

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: BRUCKNER

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 # 4: S-2 pay rate for DPW Assistant Superintendent; and Item #5: 2019 Budget Amendment. Vote, Unanimous.  
**MOTION PASSED. AGENDA APPROVED, AS AMENDED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Kish, seconded by Oprita, to adopt the *Resolution Approving Installment Purchase Agreement with Eastern Michigan Bank*, financing an amount of \$341,584.05, for purchase of new water meters from Ferguson Waterworks; and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Letter of Acceptance, the Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation Designation and the Installment Purchase Agreement; and the Township Treasurer to Sign the Act 99 Certificate.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Installation of the water meters will be paid for out of the operating costs.  
\* Interest rate 3%.  
\* Option of financing purchase out of the General Fund and lending it to ourselves at a lower Interest rate of 1%.  
\* Avoiding depleting General Fund Balance due to upcoming repairs to existing sewer lines; and possible infrastructure work for Little League Sports Park (i.e., engineering, utilities and road).  
\* No closing costs and no penalty for early payoff through Eastern Michigan Bank.

Roll Call Vote, 5/1, Montgomery voting no. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Motion by Crawford, seconded by Buechler, to adopt "Addendum A", as presented, totaling \$900,029 for the period beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; and authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to sign the Addendum to the Contract on behalf of the Fort Gratiot Charter Township Board of Trustees.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Includes an additional 6 hour/7 day/week shift to the 2020 contract period, in the amount of \$130,162. (This equates to one additional Deputy, 10 am - 10 pm).  
\* The change would be effective January 1, 2020 through the life of the Contract.  
\* Undersheriff Paulus was present to discuss past statistics.  
\* The need for 24 hour coverage should be looked at on an annual basis.  
\* Decrease in wait times per call during heavy call times.  
\* 2.5 Millage rate approved by voters November 2019. Board levied 2.0 for 2019.  
\* Future planning and studies into coverage times and needs.

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

3. Motion by Bradley, seconded by Oprita, to adopt the *2020 Resolution for Service Structure Application* to construct, operate, maintain, use and/or remove within a County Road Right-of-Way for the period January 31, 2020 through January 31, 2021.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* Resolution required annually with Application for Permit

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

4. Motion by Kish, seconded by Bradley, to approve the increase of \$4,124 per year to the DPW Assistant Superintendent with an S2 Operators License, in accordance to the Union Contract.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION: \* DPW Assistant Superintendent Job Description approved 10/16/2019  
\* Previous Assistant had an S4 License; newly appointed Assistant has an S2 License;  
The compensation from an S4 License to an S2 License is a difference of \$4,124 per year.

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

**NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED:**

5. Motion by Kish, seconded by Oprita, to approve the 2019 Budget Amendment, in the amount of \$350.00, as follows:

Account Name	Amount	Appropriations Account	Account Name / Explanation
General Fund			
Transfer from General Fund	350.00	101-282-702-014	Ordinance Enforcement Officer
Transfer to General Fund	-350.00	101-753-929-001	Equipment Purchases Under \$ 1,000

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

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

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- Spicer Group will be at January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting to report on the SAWs Grant and their findings. Paul Bailey, Township Auditor, will discuss 2020 water/sewer rates.
- January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meeting time will begin at 6:00 o'clock p.m.
- Cindy Dortman, Utility Billing Clerk, retired effective today, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Kish, to adjourn. Time, 4:32 o'clock p.m. Vote, Unanimous.  
**MOTION PASSED. SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED.**



ROBERT D. BUECHLER, CLERK  
FORT GRATIOT CHARTER TOWNSHIP

ROBERT C. CRAWFORD, SUPERVISOR  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FORT GRATIOT