

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

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Oprita, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, as printed and posted. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** \* NONE

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to approve the Agenda, with the addition of NEW BUSINESS: Item #5) Capital Improvement Plan; #6) Change in Insurance Coverage Policy from 90 days to First of Month after hire date; and #7) Tentative Agreement with DPW Union. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. AGENDA APPROVED, AS AMENDED.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

|                               |    |              |
|-------------------------------|----|--------------|
| GENERAL FUND                  | \$ | 1,754,347.35 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND          | \$ | 692,992.21   |
| FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND | \$ | 239,282.63   |
| POLICE PROTECTION FUND        | \$ | 407,745.05   |
| TRASH / RECYCLING FUND        | \$ | 197,641.32   |
| BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND      | \$ | 17,034.73    |
| UTILITY RECEIVING FUND        | \$ | 1,832,220.59 |
| TOTAL                         | \$ | 5,141,263.88 |
| MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS        | \$ | 1,502,508.96 |
| GRAND TOTAL                   | \$ | 6,643,772.84 |

Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Buechler, to receive the Treasurer's Report, as given. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. TOTAL TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 6,643,772.84.**

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:**

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|-------------------------------|----|-----------|
| GENERAL FUND                  | \$ | 12,301.49 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND          | \$ | 976.67    |
| FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND | \$ | 0.00      |
| POLICE PROTECTION FUND        | \$ | 0.00      |
| TRASH / RECYCLING FUND        | \$ | 0.00      |
| BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND      | \$ | 136.00    |
| UTILITY RECEIVING FUND        | \$ | 7,758.54  |
| GRAND TOTAL                   | \$ | 21,172.70 |

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Bruckner, to pay bills, as presented. Roll Call Vote, 6/0. **MOTION PASSED. BILLS APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 21,172.70.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. MTA's *On the Road 2019 Regional Meetings*, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Frankenmuth.
2. Opioids Negotiation Class Action

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

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):** NONE

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Oprita, seconded by Bradley, to adopt 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: \* Introduced 09/18/2019  
\* Repeals Ord. No. 80, adopted 04/04/1980

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

2. Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Oprita, to accept the Proposal, from Allie Dado, of Keller Williams, to list Township properties "For Sale".

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Proposal received from Allie Dado of Keller Williams; no other realtors responded to request.  
\* Township can recover costs related to the selling of the property.  
\* Any profits from the sale gets turned over to the County.  
\* If sold, the property is placed back on the tax roll.  
\* Any offers are subject to Township Board approval.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Montgomery, to appoint the following as the Township Election Commission: Robert D. Buechler, Chairperson; Trustee, Linda Bruckner and Trustee, Scott Bradley.  
Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Motion by Bruckner, seconded by Oprita, to renew Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Health Care Services (Community Blue PPO Plan) through Burnham & Flower Insurance Group, as proposed, for the period beginning December, 2019.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* 9.48% Increase will maintain current coverage  
\* Community Blue PPO Plan vs. Simply Blue PPO Plan  
\* "Opt Out" benefit and Retiree Benefit  
\* Small Group due to being under 50 employees  
\* Out of Pocket deductibles and expenses  
\* Affordable Care Act limiting what can be offered by employers

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

3. Motion by Buechler, seconded by Montgomery, to set the Public Hearing Date to review and confirm the following Special Assessment Rolls and/or Millage Rates on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

- 2020 Residential Solid Waste/Yard Waste and Curbside Recycling Collection and Disposal Services;
- 2019 Special Assessment for Fire Protection;
- 2019 Fire Capital Improvement Voted Millage;
- Township-at-Large Highway Lighting Assessment District; and Individual Lighting Assessment Districts  
Brief discussion held re: Old Farm Subdivision conversion from gas lamps to LED lights from DTE Energy.

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

4. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Buechler, to approve the 2020 Advertising Proposal from RadioF1RST, in the amount of \$10,927.00; and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Campaign on behalf of Fort Gratiot Township.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* 2019 Cost - \$10,736

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

**NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:**

5. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Bradley, to adopt the Plan from BMJ for Fort Gratiot Township's Water System Capital Improvement Plan (BMJ Project No. 1908.25).

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* North River Road, from Pollina Avenue to Campbell Road - \$1,705,000  
Parker Road, from Keewahdin Road to Carrigan Road - ~~\$823,000~~; and correction: \$823,000, at  
24<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from Krafft Road to Keewahdin Road - \$1,400,000 11/06/2019 meeting  
\* This is a five (5) to ten (10) year Plan to be used when determining upcoming Budget(s) in the event of potential issues with existing watermain where the Township may want to consider replacement. The costs indicated are current costs and may reflect differently in the future.

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

6. Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Bradley, to approve updating the Township's Insurance coverage to allow all eligible employees be covered on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month following his/her date of hire.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Current agreement is after 90 days from date of hire

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

7. Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Bradley, to approve the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 324 Tentative Agreement (September 30, 2019), with the removal of **7 am to 3 pm** and changing it to an eight (8) hour work day, of the following: Article XXII Section (a), "The normal workday shall consist of eight (8) hours from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, with a one-half (1/2) hour paid lunch, contingent upon ratification from the Union.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Three (3) year Contract  
\* Specification of hours 7 am to 3 pm

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

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- Ferguson Water Company estimate for replacement of Water Meters
- Spicer Group Proposal for Little League Development
- Scarecrow Saturday
- November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Election
- Parks and Bike Path Maintenance vehicles - School raised issue regarding mowers crossing property. Will reach out to try to resolve.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** NONE

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Buechler, to adjourn. Time, 8:25 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED.**

  
ROBERT D. BUECHLER, CLERK  
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

RDB/RCC/vo

ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, SUPERVISOR  
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP