township,

“Roll Against Cancer”. He explained that last year’s event was held at Imperial Lanes in Clinton Township and they like to move it around and have it at different locations because it gets more people involved. They are currently looking at Fern Hill for their annual golf outing.

Mr. Cannon encouraged people to go to the websites of all the organizations represented this evening. He commented that Macomb County is in good shape with all the advocates on behalf of children and seniors. He stated the Township used to get a couple million dollars and now they are only receiving about one-half million dollars, which is nowhere near enough to support all the groups. He assured the presentation Mr. Santia makes with the staff will be very professional.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Keys, to receive and file the correspondence and the requests for funding made in regards to the 2017 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 Friday, March 3rd, 2017. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Keys, Aragona, Cannon, Gielegem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – West. Motion carried.

10. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2017-2018 BUDGET (formerly Item #7)

Ms. Donna Lauretti, Finance Director, presented the proposed budget. She reviewed the revenues, expenditures and projections for the General Fund, Police Fund, Fire Fund, Capital Improvement Revolving Fund, Sanitation Fund, and Senior Housing Fund. She stated that the financial outlook is showing signs of improvement, and the Township recognized its first increase of 1.3 percent in taxable values in the 2014-15 fiscal budget, followed by a 3.5 increase in the 2015-16 fiscal year, and a 1.35 percent increase in the 2016-17. She explained the CPI for the current fiscal year is a 0.9%, so the increase in taxable value for the budgeted fiscal year is 1.5%. Ms. Lauretti explained the Township’s largest revenue source in the General Fund is the revenue-sharing from the State, and because of the additional millage voted in November 2013, the Fire and Police department personnel have been restored to 2012 levels.

Ms. Lauretti addressed the issue of Pension and Retiree Health Care contributions, which affect every department in the Township’s budget. She explained because of the actuarial valuation experiencing significant increases in this upcoming budget, higher contributions are being required by the Township. She indicated the retiree health care contribution requires a contribution equal to 28.91% of base payroll, which is up from 23.84% of base payroll from the last valuation. Total pension costs across all General Fund departments increased a total of \$302,000, or 22.13%, and retiree health care contributions increased by \$154,000, or 15.84%. Ms. Lauretti outlined the Fire Fund, noting the total

pension costs for that fund increased by \$540,000, or 26.55%, and retiree health care contribution increased by \$326,000, or 23.98%, for a total increase of \$866,000 which will be carried into future years. The total pension costs for the Police Fund increased by \$329,000, or 18.37%, and retiree health care contributions increased by \$400,000, or 24.46%, for a total increase of \$729,000 for the proposed year and all years going forward. The pension costs in Water & Sewer has increased by \$158,000, or 26.41%, and retiree health care contribution has increased by almost \$64,000, or 19.48%, for a total increase of \$222,000 this year and upcoming years to Water & Sewer Fund.

Ms. Lauretti reviewed the revenues and expenditures, noting the overall 2017/18 proposed revenue total is equivalent to the prior year. The current General Fund expenditures were revised upward because of the paving of Charter Oaks, the share in the paving of 19 Mile Road and the paving of Cimarron. Ms. Lauretti briefly outlined the highlights for the General Fund departments having significant changes in expenditures.

Ms. Lauretti reviewed the three-year projections for each fund, along with fund balances. She reported there is no structural deficit in the General Fund for the duration of the forecast, but cautioned that the amount continues to be reduced each year, so if there are expenditures to be paid out of the Capital Improvement fund, which will be depleted after the 3/31/19 fiscal year, it will further reduce the percentage of revenues over expenditures. In the last four years, there have been additional ongoing costs added back to the budget, and if these types of costs continue to be added over the next two- to three-year period, the General Fund will be put back into a structural deficit. She pointed out that the fund balance is well above the minimum recommended 20% level. She reported on the Police fund revenues, which are primarily funded from tax revenues, and she included the additional 1 mil approved by citizens in November 2013, along with the 1.5% increase in taxable value. She outlined their expenditures, and reviewed the fund balance and three-year projection, indicating the Police fund balance is also well above the 20% levels, but cautioning that the Township must strive to keep its fund balances at levels consistent with sound financial principles, and revenues should always exceed expenditures. Ms. Lauretti presented the figures for the Fire fund, which is also primarily funded from tax revenues, based on the additional 1.25 mils approved by residents, along with the 1.5% increase in taxable value. She stated the Fire fund is above the 20% levels, and added the fund will be getting some relief in its annual operating expenditures beginning with the 2022/23 fiscal year due to the fire general obligation bonds being paid off, reducing expenditures by about \$735,000.

Ms. Lauretti reviewed the Capital Improvement fund, outlining its expenditures and noting that the fund balance in this fund is being depleted. She cautioned that any projects, including technology improvements in the future, will need a transfer from General fund to cover the costs in future years, beginning with the

2019/20 fiscal year. She concluded her presentation with a brief overview of the Sanitation Fund and the Senior Housing Fund.

Ms. Mary Hein, Assistant Finance Director, presented the proposed budget for the Water and Sewer Fund. She reported that the proposed rate increase in the cost of water purchased from the Great Lakes Water Authority, effective July 1st, 2017, is 5.4%, and similar to last year, 60% will be charged as a fixed monthly charge and 40% will be charged based on volume used. Ms. Hein stated they have not received rate information for sewage treatment, but have assumed the Township will continue to be billed a fixed monthly charge for sewer treatment, with an estimated increase of 5%. She outlined the expenditures for this fund, and explained the \$200,000 transfer to the Special Assessment Fund for a water project to be completed during 2017/18, and noted the property owners have the option of paying the full cost when assessed or paying over ten years. She indicated the funds will be returned to the Water and Sewer Fund once collected from the property owners.

Ms. Hein outlined the balance outstanding on all the bonds issued by the Township, which is \$18.9 million, as well as the bonds currently issued through the Macomb and Oakland Counties Drainage Districts, which is approximately \$38.6 million. She outlined the proposed construction projects for the next five years, and added the 2017-2018 budget includes water projects totaling \$5,280,000 and sanitary sewer projects totaling \$3,850,000, for a total of \$9,130,000, with these projects budgeted to be paid out of the net assets of the fund. She concluded her presentation by explaining that, as of March 31, 2018, based on revenues and expenditures budgeted and the anticipated cost of new assets and capital improvement projects, they are projecting unrestricted net position in the water and sewer fund to be \$13 million.

Mr. Cannon inquired as to whether there has been any indication as to when the Township may start getting billed for the repairs on 15 Mile Road.

Ms. Hein replied the Township has received no information as to when billing may begin.

Mr. Cannon thanked Ms. Laretti and Ms. Hein for putting this together, complimenting them on the excellent job they do for the Township year-round.

Mr. Roger Holtslander, 23140 Wellington Crescent, Clinton Township, Michigan 48036, inquired as to why the Buildings and Grounds expenditures are going down by \$1.2 million from this year to next in the General Fund.

Ms. Laretti explained that a transfer was made to the Special Assessment Fund of \$1.2 million for Charter Oaks.

Mr. Holtlander inquired as to why the “unallocated” goes down by \$1.6 million.

Ms. Laretti replied that is because of the one-time \$2 million transfer that was made from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund for the parking lot.

Mr. Holtlander inquired as to why the cost for the parks is tripling this year.

Mr. Cannon replied that is most likely because of the George George Park improvements.

Mr. Holtlander noted that the Township is doing a lot more in retiree health care. He is aware the Township has a pension fund liability, but he inquired as to whether they have a retiree health care liability.

Ms. Laretti replied affirmatively, noting they will be making the annual required contribution, and it will go up. She replied it is 69% funded.

Mr. Gielegem replied that is dependent upon any additional accrued liability from hiring people but it also reflects what the MERS (Michigan Employee Retirement System) actuarial assumptions are for the General Fund. He advised that for Police and Fire, it is about their actuarial. He added it is also about the gains or returns on investments from those funds. The MERS board advised the Township and lets them know the amounts they must pay. For the Police and Fire, there is a board that oversees this.

Mr. Holtlander recalled questioning the auditor when he was here last year as to whether that number gets better and he had responded that it did not get better.

Ms. Laretti explained the assumptions were adjusted which increased the liabilities. If the assumptions come in as they were assumed, it will increase.

Mr. Holtlander inquired as to whether the Township will be looking at another millage for the Fire Fund, or other ways to slow further decline in that fund.

Mr. Cannon replied that Ms. Laretti had addressed a bill that will be eliminated in a couple of years so they will be able to add to that fund. He noted they will also have all new fire equipment. He explained they have been planning the replacement of the entire fleet for a long time.

Mr. Gielegem stated that, in breaking the proposed budget down, the General Fund is just under \$18 million, and that is supported by \$15 million in revenue-sharing that comes from the State of Michigan.

Ms. Laretti confirmed that revenue sharing is \$7.8 million.

Mr. Gielegghem indicated he was adding up all the other sources, and the portion that comes from the property taxes is \$2.42 million.

Ms. Lauretti confirmed that is correct. She indicated that is from a millage rate of approximately 0.8245.

Mr. Gielegghem stated it was 1.0 mil but the Headlee Amendment rolled it back and continues to roll it back.

Discussion took place regarding the Police Budget that is almost fully funded by tax revenue at a rate of 7.5 mils.

Mr. Gielegghem pointed out that with the Fire Fund, there is \$16.5 million coming in and \$16.3 million of that is from taxes. He emphasized that police and fire are almost entirely supported by the tax revenue. He stated the Township provides services, and the only way to do that is with people, so the biggest cost are the employees. They employ people to provide those services and are in competition with everyone else for those people who provide the services. He stated if they add up the total amount of pension and health care, that comes to 12.3% of the \$82.1 million, which equals 15% of the budget that goes to pay for retiree legacy costs, and that is not getting better. He pointed out that balance is declining because they have fewer people working to support more people who are retired.

Ms. Lauretti clarified that the big increases they saw this year are mainly because of the assumption changes. She felt going forward they will see minimal increases; however, she stated they do not know for sure because it depends upon how the assumptions come in. She explained the way they budgeted their projection was with 2% to 5% increases each year, and she clarified they will not be seeing 20% and 30% increases every year. She reminded the reason for that increase was because the assumption changed, and lowering the rate of return.

Mr. Gielegghem stated the departments have come forward with numbers, and the Finance Department has compiled them in the form of a budget as a very conservative document with not a lot of new spending. He pointed out they are still increasing costs based on the legacy costs, although they have tried to limit those in health care.

Ms. Lauretti confirmed this was done with contracts for new employees, where retiree health care was eliminated and replaced by health care savings accounts, except for Fire and Police.

Mr. Gielegghem noted that the Township made a big contribution to retiree health care last year and this year, and then it will drop because they cannot continue to

pay those amounts because of the Fire Department's budget having more structural problems.

Ms. Lauretti pointed out the \$866,000 additional expenditure was a big hit to the fund, and that occurs every year.

Further discussion took place regarding the amounts for retiree health care.

Mr. Gielegghem noted that the retiree health care budget for 2018/2019 is 29.81% of payroll, amounting to an increase of \$154,100 across all General Fund departments. He inquired as to how they arrived at the 29.81% figure.

Ms. Lauretti explained that is the actuary and they apply it to base payroll.

Mr. Gielegghem felt it is important to point out that there is a 25% decrease in taxable value revenue coming in since 2009. They have gone up this year to about 7.3%, due to Headlee and Proposal A, which caps the increases at the rate of inflation.

Ms. Lauretti stated they talked about how it would not recover as fast for those reasons.

Mr. Gielegghem indicated he will be emailing a few things to Ms. Lauretti throughout the week, but he thanked her, as well as Ms. Hein, for their budget presentations and all the work they put into them.

Mr. Keys complimented Ms. Lauretti, Ms. Hein and their staff have done an excellent job with the budget. He acknowledged that he has a meeting set up next week to go over a few questions he has, but he indicated he has some questions for Parks & Recreation. He questioned whether the new system they will be sharing with the Senior Center will save the Township money.

Mr. Frank Pizzo, Director of Parks & Recreation, confirmed it will save money. He explained they were using RecTrac for years, provided by a small company. He noted that their department did well with it for years, but they are going to do some upgrades that will cost \$6,900 for training alone, and the costs were going to be a lot higher for services for the year and the overall software upgrade. They attended a conference and discovered a company in Clinton Township that will provide them with RecPro at a cost savings of about \$9,000 for the software, \$3,000 a year for yearly service, and no training fee of \$6,900. It will be a better system, and is very user-friendly. The Senior Center likes the program, and he pointed out it has the added benefit of being a local company in Clinton Township.

Mr. Keys inquired as to whether the Police Department is getting rid of two civilian positions, and if so, why.

Police Chief Posavetz replied it is a communications coordinator, which was a transition period when they were switching over from their own dispatch to the County's system, and they needed a liaison for that short period.

Mr. Russell Holtslander, 23140 Wellington Crescent, Clinton Township, Michigan 48036, recalled very difficult budget presentations and decisions to make. He appreciated the in-depth presentation and noted that, as a citizen, he has no worries that the Township is going in a good path. He felt they are watching over the budget and he commended the Township for doing a good job.

Ms. Meltzer appreciated the work Ms. Laretti and Ms. Hein have done on this budget in putting it together and explaining it so thoroughly. Ms. Meltzer clarified that regarding the capital outlay in her department, \$107,000 is being spent for the purchase of new equipment, but \$92,000 of that amount is for the actual election equipment. Part of that money is coming from the federal government and the State of Michigan. She advised that the State Bureau of Elections contributed \$40 million, which is state-wide. The number the Clerk's office must come up with is approximately \$2000 per precinct, which is where they arrived at the \$92,000. She explained it is a 10-year commitment but the first five years are paid for through the HAVA Grant Funds. It is not until years 6 through 10 that this will come up in the budget. She felt some of the reasons why people had skepticism this year in voting is because the voting equipment is old. This is a huge cost to replace, and she advised that after the first five years, once they start spending the money, they will need to figure out where to get new funding for the next ten years. She noted that the \$40 million will not be there.

Mr. Pearl noted that the Administrative Aide, in the 2017-2018 budget, reflects one-half personnel cost to the Trustees. He acknowledged that is a continuation of present staffing levels, but they have not decided to fill that position. It will be ongoing and they will be leaving it in the budget in case they fill it and it is not an increase.

Mr. Keys inquired as to the training referred to in the Public Service department budget.

Ms. Bednar replied she has two assistant foremen who are interested in going into management class. She encouraged people to continue their education because it helps them in their careers and helps them become better managers.

Mr. Keys inquired as to what the Prince Drewry improvements entailed during the 2016/2017 budget year.

Ms. Bednar confirmed the projects were done through the Block Grant Program.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Aragona, to close the Public Hearing for the 2017-2018 Budget, and receive and file the presentations, and bring this back to the Board in two (2) weeks for their consideration. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Cannon reminded the public hearing is the first step to approve the budget in two weeks. He advised it is a starting point, and it will be changed many times throughout the year, noting there is no way they can anticipate all the changes for a community this size. He suggested anyone with further questions email or call department heads.

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

11. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO OFFICE CLERK II POSITION – BUILDING DEPARTMENT (formerly Item #8)

Motion by Mr. Keys, supported by Mr. Pearl, to receive and file the letter dated February 16th, 2017 from the Human Resources Director, and approve the appointment of Ms. Lisa Wolfe to the position of Office Clerk II in the Building Department, which constitutes her promotion to a higher classification within the Township, at an annual starting salary of \$33,562, and an effective date of February 28th, 2017. Roll Call: Ayes – Keys, Pearl, Aragona, Cannon, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – West. Motion carried.

12. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO PT OFFICE AIDE POSITION – SENIOR CENTER (formerly Item #9)

Motion by Mr. Gielegghem, supported by Mr. Pearl, to receive and file the letter dated February 22nd, 2017 from the Human Resources Director, and approve the appointment of Ms. Marlene Coppa to the budgeted position of part-time Office Aide at the Senior Center, with a starting hourly wage of \$13.04 and a start date of March 1st, 2017, contingent upon successful completion of a background investigation and a pre-employment medical examination, including drug screen. Roll Call: Ayes – Gielegghem, Pearl, Aragona, Keys, Cannon, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – West. Motion carried.

13. RECOMMENDATION OF THE PERSONNEL VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE (formerly Item #10)

Mr. Gielegghem stated this ties in with their budget discussion. He indicated they are managing their departments in a conservative manner, but they have a serious need in the Building Department for more staff. He stressed they need to keep property values up through ordinance enforcement, and this will help by

adding one-half position. He also noted that the work the employees have been doing as Recreation Programmers exceeds their current classification. He indicated the Township must hold the line between balancing it with the need to provide services to the public.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Keys, to receive and file the letter dated February 16th, 2017 from the Human Resources Director, concur with the Personnel Vacancy Review Committee's recommendation and approve the following: 1) Authorize the creation and filling of an Office Clerk II position to be equally split between the Building Department and the Clerk's Office, with total authorized positions for the Township to increase by one-half position; and 2) Authorize the reorganization of the Parks & Recreation Department staffing by adding two (2) Recreation Coordinator positions and eliminating two (2) Recreation Programmer positions, with the department's authorized staffing level remaining at five (5). Discussion ensued.

Mr. Keys stated he met with two staff members, and to keep employees here, the Township should add value to these positions. He noted that this employee's time is to be split equally between Trustees and Building. He recalled the agreement for the position that was originally shared between Clerk's Office and Trustees indicated that if there was a conflict, the Building Department would have the say. He inquired as to the arrangements between these two departments.

Ms. Meltzer inquired as to the purpose for one department having the say.

Mr. Keys replied that if there is a conflict in scheduling, it is good to have one person as a point person to make the determination.

Ms. Meltzer stated she has not had that conversation with the Building Department Superintendent, but assured she is willing to work it out. She added that she gets along very well with Mr. Miller, so she does not see it as a problem.

Mr. Miller explained that, with the previous arrangement with Trustees, the Building Department was the supervisory department, handling all payroll for that person. He stated they always had a line of communication open regarding that employee's time being split equally, and it could be shifted when necessary. He replied to further inquiry that he does not mind being in that supervisory role, and noted that position's hours were always submitted on his department's payroll transmittal. He assured he and Ms. Meltzer will work it out.

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

14. 2015 CODE ADOPTIONS (formerly Item #11)

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Keys, to receive and file the letter dated February 6th, 2017 from the Building Department Superintendent, and approve the adoption of the latest editions of the State of Michigan Construction Codes, as approved and adopted by the State as follows:

2015 Michigan Building Code	Effective 4/20/2017
2015 Michigan Plumbing Code	Effective 4/20/2017
2015 International Fuel Gas Code	Effective 4/12/2017
2015 Michigan Mechanical Code	Effective 4/12/2017
2015 Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings	Effective 12/13/2016

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

15. BID AWARD: LADDER TRUCK (formerly Item #12)

Mr. Keys noted the recommended bid is the lowest received for the ladder truck with a ladder that length.

Fire Chief Phy explained this bidder submitted two separate bids, each based on a different ladder size. They opted to go with the longer ladder (9-foot). He assured they are the low bidder for that size ladder, and they construct a very nice truck. During the process, he indicated they rode out to one of their facilities, and while they did not select them at that time, they have what the Fire Department needs.

Mr. Pearl thanked the Fire Chief for coming forward with this request. He noted it has been quite a few years since the Township sold their ladder truck, and they have not had one that carries water. He is glad that the Township will once again have a complete truck system to service the needs of the entire community.

Chief Phy stated that, provided this is approved, all their front-line vehicles will be new within a year. He replied to inquiry that the committee had a comparison chart and tried to compare “apples to apples”. He replied that these base prices are just a starting point.

Motion by Mr. Keys, supported by Mr. Aragona, to receive and file the letter dated February 13th, 2017 from the Fire Chief and award the bid for the budgeted purchase of the 109-foot Rosenbauer ladder truck, with desired options, to Emergency Vehicle Plus, of Milan, Michigan, in the amount of \$972,757.00, as outlined in the correspondence. Roll Call: Ayes – Keys, Aragona, Pearl, Cannon, Gielegem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – West. Motion carried.

16. REQUEST APPROVAL TO HIRE THREE (3) FIREFIGHTERS (formerly Item #13)

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Keys, to receive and file the letter dated February 22nd, 2017 from the Fire Chief and approve the hiring of Mr. Terry Hollstein, Mr. James Henry and Mr. Nathan Bailey for budgeted entry level positions as Firefighter/Medics to fill vacancies within that rank, with each to begin their one-year probationary period as firefighter on or about March 27th, 2017 at an annual entry wage of \$43,341, which includes the contractual stipend for being a paramedic; further, these appointments are pending successful results of their psychological and medical exams. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Cannon stated these are budgeted positions.

Mr. Russell Holtslander noted that cuts that had to be made during the recession and inquired as to whether these are replacing cut positions or whether they are additions to the department.

Mr. Cannon replied these three firefighters will be replacing three firefighters who are retiring. He clarified that the Township is at the level promised to the public, which is the recommended level.

Mr. Aragona inquired as to whether the purchase of the fire trucks in the previous agenda item was also budgeted.

Mr. Cannon replied affirmatively.

Mr. Roger Holtslander, 23140 Wellington Crescent, Clinton Township, Michigan 48035, stated a promise was made for the millage, but he claimed that, based on the budget presentation, the Fire Fund Balance “is in a free-fall”. He felt the Township needs to do something to start turning that around before they hire more firefighters, and he commented that costs are much higher now than when the millage was approved. He was concerned that the Township will have a difficult time going to the public for more funding in the future through another millage because he anticipated the water and sewer bills will be going way up because of the sewer collapse. He hoped the Township has a plan to handle the losses and bring the fund back up.

Mr. Cannon vehemently disagreed with Mr. Holtslander’s reference to the Fire Fund “being in a free-fall”. He assured the Fire Fund is in very stable condition, and if they were adding staff, he would agree that would be irresponsible. He stated Ms. Lauretti and Ms. Hein have given a very good presentation as to how they are going to cover the next couple of years still exceeding the 20% fund balance and when the Fire Station is paid off, they will add that money to the Fire Fund.

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

17. REQUEST APPROVAL TO HIRE ONE (1) POLICE OFFICER (formerly Item #14)

Motion by Mr. Keys, supported by Mr. Gielegghem, to receive and file the letter dated February 20th, 2017 from the Police Chief and approve the hiring of Mr. Marc Cuddeback to the budgeted position of Police Officer, with an undetermined start date. Roll Call: Ayes – Keys, Gielegghem, Aragona, Pearl, Cannon, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – West. Motion carried.

Mr. Cannon stated that this is due to a retirement.

18. REQUEST FOR ALARM UPGRADES – HISTORICAL VILLAGE (formerly Item #15)

Motion by Mr. Gielegghem, supported by Mr. Cannon, to receive and file the copy of the letter dated February 16th, 2017 to Mr. Mike Scott from Mr. Richard P. Mooney, Vice-President of Sales for Interstate Security, Inc., and approve the purchase and installation of alarm upgrades for the Clinton Township Historical Village from Interstate Security, Inc., at a cost of \$2,295.00 and a monthly monitoring w/cell charge of \$35.00, as outlined in the correspondence. Roll Call: Ayes – Gielegghem, Cannon, Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – West. Motion carried.

19. REQUEST FOR CAMERA UPGRADES – CIVIC CENTER (formerly Item #16)

Motion by Mr. Aragona, supported by Mr. Keys, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated February 22nd, 2017 from the Budget/Ways & Means Committee Chairperson, and approve the upgrade of the Civic Center camera system from Interstate Security, Inc. for a total install cost for all areas not to exceed \$13,220, as outlined in the correspondence, with the installation of same before March 31st, 2017. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Cannon, Aragona, Keys, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – West. Motion carried.

20. INTRODUCTION OF TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #426: RODENT, VERMIN HARBORAGE, RAT WALLS AND SLABS SPECIFICATIONS (formerly Item #17)

Ms. Kathy Voss, 20215 Webster, Clinton Township, Michigan 48035, inquired as to the changes that are proposed to be made.

Mr. Miller replied that all sunrooms and additions have required a full perimeter concrete foundation that is 42 inches deep by 12 inches wide. The building would go on top of the foundation, and it would prevent any rodent harborage. The new building codes now allow building on piers as if they were building a deck. In some cases, houses are only 10 inches above the ground, and that is a situation for rodent harborage. The change requires that anything under 18 inches above ground will require a rat wall and a slab under that addition so that they do not end up with rodent harborage and nesting occurring under the addition.

Ms. Voss inquired as to whether they are proposing to have more ordinance enforcement in the neighborhoods regarding keeping yards clean and eliminating junk and debris from the yards.

Mr. Cannon informed that last year, the Ordinance Enforcement Division doubled the amount of violations, and they will continue to do so. He advised that the Township will have two more part-time Ordinance Enforcement officials starting April 1st, 2017, specifically for that purpose. They will be in vehicles marked “Ordinance Enforcement” and will be out in the neighborhoods.

Ms. Voss felt that will be good and thanked the Township.

Motion by Mr. Keys, supported by Mr. Gielegem, to receive and file the letter dated February 9th, 2017 from the Building Department Superintendent, and introduce and publish with the intent to adopt at the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees the proposed Ordinance 426, which amends Chapter 1496.05 Rodent and Vermin Harborage establishing standards for detached garages, sheds and similar structures with regard to rat walls and providing for concrete slabs associated with rat walls in order to protect and promote public health, safety and welfare. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Keys stated he will be voting in favor of this amendment. He added that, living in the 15 Mile/Harper area, he has witnessed the rodent problem and he felt this is a great way to help combat it. He thanked Mr. Miller for his work on this Ordinance amendment.

Ms. Meltzer inquired as to whether Mr. Keys has noticed a difference since the Township went with the new trash containers.

Mr. Keys stated he has noticed a difference, but not at a rate he would have expected.

Mr. Cannon reminded that all three branches of the Clinton River, as well as its tributaries, run through the Township, which provides many beautiful home sites and park sites, but it is also where animals roam.

Mr. Keys noted that when people remodel and tear down their decks, that is when the animal population starts to move, and he felt this ordinance will help.

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

21. INTRODUCTION OF TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #427: REVISIONS TO VIDEO SURVEILLANCE ORDINANCE (formerly Item #18)

Motion by Mr. Aragona, supported by Mr. Keys, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated February 22nd, 2017 from the Budget/Ways & Means Committee Chairperson and introduce and publish with the intent to adopt at the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees the proposed Ordinance #427, which amends the Video Surveillance Ordinance by adding Chapter 864 establishing the requirement for the use of surveillance cameras by certain businesses which are defined providing regulations relating to the location and type of surveillance equipment, inspections, penalties, severability and repealer. Roll Call: Ayes – Aragona, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Gielegem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – West. Motion carried.

22. INTRODUCTION OF TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #428: REVISION OF ORDINANCE 1401.18(B) WATER OVER CHARGES (formerly Item #19)

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Cannon, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated February 22nd, 2017 from the Budget/Ways & Means Committee Chairperson and introduce and publish with the intent to adopt at the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees the proposed Ordinance #428, amending Chapter 1040.18(B) to provide for the adjustment of water and sewer rates, establish procedures for determining adjustments, establish the length of time for which adjustments are permitted, to provide for appeal from decisions and to provide repealer, severability and effective date. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Cannon, Aragona, Keys, Gielegem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – West. Motion carried.

23. INTRODUCTION OF TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #429: AMENDMENTS TO THE FIRE CODE ADOPTING CHAPTER 1620-2 PROHIBITION, OPEN FLAMES AND SPARK EMITTED BEYOND PROPERTY BOUNDARIES; UNMANNED AIRBORNE DEVICES EMITTING OPEN FLAMES OR SPARKS (formerly Item #20)

Motion by Mr. Keys, supported by Mr. Gielegem, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated February 22nd, 2017 from the Budget/Ways & Means Committee Chairperson, and introduce and publish with the intent to adopt at the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees the proposed Ordinance #429,

amending the Fire Code by adopting Chapter 1620-21 prohibiting the discharge from unmanned airborne devices of sparks or flames and the emission of flames or sparks beyond property borders, providing for definition, regulation and providing for penalties, repealer, severability and effective date. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Gielegghem stated this ordinance will address the issue of open flames in sky lanterns. Although they are nice to look at in the sky, and were even featured in a children's storybook, they create a potential for fire hazards. There is no ability to control them and therefore there is no way to anticipate where they will come down. He emphasized this ordinance addresses a safety issue.

Fire Chief Phy compared the sky lanterns to "a random piece of burning, floating garbage that comes down anywhere".

Mr. Aragona inquired as to whether the Township has any instances where a fire has started because of one of the sky lanterns coming down.

Chief Phy stated they know of three in the community, and a couple of brush fires have also been caused by them. He added they have only been popular for the last two or three years, and they jumped on board with the City of Sterling Heights, which recently got an ordinance passed to ban them from their community. Although these are beautiful, there is no control over them, and they had a minor fire on the east side of the Township where it floated down onto a roof and caused roof damage. There was another one on this side of the Township. He cautioned that the potential is there for an occurrence that could cause extensive damage and result in injury or property loss.

Mr. Cannon is familiar with the owner of an office building who had to hire security guards last year to prevent people from sending these off in his lot because he had so much damage to his building.

Mr. Keys stated when he thinks of open flames and sparks, fireworks come to mind. He inquired as to whether this ordinance is only addressing sky lanterns.

Mr. Gielegghem clarified they are not changing the existing ordinance regarding fireworks, but are trying to add this ordinance to include sky lanterns.

Chief Phy stated they are not trying to target the legal fireworks as defined by the State of Michigan, but to target the sky lanterns.

Mr. Roger Holtslander, 23140 Wellington Crescent, Clinton Township, Michigan 48035, stated he lives in the Knottingham Apartments, and on the Fourth of July last year, people gathered in Mount Clemens to launch these sky lanterns. He explained that he and his neighbors were watching these sky lanterns crash into

their 30-story apartment complex. He claimed some were landing on roofs, while others were landing on patios. He was glad something was being done about it. Although they were fortunate and nothing caught fire, he felt the potential is serious.

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

24. ZONE 6 SANITARY SEWER OPEN CUT POINT REPAIRS – EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR AT 36566 S. GRATIOT AVENUE (formerly Item #21)

Mr. Cannon stated this project started today, and he inquired as to how far they got in the repair.

Mr. Scott Chabot, Giffels-Webster, stated he visited the site this afternoon and they have the area excavated around the manhole. They intend on taking the manhole out tomorrow and replacing it, so he anticipated a full assessment after that as to how much pipe they will need to replace. He informed the utility pole is being supported with the assistance of DTE and the contractor has gotten to where the problem is located.

Mr. Cannon stated this was an emergency that had to be dealt with immediately, and if DTE had not been able to hold that pole and it came down, it would have been a disaster in the community. He estimated this will be close to \$100,000, and he stressed this is why they continue to go through the community cleaning and TV'ing the lines. He added there is a lot of infrastructure that is getting old, and there will be more issues they will be dealing with soon regarding underground utilities.

Mr. Chabot stated they will have a better idea as to the full scope and cost of this project, possibly at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Bednar explained the policy established requires they are to bring any project changes to the Board so this is a report to let the Board know there will be a change in the scope of the contract.

Mr. Pearl inquired as to the responsibility of the Township versus the responsibility of the property owner.

Ms. Bednar stated this is a pipe in the public easement so it is the Township's responsibility. The owner has a service lead that is upstream, and where the owner's business lead comes into the pipe is the business owner's responsibility.

Motion by Mr. Keys, supported by Mr. Aragona, to receive and file the letter dated February 23rd, 2017 from Mr. Scott J. Chabot, P.E., Senior Project Manager, Giffels Webster, regarding the additional work scope for the Clinton Township Zone 6 Sanitary Sewer Point Repairs, more specifically the emergency repair at 36566 Gratiot Avenue. Roll Call: Ayes – Keys, Aragona, Pearl, Cannon, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – West. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6TH, 2017 REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Motion by Mr. Aragona, supported by Mr. Cannon, to approve the minutes of the February 6th, 2017 Regular Township Board Meeting as submitted. Roll Call: Ayes – Aragona, Cannon, Keys, Pearl, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – West. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Keys, supported by Mr. Aragona, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes – Keys, Aragona, Pearl, Cannon, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent – West. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KIM MELTZER, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON