

MEMBERS PRESENT: BUECHLER, CRAWFORD, BRADLEY, BRUCKNER AND MONTGOMERY
 MEMBERS ABSENT: BALDWIN AND KISH
 ALSO PRESENT: PAUL BAILEY, CPA WITH STEWART, BEAUVAIS & WHIPPLE

Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Buechler, to appoint Crawford as Acting Chairperson in the absence of Supervisor Baldwin, as she is representing the Township in Washington D.C. with the MTA and Michigan Towns & Townships Association. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of March 15th, 2019, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: * NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Buechler, to approve the Agenda, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$	1,405,309.64
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	188,767.83
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	7,707.43
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	63,684.43
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$	56,493.34
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	17,166.32
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	1,800,476.32
TOTAL	\$	3,539,605.31
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$	1,476,860.15
GRAND TOTAL	\$	5,016,465.46

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Montgomery, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 5,016,465.46.**

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$	95,756.13
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	49,127.87
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	0.00
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	0.00
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$	54,683.08
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	10,912.90
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	74,675.10
TOTAL	\$	285,155.08
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (RETIRES)	\$	1,500.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$	286,655.08

Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Bradley, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 286,655.08.**

Acting Chairperson Crawford moved Item #1, NEW BUSINESS: 2018 Audit Report, to be heard prior to moving forward with Correspondence and Unfinished Business.

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

NEW BUSINESS, ITEM #1:

1. Mr. Paul Bailey, CPA with Stewart, Beauvais & Whipple, presented the 2019 Audit Report.

Mr. Bailey summarized the Township's 2018 Audit (January 1st, 2018 thru December 31st, 2018), covering the *Audited Financial Statements*; the *Annual Financial Report with Supplementary Information*; *Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control*; and *Audit Communication Letter*.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Fund Balance
* Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Crawford, to accept the 2019 Audit Report, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 5/0.
MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Bradley, to adopt Ordinance No. 216, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE III. OFFENSES, SECTION 22-61 TO 22-69 TO CREATE DIVISION 1. HUNTING AND DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND TO ADD DIVISION 2. FIREWORKS, SECTIONS 22-70 TO 22-76; and to approve the publication of the Synopsis of the adopted Ordinance.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Introduction Approved 05/15/2019.
* State of Michigan Amended their Fireworks Statute allowing local jurisdictions to restrict times and days.

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. ORDINANCE NO. 216, ADOPTED.**

2. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to adopt Ordinance No. 217, AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A TITLE FOR THE ORDINANCE; TO DEFINE WORDS; TO PROHIBIT MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF FORT GRATIOT TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO INITIATED LAW 1 OF 2018, MCL 333.27951, ET SEQ., AS MAY BE AMENDED; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; and approve the publication of the Synopsis of the adopted Ordinance.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Introduction Approved 05/15/2019.
* Township may choose to revisit and reconsider opting in once all State Regulations and Guidelines are determined.
* MTA Article

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. ORDINANCE NO. 217, ADOPTED.**

3. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Montgomery, to adopt Ordinance No. 218, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FORT GRATIOT, COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR, STATE OF MICHIGAN TO AMEND CHAPTER 12, ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE II. BLIGHT, SECTIONS 12-31 TO 12-35; and to approve the publication of the Synopsis of the adopted Ordinance.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Introduction Approved 05/15/2019.
* Allows Township to place clean-up costs incurred on Property Taxes

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED. ORDINANCE NO. 218, ADOPTED.**

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

2. Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the 2019 Request for Local Millage Distribution from the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission, in the amount of \$50,355.00.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Fort Gratiot Township and Fort Gratiot Little League have agreed to develop a baseball park on Parker Road, with up to twelve fields and a field house. Fort Gratiot Township will be using the funds for infrastructure for the park.

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

3. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Buechler, to adopt the Resolution (2019-008) of Intent to Collect Summer Taxes for the Port Huron Area School District for the year 2019, as noted:

Commercial Personal Property	-	6.0000	mills
School Operating Millage (Non-Homestead)	-	18.0000	mills
School Debt Millage	-	4.2400	mills
State Education Millage	-	6.0000	mills

Roll Call Vote, 5/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Clerk Crawford, Treasurer Buechler and Kristi Jones visited DTE's Solar Property in the City of Lapeer on Tuesday, June 4th.
- Police Protection Five (5) Year Millage Renewal/Increase Proposal to be presented to voters in November, 2019.
- Water Billing regarding Sprinkler Systems
- Retiree Health Care Subsidy
- 75th Anniversary of D-Day on June 6th. Trustee Bruckner's father was a WWII Vet and her son is a Veteran. She thanked all Veterans who have served and are serving our Country.
- Fort Gratiot Rotary Club, Fort Gratiot Yacht Club, Township Employees and volunteers put 593 Flags on Veterans graves, in the Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery, on the Friday before Memorial Day. Clerk Crawford thanked all that volunteered in the placement of flags.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Mark Abraham, stated his interest in operating a growing operation for medical marijuana. His company was the 1st to be licensed by the State of Michigan for a Medical Marijuana Provisioning Center, in Burton, Michigan. He approached the Township's Planning Department last year. He isn't interested in a provisioning center; however, he is interested in a place/area for a growing operation. He discussed some of the current State Regulations imposed on the grow operation facilities.

Mr. Marlar, spoke regarding the current cost of Law Enforcement in the Township. He asked how much more residents will have to pay, per year, if you start allowing a grow operation in the Township?

St. Clair County Drain Commission Board of Determination will be holding a Public Hearing, June 6th, at Northern High School Auditorium, regarding the Howe Brandymore Drain.

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bruckner, to adjourn. Time, 8:08 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED.**



ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, CMC/MMC
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

JORJA BALDWIN, SUPERVISOR
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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