

MEMBERS PRESENT: OPRITA, BUECHLER, CRAWFORD, KISH, BRUCKNER AND MONTGOMERY
 MEMBERS ABSENT: BRADLEY
 ALSO PRESENT: PAT SMITH, FIRE CHIEF
 LISA SHAGENA, ASSESSOR
 SHARON WILTON, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of August 21st, 2019, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: * NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Kish, to approve the Agenda, with the addition of NEW BUSINESS items on Fire Chiefs original request that were missed during the printing of the Agenda: #6, Termination of Probationary Member Tanner Malcom; #7, Request to purchase Hurst Edraulics Extrication Tools . Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**
AGENDA APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$	1,685,367.68
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	757,807.71
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	260,006.16
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	473,277.15
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$	251,499.97
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	17,873.90
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	1,638,744.84
TOTAL	\$	5,084,577.41
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$	1,550,013.14
GRAND TOTAL	\$	6,634,590.55

Motion by Buechler, seconded by Bruckner, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 6,634,590.55.**

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$	13,470.17
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	6,221.96
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	10,000.00
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	0.00
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$	0.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	280.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	6,479.18
GRAND TOTAL	\$	36,451.31

Motion by Kish, seconded by Buechler, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**
BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 36,451.31.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Comcast's notification of Xfinity TV Channel Update
2. Invitation for EDA Annual Meeting, September 19, 2019 at 5:00p.m., Marysville Community Center. (Cost - \$35.00 / person)
3. Quarterly S.C.C. MTA Meeting, September 18, 2019 at 11:30a.m., Island Grill, ra Township. (Cost - \$12.00 / per person)

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

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Bruckner, to approve hiring of Skyler Melms and Adam Marsh as Probationary Firefighters, and to increase the Paid-On-Call compensation for Brandon Fey from \$8.25 to \$16.50, per the SOG's. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. APPOINTMENT TO FORT GRATIOT PARKS COMMISSION FOR A REMAINING TERM TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 20, 2020:

LETTERS OF INTEREST RECEIVED FROM: Nicole M. Gordon and Peter L. Irland

Question #1: Tell the Board About Yourself:

Nicole Gordon stated she and her family have recently moved back to the community, looking to remain here beyond retirement. She stated she is involved in a number of non-profit organizations and is employed as a Marketing Director. She is passionate about her community and would like to be involved.

Mr. Irland stated he has lived in the St. Clair County area for 70 years and has owned property in the Township for a number of years. He is retired from being an underground and marine contractor. He is very active in the Fort Gratiot Model Yacht Club, spending a lot of time at the pond. He is well aware of the operations of the parks.

Question #2: What Interests You in this Position?

Mrs. Gordon feels the Township has a lot of opportunity. She has reviewed the plans up to 2022 and feels she has a lot to bring to the table.

Mr. Irland stated he is currently active with the Fort Gratiot RC, as previously stated; and he helped to construct and install the two docks when the RC club first started. He is aware of future parks development and feels he has a good background, especially underground, in building. He has the time and thinks it'll be a good fit.

Applicants were asked if they understand that this is an appointment for an elected position that would expire in 2020; and to continue in the position, the appointee would have to run for re-election and be successful in August, 2020 Primary to be advanced to the November, 2020 General Election. Both, Mrs. Gordon and Mr. Irland stated they understand this.

Question #3: Applicants were asked if they had anything else they wished to share with the Board:

Mrs. Gordon feels her experience with marketing would allow her to help bring awareness to the parks. While studying the Townships plans through 2022, she realized there were parks she didn't even know existed. She is excited to be involved with her community and the Parks Commission.

Mr. Irland feels he can help with the development of the new parks, as well as the upkeep and maintenance. He is involved in outdoor sports and activities and feels he can be a benefit to the Parks Commission.

- BOARD DISCUSSION:
- * Commissioner Vanover resigned from the Parks Commission on August 8th, 2019 and his resignation was accepted at the August 21st, 2019 meeting.
 - * Currently, the Parks Commission is a five (5) Member Board that has been operating for the last year with only four (4) participants.
 - * Next Meeting of Parks Commission on September 16th at 7 p.m.
 - * Trustee Montgomery asked both interested applicants if they fully intend to run for election in 2020, if appointed. Mrs. Gordon and Mr. Irland both responded, yes.
 - * Trustee Bruckner asked each applicant how they were made aware of the vacancy: Mr. Irland noted that Mr. Vanover is a friend of his and he was made aware by him through conversation. Mrs. Gordon stated she saw the posting on the Township's Facebook page and she had been looking for an opportunity to get more involved.

Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to appoint Peter Irland to the Fort Gratiot Charter Township Parks Commission for a remaining term to expire November 20, 2020. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

Supervisor Crawford congratulated Mr. Irland. He further indicated to Mrs. Gordon that he is pleased she is interested in continuing and the Board will look into its options as to the Parks Commissioner who continues not to serve.

3. Motion by Kish, seconded by Oprita, to approve the *Township Agreement to Remove and Replace Cross Road Culvert on Teeple Avenue* for \$16,600.00.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Including this in 2019 work as the original budget did not allow for all three culverts to be Replaced in 2019. Since the paving portion is being moved to 2020, the 2019 budget allows for replacement of all three culverts.

Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

4. Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Buechler, to approve the submission of the St. Clair County Road Commission Local Road Funding Assistance Program Application, to repave the portions of Teeple, Grant, and Connie that were removed when the culverts were replaced.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Estimated cost would be approximately \$157,000.00, seeking funding of \$78,500.00, with same amount to be matched by the Township.
* Work to done in 2020

Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

5. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Kish, to approve the Resolution supporting the Application for the 2020 Local Road Funding Assistance Program.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Grant covers up to \$ 200,000 worth of work with the Township matching \$100,000

Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

6. Motion by Kish, seconded by Buechler, to accept the Fire Chiefs recommendation to terminate Probationary Member, Tanner Malcolm, from the Fort Gratiot Fire Department. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

7. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bruckner, to approve the Fire Chiefs request to purchase Hurst Edraulics Extrication Tools at a cost of \$30,000.00 from Apollo Fire Equipment Company in Romeo, Michigan.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Includes Spreader Package; Cutter Package; Ram Package; AC Power Supply Adapter Plug; Quick Kick Ram Support and Glass Cutting Kit. Replaces equipment on Engine 35 that is over 30 years old.


Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Italian Villa abandoned and overgrown
- Cole Road and Keewahdin Road property listings
- Introduced Sharon Wilton, Community Development Coordinator
- Scarecrow Saturday
- Spider infestation on the Fort Gratiot Municipal Center

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: NONE

Motion by Oprita, seconded by Kish, to adjourn. Time, 7:40 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED.**



ROBERT D. BUECHLER, CLERK
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, SUPERVISOR
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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