

MEMBERS PRESENT: CRAWFORD, OPRITA, BUECHLER, BRADLEY, KISH AND MONTGOMERY
 MEMBERS ABSENT: BRUCKNER
 ALSO PRESENT: LISA SHAGENA, ASSESSOR AND CAPTAIN, BILL SHAGENA, FIRE DEPARTMENT
 SHARON WILTON, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Oprita, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of September 4th, 2019, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: * NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	\$	1,807,651.33
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	723,934.24
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	240,215.00
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	473,672.49
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$	251,710.06
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	22,399.64
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	1,850,246.26
TOTAL	\$	5,369,829.02
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	\$	1,504,008.96
GRAND TOTAL	\$	6,873,837.98

Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Bradley, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 6,873,837.98.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND	\$	40,704.31
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	9,143.07
FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	932.37
POLICE PROTECTION FUND	\$	65,927.44
TRASH / RECYCLING FUND	\$	54,632.40
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$	0.00
UTILITY RECEIVING FUND	\$	157,804.52
GRAND TOTAL	\$	329,144.11
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS (MAINT. & IMP.)	\$	15,861.75
GRAND TOTAL	\$	345,005.86

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Montgomery, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 345,005.86.

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

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORT: Given by representative of Sheriff Department: Captain King

Total Calls for Service for the month of August, 2019, (382). Number of Patrol Hours, (930). 18 Animal Complaint; 4 Assault & Battery; 24 Assist Other Depts.; 60 Assist Public; 34 B&E/Alarm; 8 Disorderly Persons; 7 Domestic Assault; 8 Fraud; 10 Harassment & Threats; 2 Juvenile Matter; 11 Larceny; 5 MDP; 1 Narcotics; 4 PI Traffic Crash; 40 PD Traffic Crash; 10 Retail Fraud; 1 Sex Offense; 39 Suspicious Incidents; 3 Trespasser; 93 Misc.: School Checks/Warrant Arrests/Follow-up/BOL, 911 Hang-ups, etc.; 149 Traffic Stops; 53 Tickets Issued.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE SHERIFF: * NONE

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total runs for the month of August, 2019, (121). 104 Rescue/EMS; 2 Hazardous Condition (No Fire); 8 Service Calls; 3 Good Intent Calls; 4 False Alarm/False Call. Total Cost, \$21,598.00.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of August, 2019, (39). 8 Residential Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 140,760); 8 Residential Accessory Structure (Val. 58,500); 7 Fence (Val. 22,000); 3 Deck/Porch (Val. 9,000); 11 Manufactured Mobile Homes (Val. 66,000). 1 Pool (Val. 35,500); 1 AG Zoning Compliance (Val. 1,500); 1 Commercial Addition/Alteration/Repair (Val. 95,000); 2 Sign (Val. 21,400); 1 Commercial Demolition (Val. 151,400). Total Valuation, \$ 484,160.00. Total Fees, \$ 5,285.50.

PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of August, 2019, (34). 21 Mechanical (2,615.00); 13 Plumbing (1,512.00). Total Fees, \$ 4,127.00.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT: Total permits issued for the month of August, 2019. (17). Total Fees, \$ 3,207.00.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: Total complaints in the month of August, 2019, (10). 1 Blight; 1 High Grass/Noxious Weeds; 1 Unlicensed Vehicle; 1 Misc. Ord. Violations.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

Supervisor Crawford noted SEMCOG's *General Assembly Meeting*, October 17th, 2019. He stated the Township needs a Representative, from the Township Board, for SEMCOG. Mr. Buechler volunteered and with no other interest or objections, Supervisor Crawford appointed Clerk, Robert Buechler as the Township's SEMCOG Representative.

PUBLIC HEARING(S): NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Bradley, to accept the Proposal, from Stewart, Beauvais & Whipple, P.C., to assist the Township in developing its 2020 Water/Sewer Rates; and prepare information for the DEQ for the *Saw Grant*, at an estimated cost between \$12,000 / \$16,000, with prior notification to the Township of any additional charges, if necessary; and to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Fort Gratiot Charter Township. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Oprita, to approve the Introduction of Ordinance No. 219, Granting of Franchise to SEMCO Energy Gas Company; and adopt Ordinance No. 219, *The Township of Fort Gratiot Franchise Granted to SEMCO Energy Gas Company.*

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Repeals Ord. No. 80, adopted 04/04/1980

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

3. Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Buechler, to adopt the Proposed *Utility Billing Clerk Job Description*, as presented. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. **NO ACTION TAKEN** on Proposals for listing of Township Properties on Cole Road and Keewahdin Road "For Sale".

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Packets were sent to four (4) Real Estate companies; received response from one (1), from Keller Williams Agent
* Commissions and Fees

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:

5. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Montgomery, to adopt Resolution #2, *Resolution of Intent to Create Special Assessment District - Setting the Public Hearing date to review Plans and Cost Estimates for the Proposed Old Farm Subdivision Lighting Assessment District on Wednesday, October 16th, 2019, beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m.; and authorize the required mailings and publications.*

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: * Converting from SEMCO Energy Gas Lanterns to DTE Energy LED Lamps

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

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- Hole forming in the road at the intersection of Keewahdin and State Roads; and State Road, South of Krafft Road.
- EDA Meeting on September 19th to be attended by Trustee Bruckner, Community Development Coordinator, Sharon Wilton, Supervisor Crawford and Clerk Buechler.
- 2020 Budget preparations.
- Spicer Engineering Estimate for the Little League Fields on Parker Road.
- Parker Road Watermain, from Keewahdin Road to Carrigan Road.
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Care Costs - 9.84% increase.
- Gander Outdoor currently going through Liquidation Sale. In talks with corporate attempting to keep them in our area.
- Fort Gratiot Business Association Meeting held 09/17/2019 with the local Kiwanis Club giving a presentation regarding human trafficking. Recourses available to recognize and report human trafficking.
- Tuesday, September 24th, the Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor will be interviewed on the *Local Spotlight* program.
- Parks Commissioner that hasn't been attending meetings.
- North River Road Park upgrades.
- Park Place Landscaping expansion on Keewahdin Road.
- Baseball Diamond Dugout repairs and State Road Ball Field.
- Radio Read Meters; and current meter reading system.
- Water Authority Board or Water Advisory Board.
- Scarecrow Saturday update from Sharon Wilton, Community Events Coordinator.

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- Lisa Shagena briefly discussed the effects of uncapping the value from the sale of Cole Road property.

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to adjourn. Time, 7:55 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