

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, OPRITA, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, KISH, BRUCKNER AND MONTGOMERY

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: SHARON WILTON, COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATOR
 PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF
 LISA SHAGENA, ASSESSOR

6:00 P.M. - SUPERVISOR OPENS PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND HEAR CITIZEN COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND/OR OBJECTIONS TO THE TOWNSHIP-AT-LARGE HIGHWAY LIGHTING AND INDIVIDUAL LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS; AND VELMA DRIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT; AND 2019 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION; AND 2019 FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT VOTED MILLAGE LEVY; AND 2019 POLICE PROTECTION VOTED MILLAGE LEVY; AND 2020 RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE/YARD WASTE AND BI-WEEKLY CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES; and continued with the Regular Agenda, at this time.

Steve Berra, Ferguson Waterworks gave a presentation regarding Neptune Water Meter and Reading Equipment and their recommended proposal.

Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Kish, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of October 16th, 2019, as printed and posted; and to correct the Minutes of October 2nd, 2019, to reflect the correct cost of \$823,000 rather than \$823.00 on Item 5, NEW BUSINESS under points of Discussion. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: * NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Montgomery, to approve the Agenda, with the addition of Item #11, NEW BUSINESS: The release of the corrected Draft Master Plan for 63 day public review. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTIO PASSED. AGENDA APPROVED, AS AMENDED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$	1,829,863.51
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	634,364.35
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	229,525.88
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	345,493.73
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$	143,867.80
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	36,412.42
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	1,550,602.30
TOTAL	\$	4,770,129.99
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$	1,540,274.90
GRAND TOTAL	\$	6,310,404.89

Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Buechler, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 6,310,404.89.**

* According to Section 6 of the Charter Township of Fort Gratiot By-Laws adopted 02/20/2003.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 18,824.29
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,632.75
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 0.00
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$ 0.00
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$ 0.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 2,751.85
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$ 21,934.09
TOTAL	\$ 45,142.98
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (PARKS MILLAGE FUND)	\$ 2,495.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 47,637.98

Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Bradley, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 47,637.98.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from the Decker Agency regarding 8.00% dividend return from the Accident Fund Insurance Company of America, paid to the Township in the amount of \$4,933,76.
2. COMCAST notification of changes to Xfinity TV Channel Lineup, effective December 10, 2019.
3. Letter, from Tom Schrader, Keller Williams Realty, thanking Lisa Shagena for her assistance with providing information regarding the eventual sale of a vacant parcel on Pine Grove Road (M-136).

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to accept correspondence, as presented. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC HEARING(S), CONTINUED:

1. PROPOSED 2019 TOWNSHIP-AT-LARGE HIGHWAY LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; AND THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS, AS FOLLOWS:

Township-at-Large Highway Lighting	\$ 63,862.64
Angus Road	\$ 1,758.94
Bardamar Drive	\$ 2,213.40
Connie Lane	\$ 879.48
Connie Woods Condominium Subdivision	\$ 1,581.00
Fairway Drive	\$ 5,276.88
Grace Road	\$ 1,172.64
Grant Avenue	\$ 1,172.64
Greenview Circle	\$ 3,794.40
Hidden Forrest Subdivision Phase I	\$ 1,581.000
Janice Avenue	\$ 2,845.80
Lake Huron Manor Subdivision (Maplewood, Elmwood & Manor)	\$ 3,811.08
Lakeshore Terrace	\$ 2,478.84
Lomar Drive	\$ 1,758.96
Milton Road	\$ 879.48
Old Farm Subdivision	\$ 16,613.95
Parker Road	\$ 586.32
Pollina Avenue	\$ 879.48
Shoreview Subdivision (Shoreview Dr., N. Shoreview Dr., S. Shoreview Dr. & San Juan Dr., between N. & S. Shoreview Dr.)	\$ 2,000.40
Simpson Road	\$ 3,614.69
Spartan Drive	\$ 4,426.80
Stoney Creek I	\$ 2,845.80
Stoney Creek II	\$ 2,529.60
Stoney Creek III	\$ 2,845.80
Stoney Creek IV	\$ 5,691.60
Stoney Creek V	\$ 2,529.60
Stoney Creek VI	\$ 2,845.80
Teeple Avenue	\$ 586.32
Watson Drive	\$ 400.08
Whitney Place	\$ 4,449.97
TOTAL	\$ 147,913.39

PUBLIC HEARING(S), ITEM #1, CONTINUED:

Supervisor Crawford asked for citizen comments, questions and/or objections to the Township-at-Large Highway Lighting Assessment District and Individual Lighting Assessment Districts, at this time:

Randy Martinek, Lakeshore Road, asked for a detailed explanation of the Lighting Assessment District(s), stating he doesn't understand the aspect.

Supervisor Crawford indicated that Mr. Martinek is, currently, not within any of the individual Lighting Assessment Districts, but that every tax payer, paying property taxes (not personal property taxes), pays a portion of the Township-at-Large Highway Lights which includes overhead streetlights at intersections and along the M-25 highway, North River Road and Krafft Road. This does not include traffic signal lights. Residents are responsible for the energy costs for the operation of those lights.

Mr. Martinek asked if the \$63,862 Township-at-Large Highway Lighting is an annual cost. Crawford replied, yes. Mr. Crawford also explained that some subdivisions, such as Shorewood Subdivision, have a private lighting system in which the Subdivision Association pays for all costs.

Marc Polack, Lakeshore Road, asked about the lighting on M-25 as to where it begins and where it ends. Supervisor Crawford stated from the black river canal to Metcalf Road. He believes the City of Port Huron covers Gratiot Ave.

Mr. Martinek again referred to the Township-at-Large Highway Lighting and asked if it is something the residents have already been paying for? Or, is this new. Supervisor Crawford replied the residents have been paying on it for many, many years; however, he cannot remember exactly when it started. He, further, explained the Township receives an annual cost estimate for the operation and it is spread on the December Property Tax Notice.

After hearing no further citizen comments, questions and/or objections to the Township-at-Large Highway Lighting District and Individual Lighting Districts, a Motion was made by Oprita, seconded by Kish, to close the Public Hearing to review and hear comments, questions and/or objections to the 2019 Township-at-Large Highway Lighting Assessment District; and the individual Lighting Assessment Districts listed, above.
 Time, 6:53 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION: * Old Farm Subdivision costs noted are for the current gas system.
 * Annual cost estimates received from SEMCO Energy and DTE and the Assessment Rolls are spread, accordingly.

Motion by Oprita, seconded by Bradley, to accept the cost estimates provided; and adopt the 2019 Resolution Confirming Lighting Assessment Districts and Special Assessment Roll for the Township-at-Large Highway Lighting (\$63,862.64); and Individual Lighting Assessment Districts, as noted above, totaling \$147,913.39.
 Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

PUBLIC HEARING(S), CONTINUED:

2. VELMA DRIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

GRADE 3 TIMES / APPLY 2 APPLICATIONS (1,000 GAL.) CHLORIDE

	WITHOUT GRAVEL	
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	0.00	PER PARCEL
INTEREST AMOUNT (2%)	0.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	0.00	BILLED ON WINTER TAX NOTICE (12/01/2019)

*** NOTE *** 2019 Fund Balance will cover the costs of the Annual Maintenance Special Assessment in 2019 for The 2020 Season.

Supervisor Crawford asked for citizen comments, questions and/or objections to the Proposed Velma Drive Annual Maintenance Special Assessment, at this time. Not one was heard.

PUBLIC HEARING(S), ITEM #2, CONTINUED:

After hearing no citizen comments, questions and/or objections, a Motion was made by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to close the Public Hearing to review and hear comments, questions and/or objections to the 2019 Velma Drive Annual Maintenance Special Assessment. Time, 6:57 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION: * Fund balance is available because all funds were not used by the Road Commission.

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Oprita, to approve the 2018 Annual Maintenance Special Assessment for Velma Drive, in the amount of \$ 0.00; and to adopt the *Annual Maintenance Resolution Confirming 2019 Special Assessment Roll (for the 2020 Season)* for Velma Drive. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

2. **NO ACTION TAKEN** on the 2019 Special Assessment for Fire Protection, as the rate was published incorrectly. The correct rate of 2.0580 (same rate as 2018) will be considered at the November 20, 2019, after a correct notice is published.

4. **2019 FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT VOTED MILLAGE LEVY:**

2019 RATE PER \$1,000 T.V.	TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION (REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY ONLY)	TOTAL
0.6000	435,469,409	261,281,645

*** 2018 Rate was 0.6000 mills per \$1,000 TV *** NO CHANGE

Supervisor Crawford asked for citizen comments, questions and/or objections to the 2019 Fire Department Capital Improvement Millage Levy, at this time. Not one was heard.

After hearing no comments, questions and/or objections, a Motion was made by Kish, seconded by Buechler, to close the Public Hearing to review the 2019 Fire Department Capital Improvement Millage Levy. Time, 7:00 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION: * This was a ten (10) year voted millage with approximately eight (8) years remaining.
 * Headlee Rollback actual millage rate to be levied will be 0.5971 / \$1,000 TV

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Montgomery, to approve the 2018 Fire Department Capital Improvement Millage Levy at a rate of 0.5971 mills per \$1,000 Taxable Value, as reflected by the Headlee Rollback; and adopt the 2019 Resolution Confirming the 2019 Fire Department Capital Improvement Millage Levy. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

5. **2019 POLICE PROTECTION VOTED MILLAGE:**

2019 RATE PER \$1,000 TAXABLE	TOTAL TAXABLE VALUATION (REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY)	TOTAL
2.5000	435,469,409	1,088,673,522

*** 2018 Rate was 2.0000 mills per \$1,000 TV ***

Supervisor Crawford stated this millage levy was voted on and approved last night (November 5th, 2019). Although the voters have approved up to 2.5000 mills / \$1,000 TV, he believes 2.0000 will be sufficient. Next year, the rate can be up to the 2.5000 mills / \$1,000 TV but will be affected by the Headlee Rollback.

Supervisor Crawford asked for citizen comments, questions and/or objections, at this time:

David Norris, Brace Road, asked if action shouldn't have been taken by the Board prior to the 11/05/2019 election. Supervisor Crawford replied, no; the previous millage had expired. Until it was approved by the voters, there was no millage to have a public hearing on. With Thanksgiving falling in the last week of November, rates have to be in place to have the Winter Property Tax Notices ready to go out the 1st week of December.

Letters of opposition to the Police Protection Millage Levy received from Mr. Timothy Hudy, Angus Road; and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Moody, Manor Drive.

After hearing no further citizen comments, questions and/or objections, a Motion was made by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to close the Public Hearing to review the 2019 Police Protection Voted Millage Levy. Time, 7:04 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.**

PUBLIC HEARING(S), ITEM #5, CONTINUED:

BOARD DISCUSSION: * Anticipation of obtaining a 3rd Officer; levied millage to cover the cost of this additional Officer for the remaining four (4) years.

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Oprita, to approve the 2019 Police Protection Voted Millage Levy at a rate of 2.0000 mills per \$1,000 Taxable Value; and adopt the 2019 Resolution Confirming the 2019 Police Protection Millage Levy. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

6. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE/YARD WASTE AND CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL:

Supervisor Crawford explained that the Contract cost increased approximately \$0.15 / month per customer (approximately \$2.00/year per unit); and asked for citizen comments, questions and/or objections, at this time.

Marc Polack, Lakeshore Road, shared his experience, last week, with the Board. Although Marcotte does a wonderful job, he was disappointed last week. He noted you can usually set your clock by them, with the first truck picking up solid waste, the second picking up yard waste and the last truck for recycling. He happened to go out and noticed that recycling was being loaded in with the solid waste. When he questioned them, he was told it was going to Smith Creek Landfill and they were told to do it that way on this day because they were down two trucks and drivers. He noted he and his neighbors are pretty strong on recycling and so this bothered him. He called Marcotte and spoke with someone in Sarnia who informed him they are not supposed to be doing that and that she would radio the truck. He called the Marcotte office in Port Huron, about an hour later, and he was informed the workers would be reprimanded for doing that. Bottom line, Mr. Polack asked if we are, in fact, doing recycling in Fort Gratiot Township. The local office told him that recycling goes to Hamtramck, while the solid waste and yard waste goes to Smith Creek Landfill.

Supervisor Crawford stated that he is on the same route as Mr. Polak. On that particular day he had set out yard waste, recycling and trash. Prior to leaving for the office, the yard waste and recycling had been picked up, the trash had not. He noted that after speaking to Mr. Polak that day, he did contact Marcotte and was informed they, did in fact have three trucks out. So he isn't sure why the crew told Mr. Polak what they told him, but he did speak with Marcotte about his call. Mr. Crawford still believes the Township is receiving the services that the Township is contracting for.

Mr. Polak thanked Mr. Crawford for calling and checking into the matter.

Robert Purcell, Lomar Drive, stated numerous times he has put cardboard out the curb for recycling and the solid waste truck picks it up with the trash. They are instructed to do so because it fills up the recycling truck too much. Numerous times they pick up the cardboard with the trash, not for recycling, which he thinks is sad.

Supervisor Crawford stated there is also a concern about the cardboard if it happens to be soiled, such as pizza boxes. Mr. Purcell stated it's just flat cardboard boxes. Mr. Crawford stated he will look into this further.

Randy Martinek, Lakeshore Road, asked if the \$180.00 per unit is for the year. He was informed it is.

Dave Norris, Brace Road, asked if everyone is getting billed, noting his neighbor puts trash out on a vacant parcel.

Supervisor Crawford replied, if he is placing it on a vacant lot he is probably not getting billed; the services is for residential units. Therefore, his neighbor is taking advantage of the driver going down the road and seeing the trash and picking it up. This will, also, be looked into further.

Letter from Mr. Fullenkamp in opposition of being charged for Trash/Yard Waste and Recycling Services, as he does not use the service(s).

After hearing no further comments, questions and or objections, a Motion was made by Kish, seconded by Buechler, to close the Public Hearing to review the 2019 Special Assessment for Residential Solid Waste/Yard Waste and Curbside Recycling Collection and Disposal. Time, 7:12 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

PUBLIC HEARING(S), ITEM #6, CONTINUED:

- BOARD DISCUSSION: *
- * Costs for Recycling service and the tonnage charge to the Township for trash being delivered to the landfill.
 - * Additional discussion regarding monitoring recycling services so it isn't picked up with trash.
 - * \$2.00 per unit increase takes into consideration any additional fuel and landfill surcharges.

Motion by Oprita, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the 2019 Special Assessment for Residential Solid Waste/Yard Waste and Curbside Recycling Collection and Disposal at a rate of \$180.00 per unit; and adopt the 2019 Resolution Confirming the 2019 Residential Solid Waste/Yard Waste and Bi-Weekly Curbside Recycling Collection and Disposal Services Special Assessment Roll. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Oprita, to deny the request from Mr. Daniel Fullenkamp, 3001 Wedgewood Drive, to be excluded from the Residential Solid Waste/Yard Waste and Bi-Weekly Curbside Recycling Collection & Disposal Services Special Assessment.

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION: *
- * Written request received from Mr. Fullenkamp on October 24th, 2019
 - * Mr. Fullenkamp has not been denied this service; he has chosen not to use it.
 - * This is a Township wide service that has been in place for approximately 15 years.
 - * Snowbird refund offered by Marcotte Disposal to residents who are out of the area for more than six (6) months; this offer is not offered through the Township.

Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED. REQUEST DENIED.**

2. Motion by Kish, seconded by Buechler, to approve the St. Clair County Road Commission's 2020 Local Road Funding Assistance Program Agreement to perform Asphalt Overlay on Teeple Avenue, Grant Avenue and Connie Lane, at a cost of \$78,500.00 to the Township.

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION: *
- * Matching Funds provided thru 2020 Local Road Funding Assistance Program (LRFAP)
 - * 2020 Application was approved by the St. Clair County Board of Road Commissioners 10/15/2019
 - * Culverts were delivered today (11/06/2019) with work expected to begin Tuesday, Nov. 12th.
 - * Road Commission will put out flyers indicating which road they will work on first, based on completed surveys.

Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the request to purchase Kubota 5460 Tractor with loader, blade and snow blower, for the Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery, from Jones Equipment Rental Sales & Service, in the amount of \$49,429.49, to be paid from the 2019 Cemetery Fund.

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION: *
- * From 2019 Cemetery Fund
 - * Replacement of John Deere 4200
 - * Can be used for winter snow clearing of Township properties.
 - * Old tractor (5240 Kubota) can be moved for use by Grounds Maintenance.
 - * Possibility selling or trading in 5240, rather than moving it to another department.

Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. Motion by Kish, seconded by Buechler, to approve the request to transfer the Cemetery 5240 Kubota to the Grounds Department; then list or trade-in the 4200 John Deere with loader and mower; and purchase an 84" Commercial pull-behind Finish Mower from Jones Equipment Rental Sales and Service, in the amount of \$4,195.80, to be paid from the 2019 Grounds Maintenance Fund.

- POINTS OF DISCUSSION: *
- * From 2019 Grounds Maintenance Fund
 - * Transfer the Cemetery 5240 Kubota to the Grounds Maintenance Department; the list or trade-in the 4200 John Deere with loader and mower. The trade can be considered in the purchase of a pull-behind 84" commercial finish mower (\$4,195.80), to be used in the open areas of the parks. The Ground Maintenance has 2019 Funds available to cover the cost.
 - * Can be used for winter snow clearing of Township properties.

Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

5. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to approve the request to purchase new Dump Truck from Tubbs Brothers Ford Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Sandusky, MI, in the amount of \$70,613.00, for the Department of Public Works (DPW); and list the current F550 Dump Truck *For Sale*, after repairs, in "As Is" condition.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * From 2019 Maintenance and Improvement (495) Funds
* List DPW 2001 F550 Dump Truck *For Sale* "As Is"
* The sale of the F550 Dump Truck will cover the cost of a new snow plow
* Possibility of Leasing as opposed to purchasing

Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

6. Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Agreement for Engineering & Surveying Services, by BMJ Engineers & Surveyor's, for Parker Road Water Main Extension, from Keewahdin Road to Carrigan Road, in accordance to the hourly rate schedule outlined on Page 10 - Appendix "A", not to exceed \$90,000 without prior authorization from the Township; and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of Fort Gratiot Charter Township.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Hourly Rate Schedule outlined on Page 10 - Appendix "A"
* Looping of existing municipal water system.
* Ongoing PFAS Study
* To be paid out of Maintenance & Improvement Fund

Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

7. Motion by Kish, seconded by Oprita, to accept the Purchase Agreement, presented by Keller Williams Port Huron, for the Vacant Lot on Cole Road, in the amount of \$16,000.00; and authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Adjoining property owner made offer of \$16,000
* Parcel will go back on the Tax Roll
* Benefit to the Township, benefit to the purchaser and benefit to the County. Trustee Montgomery suggested lowering the price to benefit the purchaser as opposed to the County.

Roll Call Vote, 6/1, Montgomery voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**

8. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Buechler, to accept the Policy options proposed by Decker Agency, authorizing the Township Supervisor to sign the Policy on behalf of Fort Gratiot Charter Township; and to pay Invoice No. 3083 in the amount of \$111,743.00. Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

9. Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Bradley, to accept, with regrets, the Letter of Resignation from Cindy Dortman, Utility Billing Clerk, effective December 31st, 2019. Vote, 6/1, Crawford voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**

10. Motion by Kish, seconded by Buechler, to authorize Hiring Committee, consisting of Supervisor Crawford, Treasurer Oprita and Trustee Montgomery, to fill the position for Utility Billing Clerk, at an hourly wage of \$15.38 (\$30,000/year) to \$20.51 (\$40,000/year), based on experience.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Position needs to be filled and training began, as soon as possible.
* Eight scheduled interviews

Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

11. Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Bradley, to approve the release of the Draft Master Plan for 63-day Public Review.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Reviewed by Township Planning Commission and St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission
* Can be adopted after the 63 days of Public Review

Roll Call Vote, 7/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- November 5th, 2019 Election - Police Millage Request approved by voters. Voter turnout increased due to *Any Reason Absentee Voting*. Brief discussion held regarding Election Officials pay. March 10th, 2020 Presidential Primary.
- November 20th, 2019 Special Meeting at 6 o'clock p.m. to finalize the 2020 Budget.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Robert Purcell, Lomar Drive, asked if the lights are metered for the Township-at-Large Highway Lighting and Individual Lighting Assessment Districts.

Supervisor Crawford explained that the Township receives operating estimates from SEMCO Energy and DTE Energy on an annual basis. The estimates provided are for existing equipment.

Mr. Purcell is concerned that DTE is converting all lights to LED which is by far less expensive to operate, which means the Township will still be charging the higher rate for the new technology.

Supervisor Crawford replied that the only way an existing lighting assessment district can be upgraded is by petition from the residents within the district. There is a cost to convert from the Mercury Vapor or High Pressure Sodium to the LED. Once converted, the annual operating costs would be considerably less. He stated, if interested, Mr. Purcell could contact the Township regarding getting a petition prepared for this purpose.

Mr. Purcell suggested the Township look at proposing a conversion of all existing lights to DTE.

Supervisor Crawford reiterated that the existing lighting assessments were petitioned by individual neighborhoods and it would be their responsibility to petition for any upgrade(s).

Marc Polack, Lakeshore Road also talked about upgrading existing lighting assessment districts. He also inquired about the FEMA Meeting to be held next week. He asked if the Township could advertise this meeting, in addition to what FEMA has already published, to get the word out to more residents.

Supervisor Crawford stated this meeting has been posted in the office and on the Townships Facebook page.

Brief discussion regarding FEMA Plans and meeting at 7 p.m. on November 13th, 2019.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to adjourn. Time, 8:11 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**
MEETING ADJOURNED.


ROBERT D. BUECHLER, CLERK
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, SUPERVISOR
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP