

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2018

PRESENT:	ROBERT J. CANNON	SUPERVISOR
	KIM MELTZER	CLERK
	PAUL GIELEGHEM	TREASURER (arrived at 6:31 p.m.)
	JOE A. ARAGONA	TRUSTEE
	MIKE KEYS	TRUSTEE
	KENNETH PEARL	TRUSTEE
	JENIFER WEST	TRUSTEE

ABSENT: NONE

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Township Board Chambers, Clinton Township Civic Center. Also in attendance was Mr. Jack Dolan, Township Attorney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Meltzer stated there are no deletions from tonight's agenda.

Ms. Meltzer stated there is one addition to tonight's agenda:

26. Request Approval of Temporary Storage for Lowe's – 35115 Gratiot

Ms. Meltzer requested that Items #23 and #24 be moved to Items #1A and 1B, respectively, since representatives from the Fire Department are present for that item and need to get back on the road.

Motion by Mr. Aragona, supported by Mr. Pearl, to approve the agenda as amended, with the addition of Item #26 and the moving of Items #23 and #24 to Items #1A and #1B, respectively. Roll Call: Ayes – Aragona, Pearl, West, Keys, Cannon, Gieleghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Mr. Gieleghem apologized for arriving late this evening. He explained that his office was open late this evening until 6:30 p.m., so as soon as they closed, he came here to the meeting. He advised that their office will be open late next Tuesday, February 26th, which is the last week prior to the deadline for tax collection. He stated after February 28th, unpaid taxes go delinquent to the

County, so they want to provide taxpayers with every opportunity to pay their taxes before that date.

Mr. Cannon stated that he will continue to provide a little Clinton Township history at each Board meeting in honor of its 200th anniversary this year. He stated from 1818, when Clinton Township was formed under the name “Huron Township”, until 1827, the local units of government were governed by a board of County Commissioners, and at that time, the County was divided into five townships: Harrison, Clinton (Huron), Shelby, Washington and Ray. He added that the original five townships were much larger than they are today, and Clinton Township originally included the areas of Chesterfield, Macomb and Lenox Townships.

1. APPOINTMENT OF RYAN ZEMKE AS MAGISTRATE AT 41B DISTRICT COURT

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Ms. West, to receive and file the letter dated February 1st, 2018 from 41B District Court Administrator/Magistrate James A. McGrail, and approve Chief Judge Fuca’s appointment of Attorney Ryan Zemke to the position of Magistrate, with a starting date of March 12th, 2018. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, West, Keys, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

1A. REQUEST MILLAGE RENEWAL FOR CLINTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT (FORMERLY ITEM #23)

Ms. Meltzer explained this is a Police Millage Renewal Proposition, to be increased by 0.9905 mils on each \$1,000 of taxable value for a period of six years, from 2020 to 2025, inclusive of the 1.0 mil previously authorized by the electors of the Township in 2013, as reduced by the operation of the Headlee Amendment. It is estimated that 0.9905 mils will raise approximately \$2,000,731 from the first levy in 2020.

Mr. Cannon stated this millage was passed by the voters of Clinton Township and it is a request for a renewal. It would be on the summer ballot and would keep the Police Department whole. He stated, as he talked about in his State of the Township address, this is what the voters wanted for their Police Department. They had a citizen’s committee to put together the numbers several years ago and that is what was voted on. He assured it is a renewal but will continue to go down because of the Headlee Amendment, so it will be less than 1 mil by the time it gets to the voters.

Ms. Melzer confirmed that will be voted on in the August 7th, 2018 gubernatorial election.

Mr. Cannon thanked Ms. Hein for all the effort she has put into making sure all the calculations are correct. He also thanked the representatives from Miller Canfield and Township Attorney Jack Dolan.

Ms. Hein clarified they are not certifying ballot language this evening but are starting the process. She indicated there are still some “tweaks” that need to be made to that ballot language, but this is what it is at this time.

Mr. Cannon reminded that would be at the approval of Ms. Hein, Mr. Dolan and Miller Canfield.

Ms. Meltzer inquired as to whether the numbers are accurate.

Ms. Hein replied affirmatively, but added that, depending upon what happens with the Headlee calculation this current year, it may change, although she assured it would go down, not up. They will need to know the millage reduction fraction for this current year, if they can get that information. She replied to further inquiry they have contacted the County are waiting for that information from the County.

Mr. Dolan clarified that the inflation rate is based on the CPI. It is a measure to try to keep the amount of money collected as a tax at an amount that correlates to the rate of inflation. This happened because of what occurred in the 1970’s, when they experienced hyperinflation. The property taxes were rapidly increasing. There was a ballot measure and the constitutional amendments were passed and incorporated in the Michigan Constitution. Each year, the millage rate changes, expressed as a fraction. For Police, it has been thrown back to the fraction of .9906.

Mr. Gielegghem stated that, at one point, the Township had 103 sworn officers. The economic crisis that began in 2008 resulted in severe reductions in all the Township’s departments during that time. In 2013, it was proposed to the voters that if they can increase it by 1 mil, it will not get them back to where they were, but it would get them to 93 sworn officers, which they believe is a manageable level. He stated this is a renewal of that 1 mil, so those levels can be maintained.

Ms. Hein stated they were at a level of 110 sworn officers prior to 2008, and they are at a level of 93 sworn officers now.

Mr. Cannon recalled that they were not replacing retired officers, so the number of sworn officers was in the 70’s. By voting in favor of the millage, the public indicated they wanted to be at the level of 93 sworn officers. This millage renewal will keep the Township at that same number.

Motion by Mr. Cannon, supported by Mr. Pearl, to approve the request for a millage renewal for the Clinton Township Police Department, and the final verbiage will be determined by Miller Canfield, the Assistant Finance Director and the Township attorneys. Roll Call: Ayes – Cannon, Pearl, West, Keys, Aragona, Gielegem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

1B. REQUEST MILLAGE RENEWAL FOR CLINTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT (FORMERLY ITEM #24)

Ms. Meltzer explained this is a request for a limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on all taxable properties in the Township to be increased by a total of 2.2069 mils for a period of eight years, from 2022 to 2029, inclusive is a renewal of the 1 mil previously authorized by the electors of the Township in 2002, and a 1.25 mils previously authorized by the electors of the Township in 2013, each as reduced by the operation of the Headlee Amendment for the purpose of providing funds for furnishing and equipping the Fire Department, as well as operational costs for the Fire Department. It is determined that the 2.2069 mils will raise approximately \$6,084,000.

Mr. Cannon stated 2 mils support the Police Department, which includes the 1 mil they are going to renew and the 1 mil that expires in 2025. There are two fire millages also, and they both expire at the same time, so it has been recommended by the bond counsel that they combine both together. When they were discussing the issue in 2013, it was always intended that the existing millage, coupled with the millage of 2013, would be brought back to the public as a renewal together, which is what he is requesting tonight. He pointed out that if either millage does not pass, they will have to get rid of 40% of the department or 60% of the department, and neither would be satisfactory for this community. He explained the final language would be approved by Miller Canfield, Mr. Dolan and Ms. Hein.

Ms. Meltzer clarified the total collection is approximately \$140,000 less than what was approved initially, so they would be bringing in less revenue.

Mr. Cannon stated that is correct, and he stressed this is not an increase. The renewal would be a decrease, but it will still allow them to run the Fire Department the way they need to do so.

Mr. Pearl remembered when these were passed, and it was very important to voters that it be approved.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Ms. Meltzer, to approve the request for a millage renewal for the Clinton Township Fire Department, and the final verbiage will be determined by Miller Canfield, the Assistant Finance Director and the

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

2. REQUEST TEMPORARY TENT APPROVAL IN CHIPPEWA VALLEY SHOPPING CENTER (HALL ROAD) TO HOST THE 7TH ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO PARTY ON SATURDAY, MAY 5TH, 2018

Mr. Cannon stated that Mr. Barry Miller, Superintendent of the Building Department, has talked with Mr. Abdallah to let him know what he needs to do for this event and what he cannot do with extra tents. He inquired as to whether Mr. Abdallah intends to collect money in the tent area.

Mr. Abdallah replied affirmatively.

Mr. Cannon pointed out that was not indicated in the request.

Mr. Abdallah was with the understanding that the Township changed their ordinance, so it was automatically allowed to collect money in the tent.

Ms. Meltzer explained that, although the ordinance was revised, it still must be requested.

Mr. Abdallah confirmed that he is requesting permission to take cash inside of the tent.

Mr. Cannon stated it was recommended by the Building Department that they take the cash in the tent because it will be safer for the patrons as well as those driving in the parking lot.

Mr. Keys thanked Mr. Abdallah for coming in tonight. He commented they have had some success over the years with this event, and since representatives from Police, Fire and Building Departments are all here tonight, he wanted to make sure there were no notable problems from last year that need to be addressed.

Mr. Miller indicated he had spoken with Mr. Abdallah and they had reviewed the concerns that he and the Fire Marshal had with regards to the generator location. Putting a couple of extra barrels around it to make it more noticeable, as well as storing the gas can away from the tent, will help for safety issues.

Mr. Abdallah added that he will have a carbon monoxide detector in the tent. He recalled last year they had the tent closed, although it was open every year before that. If they have to close it, they will have the carbon monoxide detector in the tent.

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Pearl, to receive and file the letter dated January 25th, 2018 from Mr. Kevin Abdallah, owner of Juan Miguel's Restaurant, and approve the request for a temporary tent in the Chippewa Valley Shopping Center on Hall Road to host the 7th Annual Cinco De Mayo Party on Saturday, May 5th, 2018, as outlined in the correspondence. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Pearl, Keys, Cannon, Aragona, Gieleghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

3. REQUEST APPROVAL TO RESERVE THE PRINCE DREWRY PARK FOR THE 12TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY KITE DAY

Mr. Cannon thanked Ms. Gerrie Brown for hosting the Annual Community Kite Day.

Motion by Mr. Cannon, supported by Mr. Pearl, to receive and file the letter dated January 31st, 2018 from Ms. Gerrie Brown, Kite Day Coordinator, and approve her request to hold the 12th Annual Community Kite Day at the Prince Drewry Park on Saturday, April 28th, 2018 from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Meltzer noted on the flyer it indicated that there are no pets allowed, but she questioned whether that is because there will be farm animals at the event.

Ms. Gerrie Brown replied affirmatively, and noted they are asking those attending the event not to bring their pets. She noted that she recently read where the board members in Harrison Township are getting raises. She recalled not too long ago where an increase was proposed for the Clinton Township Board members to get raises, but it was turned down by a vote of the Board. She felt they deserve the raises, especially those board members who have served for many years. She commended Mr. Cannon on the improvements along Gratiot, claiming Gratiot "has never looked better". She felt they need to take another look at a possible increase in their pay because she felt they are paid so much less than trustees in other surrounding communities, and she felt they deserve the raise.

Ms. Bednar requested that Ms. Brown stop into the Department of Public Works office, so she can speak with Ms. Sally McGowan, Office Supervisor, to make sure everything is set for April 28th.

Ms. Brown assured she will meet with Ms. McGowan. She encouraged everyone to attend Kite Day, adding that there will be food, drink, kites, animals to see, and she emphasized that everything is free.

Roll Call: Ayes – Cannon, Pearl, West, Keys, Aragona, Gieleghem, Meltzer.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAM

Mr. Cannon stated that the President's budget released last week did not include any Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money, but he was in Washington D.C. with SEMCOG and talked with lawmakers "on both sides of the aisle" and they guarantee that will be back in the budget. He advised that the budget for which the Township is accepting applications this evening will be soon be voted on. He opened the floor for groups who want to come forward and make presentations. He advised that those who may not be present this evening still have an opportunity to submit materials to Mr. Carlo Santia, Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, by the end of this week on Friday, February 23rd, 2018.

Mr. Frances Marella, representing CARE House, 35979 Carlisle, Clinton Township, Michigan 48035, explained that he has been associated with CARE House since its beginning in 1996. Over the years, they have helped a lot of children in need. He stated that they have had over 800 services provided to victims of child abuse. They have a multi-disciplinary team made up of law enforcement jurisdictions, including the Clinton Township Police Department, the Department of Social Services, the Children's Home, Homeland Security, Immigration, the FBI and others. Their goal is to minimize stress and trauma associated with child abuse to children, and they support the victims and their families through investigation and prosecution phases and assist them in the healing process. Over the years, children have had to go through many difficult interviews, which is very traumatic to the children who have already been victimized. They have narrowed that down to one forensic interview made up of this multi-disciplinary team, including the prosecutor's office and other offices interested in the case. He stated that they have been successful in receiving funds from Clinton Township, but they would like to receive more, if possible, because the number of children who have been abused has increased considerably. He explained in the past year, they have had to open a satellite facility to handle the number of cases they have, and that will be in Warren, along with their primary facility in Mount Clemens. They are asking for \$12,000 from the Township, noting it takes \$500 to process a family through the program. He emphasized that the parents are not charged anything for any of their services. Last year they had about 39 children from Clinton Township, so it cost much more than the \$3,000 they received from the Township last year. He stated the Board of Directors is seeking more money, if possible, and he stressed they are "not greedy, but needy", so anything the Board can do to give them a little more money will help and will be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Gieleghem thanked Mr. Marella for coming here tonight on behalf of CARE House. He noted there is a sheet in the packet he provided, and it tells what used to happen, with the multiple interviews the children would be subjected to in these horrific situations, and what now happens under CARE House, showing everyone is in the same room, and the Police Department has someone ask the questions in a way that is not intimidating or fearful for the children. He felt it is a great explanation as to what happens. He also noted that, unfortunately, the requests are increasing but the dollars are decreasing, although he expressed appreciation for the requests being made.

Mr. Marella stated years ago, he was the director of the juvenile court, and he recalled by the time they saw the child, that child had already been through five or six interviews by a teacher, a nurse, a principal, a social worker, a police officer, a prosecutor, and that child was very traumatized at that point. He noted they incorporated a child advocacy center, which was a first in the state, and it decreased the number of interviews to two or three, one of those being the forensic interview. He assured there are no leading questions and they are trained in this area. This is recorded by notes, and they do not do closed circuit television in Macomb County. He noted the case seldom goes to trial and the child does not have to give any more testimonies.

Mr. Aragona echoed Mr. Gieleghem's sentiments. He stated he used to work in Lansing and had a couple of meetings with CARE House, noting the information presented on the pamphlet was incredibly eye-opening to him. He felt to go from multiple interviews down to one interview for a traumatized child is very telling. He did not know if it is on the CARE House website, but he urged them to get it out to people.

Mr. Marella stated it was put together by their staff.

Ms. Karan Bates-Gasior, representing Turning Point, stated they are also making a request of the Community Block Grant Funds. She emphasized they are also "needy, not greedy" and would like an increase, if possible. She provided some statistics, stating that 419 survivors from Clinton Township used their services during the last fiscal year. She explained their services include counseling, shelter, forensic exams, among other services. Of the 419 Clinton Township residents, 51 of those stayed in the shelter, with most them staying six to eight weeks, and at the cost of \$65 each per "bed night", it adds up. They also aided 37 victims of sexual assaults who were Clinton Township residents. She explained they conduct the forensic exam, gather evidence, work with the police department and courts to try to see those to prosecution. She noted a sexual assault exam costs \$450, and all their services are free to the individuals and their families. They estimated they spend about \$60,000 a

year on Township residents, and last year they received \$2,000 from the CDBG funds. She distributed pamphlets to the Board members, and she offered to answer questions. She stated they have multiple facilities, with their main office in Mount Clemens and a satellite office in St. Clair Shores. She added they are also in Romeo and Warren one day a week utilizing churches. They handle about 12,000 calls a year on their crisis line, breaking down to about 1,000 calls a month. She indicated their sexual assault numbers are rising each year, and they did 374 sexual assault exams last year, which is the first time they have broken the record of more than one a day. Of those 374 exams, 47 of those were children under the age of 12. She thanked the Board for their consideration.

Ms. Meltzer thanked Ms. Bates-Gasior for what she is doing, and stated it is a very valuable service they are providing for the community.

Ms. Bates-Gasior offered to provide tours for anyone interested.

Ms. Marie Bristow, Program Manager with Macomb Community Action (Office of Senior Services), explained they oversee the Senior Chore Program, which provides lawn-cutting and snow removal services to low- and moderate-income older adults and disabled individuals. She stated they are requesting \$15,000 to serve thirty (30) older adults in Clinton Township. She explained the mission of Macomb Community Action is persistent action to diminish poverty and promote independence. The Senior Chore Program diminishes poverty by promoting quality services to seniors who normally cannot afford it at market prices. They try to avoid the situation of the seniors doing the work for themselves because it could potentially be dangerous for them. Ms. Bristow stated the goal of a senior is to remain living independently in their home, and this program helps them with that goal. This program helps not only the senior adult but the entire neighborhood by preventing blight. She stated there has been a 226 percent increase in services requested between 2013-14 and 2016-17 just in Clinton Township. The demand continues to grow and has exceeded the levels they can sustain. Applicants are now on a wait list, and as they are nearing the end of the snow season, they still have three people in Clinton Township on the wait list, which does not count those who have taken themselves off the list because they have found another provider. She assured the CDBG dollars provided by the Township are combined with federal funds, local funds, and contributions from the seniors. She pointed out that CDBG is only billed for 60% of what it costs them to serve everyone per unit, so they leveraged additional dollars not only to help that but also to serve additional seniors. The last fiscal year of 2016-17, they served 70 low- to moderate-income seniors and disabled individuals just in Clinton Township, along with 16 individuals who

exceeded CDBG guidelines but demonstrated a strong need for services from the program. They used area Agency on Aging funds to help those people. She explained they used to provide services for lawn edging, gutter cleaning and other odd jobs but have had to eliminate those due to limited funds and increased number of seniors requesting services. They limit their services to lawn-cutting and snow-removal, which they see as essential services. She outlined the parameters for which they determine eligibility and priority. She stressed they value their long-standing partnership with Clinton Township in serving these seniors and disabled individuals, and she offered to answer questions.

Mr. Cannon thanked Ms. Bristow and all the other presenters for the services they provide, commenting that there is not one of these groups that does not deserve every penny for which they are asking, and more.

Mr. Dan Karpinski stated he works for Lowe's at 35115 Gratiot Avenue, Clinton Township, Michigan 48035, and he noted there are a lot of organizations seeking funds to help the residents of Clinton Township. He informed that Lowe's offers a lot of grants for communities, and they have two stores in Clinton Township. Those interested can go on the website and apply for grants for local communities, schools, educational centers, foster homes, etc. Lowe's has a Heroes Program, where each store has \$2,500 to donate to the community. Those interested in this program can go into the store to apply, or submit a letter to the store, and they will see if they can help them out. It may be painting a building or creating a nicer environment inside for the children.

Mr. Cannon confirmed that Lowe's does go out into the community and offer services, and they bring their employees with them.

Mr. Karpinski stated if anyone is interested, they can come in to the 15 Mile/Gratiot store to see him. He replied that each store has a "Heroes project" they can do, so each store has \$2,500 available for this. He noted that last year, they went together with several other stores to create a home in Detroit. He stated if they can submit a request early enough, they may be able to get additional funds.

Mr. Gielegem appreciated that Mr. Karpinski's motivation to come forward after hearing these presentations and provide this information.

Mr. Cannon reminded that anyone else interested in submitting a request can do so by the end of the business day on this Friday, February 23rd, 2018, and they need to address it to Mr. Carlo Santia, Director, Department of Planning and Community Development, Clinton Township Civic Center.

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Keys, to receive and file the input received for the 2018 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Program. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

5. REVISED SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN: AT HOME IN CLINTON STORAGE ADDITION (FKA SHATEAU CLINTON MOBILE HOME PARK) – PART OF 160.7 ACRES LOCATED WEST OF GARFIELD ROAD, SOUTH OF CLINTON RIVER ROAD (SECTION 19)

Mr. Gielegghem mentioned that the Planning Commission minutes are usually included in their packet, but he does not have them, so he requested the petitioner to provide a description of their plans.

The petitioner replied that they are building a larger storage shed. He explained this is a 1,000-pad mobile home park, and they have a lot of large equipment they need to store. They have a large storage area that has been used for parking and other purposes, but they would like to be able to put in a larger building to store their backhoes and other maintenance equipment.

Mr. Gielegghem inquired as to what is adjacent to the property line where they are seeking a waiver of the required masonry wall.

Mr. Santia replied it is a vacant wooded lot, adjacent to flood plain property. He explained the storage area has existed over a long period of time, and there is no current masonry wall around the entire mobile home community, which is required by ordinance. The Planning Commission determined it would be foolish to require it along one property line at this point. If they ever came in for an entire revamping of the entire mobile home park, they could opt at that point to reconsider it. He replied to further inquiry that the adjacent property is zoned residential, and possible a portion of it would be developable.

The petitioner indicated they had to move their building away from that property line because of the flood plain, adding that the adjacent property is right next to the river.

Mr. Gielegghem inquired as to whether Ms. West had anything to add since she is on the Planning Commission.

Ms. West stated she had nothing to add, and it is a simple addition of a storage building on site. She stated the required wall is adjacent to flood plain, and this building will be replacing a building that is in bad shape.

Mr. Santia pointed out they are also eliminating some existing outdoor storage that is not permitted.

The petitioner assured they have removed all the items that were being stored outside so it is a clean lot for the proposed building.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Gieleghem, to receive, file and concur with the letter dated February 6th, 2018 from the Secretary of the Clinton Township Planning Commission, and approve the revised site development plan for At Home in Clinton Storage Addition (fka Chateau Clinton Mobile Home Park), located on part of 160.7 acres of land west of Garfield and south of Clinton River Roads, contingent on the removal of outdoor storage, which is not allowed; further, that the request for waiver of the masonry wall along the west property line be granted. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Gieleghem, West, Keys, Cannon, Aragona, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

6. INTRODUCTION OF APPOINTMENT APPLICANTS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Cannon invited any applicants who have applied for appointment to the Economic Development Corporation to speak.

Ms. Tiffany Taylor, 17790 Mattson, Clinton Township, Michigan 48036, thanked the Board for this opportunity. She stated her application and resume speak to her career, so she talked about who she is and what she believes. She explained she is a proud American who wants to serve her country and community. She indicated her formal training is in education and economic development, but they are also her passion and purpose. She stated that over the course of nearly 15 years, she has been a leader in helping communities realize their full potential through education and economic development. She has turned around struggling schools, launched a multi-million dollar non-profit, built multi-family housing in the nation's capital and collaborated effectively with developers to build multi-use development that benefits residents and community members. She explained her experiences and the skills she has that she feels will make her a strong committee member on the Economic Development Corporation. She noted her husband spent nearly 20 years in law enforcement. She stated she believes in the progress and prosperity of Clinton Township, and added it would be an honor for her to move the Township forward as a member of the Economic Development Corporation.

Dr. Rodney Tolbert Sr., 43600 Naves Court, Clinton Township, Michigan 48038, stated he has served as the Chaplain of the 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Division at Selfridge ANG. He distributes food to the needy and does work for the military, adding he is a retired veteran from the U.S. Navy. He came to Clinton Township and wants to be involved in the

community. He explained he came from Texas, where he helped build two churches and used money to make those churches work. He has worked with seniors and children of needy families. He wants to do his work here to glorify the kingdom of God but also to glorify Clinton Township, and he thanked the Board for this opportunity.

Mr. Gary Sommer, 43432 Nebel Trail, Clinton Township, Michigan 48038, stated he was born and raised in Clinton Township. He is a small business owner in the Township and he would like to help provide information and apply a “grass roots” or ground level approach to things that happen in the Township through economic development to help grow the commercial base. He stressed there is a lot of potential and he would like to be involved in helping the Township.

Mr. Cannon inquired as to whether there is a possibility for three openings on the Economic Development Corporation, noting they have three excellent applicants.

Mr. Santia confirmed there are two openings at this time.

Motion by Mr. Keys, supported by Ms. West, to receive and file the introductions made by the applicants who have applied for appointment to the Economic Development Corporation. Roll Call: Ayes – Keys, West, Pearl, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

7. REQUEST TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2018-2019 BUDGET

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Keys, to receive and file the letter dated February 6th, 2018 from the Assistant Finance Director, and schedule a public hearing for the proposed 2018-2019 budget, to be held on Monday, March 5th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Township Board Chambers, Clinton Township Civic Center. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Keys, West, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

8. PUBLIC HEARING – RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Mr. Cannon thanked Mr. Frank Pizzo, Director of the Recreation Department, for all the work he has put into this plan and into his department daily.

Mr. Pizzo introduced Mr. Alan Bean, of the Spicer Group, to make a presentation on the proposed Recreation Master Plan.

Mr. Bean thanked the Board for this opportunity. He provided some of his background, indicating he is a Certified Community Planner based out of Saginaw, with offices in St. Johns and Dundee. He stated they had done the

previous recreation plans for the Township, and they began this process in Fall 2017. This is the public hearing of that plan tonight, and he indicated he is available to answer questions the public or Board members may have. He indicated they should be proud of the comprehensive plan, which includes goals and objectives, as well as planned projects for the next five years. He added this plan will qualify the Township for DNR grants for the next five years. There were over 1,200 responses for the survey, which is an amazing amount of feedback.

Mr. Cannon stated this is a public hearing, so any member of the community can ask questions or make comments.

Mr. James Kennedy, 19683 Tanglewood Circle, Clinton Township, Michigan 48038, stated he is a resident of Clinton Township and a local contractor. He would like to get on the list for some of the upcoming projects. He explained he is a representative for a company in this area that deals with playgrounds and would like to be considered for some of the upcoming projects. He noted they donated a playground to Turning Point in Mount Clemens, and he hoped to be a part of this and a continuation of Clinton Township moving forward.

Mr. Cannon questioned whether there was anything left out of the report that Mr. Bean felt should have been included. He stated there is not a lot of vacant parkland in the Township. They can tweak the current parks and put in bike trails, but he questioned Mr. Bean as to whether there is anything that is not included in the plan.

Mr. Bean replied the plan covers potential projects in the future, but he agreed it is a mature community and there are already a lot of parks. He felt the best option is to spell out the projects they want to pursue. There are a number of capital improvements starting on Page 29 of the plan that address future improvements at each park. He felt there are a lot of projects with a lot of potential in the future. He reminded this document enables the Township to apply for DNR grants, which include the Trust Fund Grant, the Water Conservation Fund Grant and the Passport Grant. He stated this puts Clinton Township “ahead of the game”.

Mr. Cannon stated that recently, they obtained grants from the County for Partridge Creek Park, and they are in negotiations to secure additional property for a park. He credited Ms. Mary Bednar, Director of Public Services, for the work she has done on this.

Ms. Bednar explained they have been speaking with the County regarding the Nicholson Nature Center and being able to partner with them, where the Township would handle the everyday maintenance, and the County would take

care of the long-term maintenance. It would be a true nature walk throughout the Township along the North Branch of the Clinton River.

Mr. Cannon stated it is a beautiful area that is underutilized. He stated there is a beautiful restroom facility that is currently open only one day a year. He hoped this will be their new park.

Mr. Keys thanked everyone who put this plan together and are here tonight to make the presentation. He talked with Mr. Pizzo earlier today, and he felt there are a lot of positives in the plan. He liked the feedback they received from residents, with the large number of people responding, especially from the “48035” zip code area. He commented on the accessibility issue, with a lot of the activities being in areas of their parks that are not accessible. He questioned what the plan is moving forward to resolve that issue. He noted that on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the least accessible, many of the Township Parks rated 1 or 2, and he believed the highest rating was a 3.

Mr. Cannon inquired as to Mr. Key’s reference of “not accessible”.

Ms. Meltzer questioned whether he was referring to universal accessibility for handicapped, which would be ADA compliant.

Mr. Keys replied affirmatively and thanked her for making that clarification.

Ms. Bednar replied that is to the current standards. She noted that ADA accessibility requirements change, and she stated that, while most of the parks are accessible, they may not be to the current standards, which can change yearly. She noted that there are certain items in the upcoming budget for some ADA-suggested items for the future park. They are also looking at making some ADA improvements in Webster Park and George George Park. She assured they address that issue whenever they make improvements to the parks.

Mr. Cannon stated that next year, they are adding swing sets to two different parks.

Ms. Bednar confirmed these are the proposed improvements included in the budget, which are ADA-accessible swings, where wheelchairs can be locked in and secured. These are being proposed for Reid Park and George George Park. She noted that some users have requested this, and as a response, they decided to try to add that amenity to those parks.

Mr. Pizzo stated that Ms. Bednar and Mr. Cannon have been very proactive at making these improvements. He pointed out the soccer fields at the Civic Center are now ADA accessible because of the walkways that have been added. He

stated grandparents and other people with disabilities are thanking them all the time because they can now access the back fields to watch the soccer games.

Ms. Bednar stated some people look at it as a great bike/hike path, and the grandparents look at it as a great way to be able to view their grandchildren's soccer games. She informed that they have received a grant from the Clinton River Watershed Council to develop a plan to create a universally-accessible canoe/kayak launch, so they will be pursuing that as well. She did not know if it will be able to be constructed this year, but they will be moving forward with plans.

Mr. Cannon stated a point of pride in the community is a ball field at Reid Park, which is basically a "Field of Dreams" for handicapped children. Plans are underway to raise money for another similar facility for older children. He pointed out that children come from all over the state to play at that park. He agreed that they will continue to work to bring the parks up to current ADA standards.

Ms. Meltzer addressed an earlier comment made by Mr. Kennedy, a resident and local contractor. She explained that the Township uses MITN (Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network) for their bidding process, and she recommended he watch that site for access to bidding on any Township projects.

Mr. Kennedy thanked Ms. Meltzer for that information. He replied to inquiry that he is aware of that network, and wanted to introduce himself, noting he has been in this community his entire life.

Mr. Pearl informed that the 115-page report being discussed this evening is on the Township's website, and he stressed the responses are very important to read to understand what the entire community wants and likes. He stated that some other communities have put in splash pads and pools with additional money they have obtained from millages, but the Township is concentrating now on roads and keeping strong police and fire departments. He urged those interested in going to the website to review the Recreation Master Plan.

Mr. Gielegem stated one of the things he did when he took office was to send out a chart showing where the Township dollars go. He noted a lot of them are collected by the Township but distributed to the schools, the County and wherever they are designated. He noted the designations on the chart and pointed to the small yellow sliver, which covers what is not designated for police, fire, or water and sewer. He stated he is proud of what they can do with "the yellow sliver". He commended Mr. Pizzo and his department as being a very strong reflection of that, because they take money and make it stretch. They do a lot with what they are provided, and the fact they had between 1,200 and 1,300 responses is a sincere testament. They take advantage of these programs, but the problem he sees is infrastructure, noting all the grants require matching

funds. He questioned where the plan provides the roadmap of where they want to be, how they can get the dollars, what grants are available and how they expand that operation.

Mr. Pizzo replied that the Department of Public Works has a five-year Capital Outlay Plan that is included in the Recreation Master Plan proposal. He stressed they are aggressively pursuing grants and partnerships. He stated this plan needs to be in place to be eligible for the grants, so it is frustrating spending years putting this together and never seeing the matching funds. He has heard discussions about how they can put some money together for matching funds in the future, and he suggested it may be something they should look at as a community. He stated he has heard complaints from residents that the Township does not have a splash pad or some other specific amenities, and he assured he would love to come to them with some ideas and plans, but he also knows where the Township stands fiscally, and they responsibly take the dollars where they can put them. He added that what Sterling Heights and some of the surrounding communities are doing are great, but he added they will all have to work hard to find the funds, determine how they can get them and how they can use them in the future.

Mr. Bean presented a hypothetical situation that in 2019, they may want to pursue a capital improvement, possibly costing \$200,000. There is a trust fund that could possibly be used, and they require a 25% match. Many grant programs have a 50-50 match. With the Recreation Plan in place, they qualify for DNR grants, which is a great resource.

Mr. Gielegghem noted that, as generations change, the services they are looking for also changes. He questioned the trend now as to what families are looking for.

Mr. Pizzo stated he was a little surprised on some of the items, but they are seeing, with the millennials, it is not about dollars or amenities, but it is about experience. He stated he has to bring new activities, and new aspects to some of the repeat activities. He stressed it has to be “an experience” and cited the example of an “Escape Room” which will be opening on Garfield, where he would like to plan and offer a trip to the Escape Room, followed by food and drinks at Freddy’s.

Mr. Gielegghem noted that all three branches of the Clinton River converge in Clinton Township, and the theme they hear from the County is the “blue” economy. He questioned how they take advantage of the water resource and open resources they have along the spillway and areas of the Clinton River that are not privately owned. He felt the main problem the County has, regarding connection to the water, is the fact that everything is privately owned. He pointed

out that the Township has public space along the waterways, so he would like to see as much opportunity as possible to avail themselves of that benefit.

Mr. Pizzo stated there has been a lot of talk about kayaking and canoeing, but there are also great fishing spots along the river. He stated he has lived in the Township since he was about eight years old, and he recalled when the Clinton River often flooded, and it would stay that way for a long time. It now drains quickly because of the river clean-up and what people have done for the river. He felt the community has a lot of advocates for recreation, and although the Board is also proactive, it will take a while to get the money. He assured he wants what is best for this community and its residents, and he has observed what other communities in the area are doing regarding recreation amenities after their residents “stood up and went to bat for those things”. He understood they must be fiscally responsible and take care of certain items first, but he stressed they have to start setting aside money for the future of Parks & Recreation and Department of Public Works so people will want to stay in this community. He stated he is very proud of what Mr. Kyle Langlois, a former employee of the Clinton Township Department of Parks & Recreation, has done in the City of Sterling Heights. He cited other amenities in Chesterfield and Grosse Pointe and would like to see these in Clinton Township as well.

Mr. Keys stated they saw a need for acreage, and when looking at the inventory and assessment, they fall behind in acreage for recreation in ratio to the number of residents in the Township. He noticed one of the Township parks is labeled as a “pocket park”, and he inquired as to whether they will be looking at creative ways to improve the acreage concept.

Ms. Bednar replied their five-year plan will be part of the budget. She explained that she is focusing on upgrading their existing parks, but if the Board wants to go in a different direction, they can guide her department. Up to this point, the goal has been to improve the existing parks and bring them up to ADA accessibility.

Mr. Keys inquired as to which park is considered the “pocket park”.

Ms. Bednar replied Webster Park is considered a “pocket park” because it is four lots wide on both sides of the road. She explained that a “pocket park” is generally in the center of a neighborhood.

Mr. Pizzo felt the property where Edison Elementary School sat is one site they were looking at and it could be considered a “pocket park”. He recalled a gentleman who contacted the Township about a property off Moravian, and it abuts Mill Park, for which they do not have access, so that would be a nice parcel to acquire. He indicated that would not be a park but would be an access site to serve as a parking lot for Mill Park. He felt it is important to look into the future

and try to obtain those parcels. They are limited, and Mill Park is a beautiful nature area, but there is no access except for a small piece of property adjacent to the bridge. He pointed out that, once these properties are gone, they may not have that opportunity again, so they need to look at acquiring these parcels when they have the chance.

Mr. Keys questioned the idea of mapping out the parks and residents being able to pull them up on the computer to see them. He stated on the inventory provided, there are some areas that have basketball courts, but there are no nets. There may be a baseball diamond but is not useable. He asked what the possibilities would be to expand that project.

Mr. Pizzo clarified the Department of Public Works maintains the parks, but he assured they work closely with the Department of Recreation. He stated he recently attended the state conference, and observed GIS systems, which the Township does have in place. Some communities make use of the seasonal employees by having them go into the parks and take inventory of every tree, every piece of equipment, including sports amenities, park benches, picnic tables, etc., and they rate each item on a scale of 1 to 10. After a few years, the Department of Public Works can go on the GIS inventory and determine exactly what they are going to have to replace based on the ratings.

Ms. Bednar stated they are not using GIS software to do that at this time. She indicated she meets with the Assistant Superintendent and all the foremen each year to look at the list that is growing. They establish the priorities, and currently they have been working on fixing their park pavilions and changing out the roofs. She clarified they used Township staff, so it is just the materials and they can save money; however, it takes time because there is only so much time between mowing and doing other grounds maintenance.

Mr. Keys was appreciative of the explanation. He felt if they could get into a GIS system to do this, it could be a tremendous benefit for the Board members because they could anticipate some of the upgrades years in advance. He added it would be an accurate depiction, so it would serve as not only a solid inventory, but it would be a quality inventory.

Ms. Bednar stated they are always looking for seasonal help in Public Works, Water and Sewer, and the Recreation Departments. She urged parents to have their children consider applying for summer positions with the Township, and she stated they are short every year. She added that the part-time seasonal workers are currently used for the day-to-day work, but she felt it would be great to be able to branch into putting together an accurate inventory.

Mr. Cannon noted it was mentioned there are basketball courts with no hoops, and he assured it is not that the Township does not have hoops, but there are

problems at night with vandalism in some areas. He added it is very upsetting to him that they cannot keep them up because of the vandalism. He pointed out that there are basketball hoops and nets at the Civic Center, as well as on Quinn Road because there are no neighbors nearby and it is easy to see those locations from the road. People in the neighborhoods with the smaller parks have begged them to take the hoops down. He explained he has some and he has tried to “sneak” one back up because he knows there are kids in the neighborhood who want to play basketball. Mr. Cannon pointed out that some other facilities deteriorating and not being used as much as in the past, such as the tennis courts at the Civic Center, which have been repurposed into the pickleball courts, which has been extremely popular with the senior citizens. He added the seniors helped pay for that improvement. He assured the Partridge Creek area will be beautiful for decades to come, and he noted they had all the flood plain property donated to them, so there will be access to very historic areas in Clinton Township. He added the river has been cleaned up, which makes it flow better, and the Township is lucky to have that waterway.

Mr. Keys noted one thing that stood out to him from the surveys is the desire for adult programs, and he added it appears the Recreation Department is addressing that request.

Mr. Pizzo agreed that, with the adult basketball leagues and sand volleyball leagues being brought back, these create a lot of the “experiences” for which people are looking. He mentioned they are starting to see adult day camps, and they will continue to investigate the “experience” programming for adults. He added that the Township was in the forefront as far as dog parks, and they have been in the forefront with a lot of their programs.

Mr. Keys likes the dog park and will be emphasizing the benefit of that as he talks to the residents in the south end of the Township. He hoped they may be able to have a dog park in the south end of the Township in the future. He also mentioned disc golf as a possible activity.

Mr. Pizzo noted that disc golf is mentioned in the Recreation Plan, and it is a popular sport. He added they have a disc golf course at Stoney Creek Metropark.

Ms. Bednar stated if they can put it into an existing park, that would be ideal. If they are talking about creating a new park for disc golf, it also involves infrastructure such as restrooms and parking, which can be costly. She also pointed out that Clinton Township is basically flat terrain, unlike the disc golf course at Stoney Creek, which is hilly. She hoped they will be able to find a location and assured they will be looking.

Mr. Pearl inquired as to whether the Township has pictures of the parks on GIS, where residents can not only see a location of the park and a list of amenities, but they can also view photographs of the parks.

Ms. Bednar replied the aerial shows the location of the park and shows the amenities that are at each park, but they do not have photographs at this time.

Mr. Pearl questioned whether they can investigate the cost of the 360-degree photos, so those interested can see the parks on a GIS map.

Ms. Bednar stated she will ask the Township's GIS Specialist to investigate the cost of 360-degree photography.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Keys, to close the Public Hearing for the proposed Recreation Master Plan. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Keys, West, Cannon, Aragona, Gieleghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

9. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2018-2022 RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Pearl, to approve the Resolution Adopting the 2018-2022 Recreation Master Plan, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Pearl, Keys, Cannon, Aragona, Gieleghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

10. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO PART-TIME OFFICE AIDE POSITION – SENIOR CENTER

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Ms. West, to receive and file the letter dated February 9th, 2018 from the Human Resources Director, and appoint Mr. James Haralson to the budgeted position of part-time Office Aide at the Senior Center, at a starting wage of \$13.24 per hour, with a start date of February 21st, 2018, contingent upon successful completion of a background investigation and pre-employment medical examination, including drug screen. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, West, Keys, Cannon, Aragona, Gieleghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

11. ADOPT RESOLUTION #1 – SPECIAL ASESMENT PROJECT P-2007 THORNTON STREET PAVING

Mr. Cannon stated that Items #11 through #18 are not public hearings, but the public hearings, if the Board chooses, will be held in two weeks. He informed this action tonight is to accept the petitions and schedule the public hearings to be held in two weeks.

Ms. Meltzer clarified the area proposed for this Special Assessment Project as well as the proposed improvements.

Mr. Cannon stated this is the first of four projects that has been matched by the Macomb County Department of Roads, so they can be thanked for that contribution.

Motion by Mr. Gielegem, supported by Mr. Pearl, to adopt Resolution #1 for the Special Assessment Project P-2007 Thornton Street Paving, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – Gielegem, Pearl, West, Keys, Cannon, Aragona, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

12. ADOPT RESOLUTION #2 – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT P-2007 THORNTON STREET PAVING – SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING #1

Motion by Ms. Meltzer, supported by Ms. West, to adopt Resolution #2 for Special Assessment Project P-2007 Thornton Street Paving, and schedule Public Hearing #1 for Monday, March 5th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Township Board Chambers, Clinton Township Civic Center; further, that notice of this Public Hearing will be published as required. Roll Call: Ayes – Meltzer, West, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegem. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Mr. Bob Hogan, 36755 Barr Street, Clinton Township, Michigan 48035, questioned how many houses on Barr Street are included in this Special Assessment District.

Ms. Bednar replied the properties are indicated on the map.

Mr. Bob Feyers, 36719 Tessens Street, Clinton Township, Michigan 48035, did not feel that Tessens Street, Barr Street and Marston should be included in this Special Assessment District and commented that those streets are not in bad shape.

Mr. Cannon advised that Mr. Feyers can contact any of the Township staff to ask them questions or request clarification, and there will be opportunity for public comment in two weeks when they hold the public hearing.

13. ADOPT RESOLUTION #1 – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT P-2015 LAKEWOOD STREET PAVING

Ms. Meltzer clarified the area proposed for this Special Assessment Project as well as the proposed improvements.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Gielegem, to adopt Resolution #1 for the Special Assessment Project P-2015 Lakewood Street Paving, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Gielegem, West, Keys, Cannon, Aragona, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

14. ADOPT RESOLUTION #2 – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT P-2015 LAKEWOOD STREET PAVING – SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING #1

Motion by Ms. Meltzer, supported by Ms. West, to adopt Resolution #2 for Special Assessment Project P-2015 Lakewood Street Paving, and schedule Public Hearing #1 for Monday, March 5th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Township Board Chambers, Clinton Township Civic Center; further, that notice of this Public Hearing will be published as required. Roll Call: Ayes – Meltzer, West, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegem. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

15. ADOPT RESOLUTION #1 – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT P-2018 ABELA STREET PAVING

Ms. Meltzer clarified the area proposed for this Special Assessment Project as well as the proposed improvements.

Motion by Mr. Gielegem, supported by Mr. Aragona, to adopt Resolution #1 for the Special Assessment Project P-2018 Abela Street Paving, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – Gielegem, Aragona, West, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

16. ADOPT RESOLUTION #2 – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT P-2018 ABELA STREET PAVING – SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING #1

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Ms. West, to adopt Resolution #2 for Special Assessment Project P-2018 Abela Street Paving, and schedule Public Hearing #1 for Monday, March 5th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Township Board Chambers, Clinton Township Civic Center; further, that notice of this Public Hearing will be published as required. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, West, Keys, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

17. ADOPT RESOLUTION #1 – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT P-2019 PICTON COURT PAVING

Ms. Meltzer clarified the area proposed for this Special Assessment Project as well as the proposed improvements.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Ms. West, to adopt Resolution #1 for the Special Assessment Project P-2019 Picton Court Paving, as presented. Roll

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

18. ADOPT RESOLUTION #2 – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT P-2019 PICTON COURT PAVING – SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING #1

Motion by Ms. Meltzer, supported by Mr. Gielegghem, to adopt Resolution #2 for Special Assessment Project P-2019 Picton Court Paving, and schedule Public Hearing #1 for Monday, March 5th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Township Board Chambers, Clinton Township Civic Center; further, that notice of this Public Hearing will be published as required. Roll Call: Ayes – Meltzer, Gielegghem, West, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Aragona. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

19. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL – ROSENBAUER FIRE TRUCK SERVICE SEMINAR

Ms. Meltzer stated the total estimated cost for this training is \$1,465 and it is budgeted.

Mr. Keys inquired as to whether they are authorizing the actual cost or the purchase. He noted on the form, the cost also reflects “plus tax” so he did not want them to have to come back to increase that number for a couple of dollars.

Ms. Meltzer replied they are approving this for “total cost”.

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Mr. Keys, to receive and file the letter dated February 7th, 2018 from the Fire Chief, and approve the request for Firefighter Michael Slivensky to attend a Rosenbauer Service Seminar from March 4th to March 9th, 2018 in Fremont, Nebraska, as outlined in the correspondence. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Keys, West, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

20. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL – FIRE CHIEF

Ms. Meltzer stated the total estimated cost for this training is \$1,050 and it is budgeted.

Motion by Mr. Keys, supported by Mr. Aragona, to receive and file the letter dated February 1st, 2018 from the Deputy Chief of Administration for the Fire Department, and approve the request for Training Chief Thomas Stuck to attend the FDIC (Fire Department Instructors Conference) from April 23rd to the 28th, 2018 in Indianapolis, Indiana, as outlined in the correspondence. Roll Call: Ayes – Keys, Aragona, West, Pearl, Cannon, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

21. DEDICATION AND NAMING OF PICKLEBALL COURTS IN HONOR OF RAY HERNANDEZ

Ms. West stated she spoke some time ago with Mr. Hernandez about the pickleball courts. She had indicated she had no idea what pickleball was, and she recalled he explained it to her and was so excited about it. She added that she would like to make the motion to approve the naming of the pickleball courts in honor of Mr. Hernandez.

Mr. Cannon assured this type of recommendation is not something he takes lightly.

Mr. Dolan noted he and Mr. Cannon have known Mr. Hernandez for decades, and he emphasized how much they all miss him.

Motion by Ms. West, supported by Mr. Keys, to receive and file the letter dated February 7th, 2018 from the Township Supervisor, and name the Pickleball Courts at the Civic Center after Ray Hernandez; further, that the Ray Hernandez Pickleball Courts will be dedicated on Monday, May 21st, 2018, which would have been Ray's 64th birthday, and the 4:30 p.m. dedication will be followed by a Pickle Ball Tournament and celebration of Ray's life. Roll Call: Ayes – West, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

22. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Gielegem reviewed some of the highlights of his Treasurer's Report. He explained the Township's investment policy prioritizes three things: safety of principle; liquidity; and yield. The benchmark they have to make is the three-month treasury rate, which rose from .53 percent to 1.41 percent from the period of January 2017 through December 2017, averaging .97 percent. Prior to this, all of the Township's money was in community banks. He explained they called all of their banks to let them know the benchmark was not being met, and they would have to do better; otherwise, the Township would have to pull their money. Mr. Gielegem explained they kept a significant amount of money in those banks because they want to support the local banks that have a presence in Clinton Township because they serve the residents. He explained they pooled a significant amount of those dollars and utilized Public Act 20, which is a state law that governs how investments can be made, and they were able to invest in other ways such as Certificates of Deposit, U.S. Treasury, pooled funds and municipal bonds. He emphasized that cash flow is paramount, and they need to know when the money is coming in and going out, so the longer they can make the investment term, the higher yield they will get. He stressed that the Cash Flow Analysis exceeded private industry standards, and not just government

standards. In doing this, they realized gains of just under 200% for the fiscal year. They had projected a 150% increase but feel it will be significantly higher through actively managing the money and having access to cash flow reports. They are continuing to analyze market conditions, reviewing budget projections, waiting on the cash flows and creating their plan for the next fiscal year. Doing this will enable them to manage the money even more effectively and increase returns for the Township. Mr. Gielegghem explained that 92% of the winter taxes have been collected as of this date, noting all of this has been done with significant turnover in his department's staff. He stated charts and graphs have been attached to the report, and he offered to answer questions.

Motion by Mr. Cannon, supported by Mr. Keys, to receive and file the Treasurer's report dated February 14th, 2018, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes – Cannon, Keys, West, Pearl, Aragona, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

23. REQUEST MILLAGE RENEWAL FOR CLINTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

This item was moved to Item #1A on tonight's agenda.

24. REQUEST MILLAGE RENEWAL FOR CLINTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

This item was moved to Item #1B on tonight's agenda.

25. REQUEST APPROVAL TO PAY SEMCOG ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Motion by Mr. Pearl, supported by Ms. Meltzer, to approve payment of the 2018 Membership Dues to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) in the amount of \$12,323.00. Roll Call: Ayes – Pearl, Meltzer, West, Keys, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegghem. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

26. REQUEST APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY STORAGE FOR LOWE'S – 35115 GRATIOT

Mr. Keys stated he lives in the 15 Mile/Harper area, he noted the subject parking lot has gone through a lot of changes, and he thanked Lowe's for always taking the initiative to keep it clean. He commended Lowe's for always taking the initiative to keep the parking lot clean, and he appreciated their offer to help the community through their "Lowe's Heroes Project".

Mr. Dan Karpinski, Store Manager for Lowe's, stated they are proud to be at this location and to be able to help the community when possible. He stated if the Township puts in their request for the Heroes Project early enough, they would like to be able to help. He indicated the possibility that he could talk with the manager from the other Lowe's store in Clinton Township, and possibly they could combine their store donations of \$2,500 per store to come up with a total of \$5,000.

Mr. Cannon inquired as to how much money has been collected for the robotics program at Clintondale High School.

Ms. Meltzer indicated that Clintondale High School has a robotics program and they are up to \$13,000 of the needed \$15,000, so they need another \$2,000.

Mr. Karpinski stated that would have to go through corporate, but he advised there is a submission form on line, and he suggested they fill that out. He assured he will help the Township any way he can.

Ms. Meltzer stated she will contact Mr. Karpinski.

Motion by Mr. Keys, supported by Mr. Pearl, to receive and file the letter dated February 13th, 2018 from Mr. Dan Karpinski, Store Manager for Lowe's #1716, and approve the request to allow outside storage for seasonal product for the Lowe's Home Improvement Store, located at 35115 Gratiot Avenue, between February 20th, 2018 and October 30th, 2018. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Keys, Pearl, West, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5TH, 2018 REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Motion by Mr. Keys, supported by Ms. West, to approve the minutes of the February 5th, 2018 Regular Township Board Meeting as submitted. Roll Call: Ayes – Keys, West, Pearl, Cannon, Aragona, Gielegghem, Meltzer. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Cannon indicated that Ms. Gerrie Brown requested to make a public comment, but she has already left the meeting.

Ms. Meltzer recalled that Ms. Brown may have relayed her comment when she spoke earlier on behalf of the 12th Annual Community Kite Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Aragona, supported by Ms. West, to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes – Aragona, West, Keys, Pearl, Cannon, Gielegem, Meltzer. Nays - None. Absent – None. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KIM MELTZER, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON